

California Sex Offender Management Board
April 16, 2009, 9:00 AM
Corrections Standards Authority (CSA), Sacramento

Minutes:

Board Member Check-in

- Present (Quorum present)
 - Robert Ambroselli
 - Catherine Duggan
 - Gerry Blasingame
 - Pamela King
 - Janet Neeley
 - Nancy O'Malley
 - Jerry Powers
 - Jim Rostron
 - Angela Thompson
 - Tom Tobin (Vice-chair)
 - Diane Webb
- Absent
 - Suzanne Brown-McBride
(Chair)
 - Judge Peter Espinoza
 - Michael Johnson
 - Scott Kernan
 - Sophia McBeth-Childs
 - Jerry Powers

Minutes and Board Updates

- Jim Rostron, from the Department of Mental Health, has replaced Dave Gerard.
- Robert Ambroselli moves to accept March minutes as amended, Gerry Blasingame seconds, Board approves.

State Updates

- Tom Tobin discusses the letter found in member packets which is addressed to the Attorney General that concerns the Adam Walsh Act compliance deadline of 2001 and notes that no states are currently in compliance with the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) requirements, as interpreted by the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking (SMART).
 - The letter petitions for a one year extension of the deadline, and notes that the loss of 10 percent of state Byrne funds for noncompliance will only compound the difficulty of state compliance.
 - Hopefully, constructive amendments can be made to the Adam Walsh Act during such an extension.
 - Gerry Blasingame moves that the Board becomes a signatory on the letter, Tom Tobin seconds, and Board approves.
- Transient numbers, as of April 13, 2009, for PC 290 registrants are 3939, which represents a 740 % increase since last month.
- Robert Ambroselli met with the LAPD to discuss sex offenders and the meeting was constructive.
- Janet Neeley reports that the Sacramento DA described areas in Sacramento where sex offenders have clustered as "hotbeds of criminal activity," because they are unsupervised.
 - Tom Tobin mentions the debate over whether sex offenders are "specialists," noting that new research indicates that the majority are not.

Legislative Update (Kris Applegate)

- *See attachment.*
- Board discusses proposed legislation that directly affects the board.
 - Assembly Bill 505 385 would eliminate the Board's sunset date as well as task the Board with assessing sex offender housing.
 - Nancy O'Malley mentions the critical yet complex issue of sex offender clustering, and suggests that the Board begin to visit communities and interview people.

- Tom Tobin suggests that Board members package their ideas and deliver them to Suzanne Brown-McBride, who has become the point person.
- Board members discuss the need for more resources in order to keep these sorts of projects afloat. Members agree to determine and propose an adequate amount in the December report

Jennie Singer, Update on the Sacramento State University Original Research Project

- The research team will be finished collecting data tomorrow. Singer discusses how the research was defined
- The team is attempting to collect 200 recidivist files.
- The team focused on sex offenders who recidivated with a new sex crime, not simply a failure to register.
- Looked at multiple variables:
 - Past criminal history, both violent and nonviolent.
 - Time in prison and on parole
 - GPS
 - Residency
 - Victimology
 - Reentry variables
 - GIS (recidivist only)
- Board members will read over and offer suggestions or anything missing or overlooked in the project by next month. Russell Loving will attend the next meeting.

Re-entry/Housing Committee

- Robert Ambroselli asks for member feedback.
 - Committee is considering suggesting that residency restrictions are too broad in scope and should be narrowed. For example, perhaps they should only apply to people who have committed certain specific sex offenses. Weight of risk should drive policy.
 - Housing issues—where to place sex offenders.
 - Supervision and the impact of technology (GPS).
 - Risk assessment

Treatment Committee Presentation

- Gerry Blasingame gives a PowerPoint presentation (*see attachment*) which provides the explanation for the proposal outlined in the pamphlet.
- Discusses the lack of consistent credentialing standards for sex offender treatment providers in CA.
- The Board discusses making individual recommendations and collating them.
- Summary Recommendations:
 - Tom Tobin and Jack Wallace do not believe that juvenile sex offenders should be addressed in this report.
 - Board members edit the PowerPoint slides' language
 - The Treatment Report will be sent out to Board members, who will offer suggestions and edits.

The next meeting will take place on May 21, 2009.