

**California Sex Offender Management Board**  
**May 21, 2009, 9:00 AM**  
**California State University, Sacramento**

Minutes:

**Board Member Check-in**

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

**Minutes**

- Tom Tobin moves to accept amended November minutes; approved by Board.

**Legislative Update (Kris Applegate)**

- *See attachment.*

**State Update**

- There are currently 4122 transient PC 290 registrants, up from 3939 last month.
- Transient numbers have increased 27 % over the past year.

**Sex Offender Management Group Presentations**

- San Diego Sex Offender Management Council
  - Phyllis Shess—Deputy District Attorney and Director of the San Diego Sex Offender Management Council—presents.
  - *See attachment.*
  - They believe communication, collaboration key to solving issues. Support the containment model. Researched national best practices
  - Received a VAWA/CSOM Sex Offender Planning grant and put together meetings for various treatment providers, law enforcement, probation, public defender, and courts representation to collaborate on best practices They agreed on a Containment Model and supported collaboration between law enforcement, treatment providers, supervision, and community, and polygraph.
- Chuck Flinton—Forensic psychologist, co-chair of San Francisco Sex Offender Management Alliance and a member of the Treatment Committee for the Board—presents.
  - *See attachment.*
  - Collection of treatment providers, legal and law enforcement offices.
  - Identified seven gaps and in 2005-08, implemented seven high priority strategies to address these gaps.
  - Current focus is on collaboration, engaging judges in the discussion, increasing public awareness, educating and working with state agencies. Dealing with unfunded laws.
- Michelle Steinberger, Ventura—Supervising Probation Office.

- *See attachment.*
- Developed two separate Ventura County Sex Offender Management Teams: the Juvenile team and the Adult team. They include representatives from probation and treatment providers for collaborative case management.
- Major issues include: qualifications for treatment providers, Spanish-speaking providers, lack of judicial involvement, lack of training overall, establishing teamwork.
- Discussion about recommendations to the legislature.
  - Chuck Flinton suggests more training and public education. State level public awareness campaigns, such as TV spots, might grab the legislature's attention.
  - Phyllis Shess agrees that public education is critical because of the prevalence of myths about sex offenders, such as exaggerated fears of "stranger danger."
  - Michelle Steinberger suggests the establishment of consistent minimum standards for treatment providers and polygraphers.
- Board members and guest presenters discuss the relative importance of sex offender housing and public awareness.

### **Public Comment**

- Angela Green is a member of the public from Contra Costa County. Her brother-in-law is PC 290 registrant and she and her husband are trying to find him compliant housing. He cannot receive mental health services because he is on parole, he cannot be put into any rehabilitative programs because they are not Jessica's Law compliant. Her family had adjusted to the two-day-at-one-house rule, but now the policy has been reduced to no more than two hours.
- Board members advise her of potential strategies.
- Board discusses whether they should recommend repealing Jessica's Law or work toward its revision.
- Ms. Green thanked the Board for working on this issue.

### **CSUS Research Update (Russell Loving)**

- Dr. Loving asks for feedback from Board members on which variables to compare with each other before the research team sends data to the statistician.
- Suzanne Brown-McBride questions the classification of stepchildren as extended family.

### **Investigation, Prosecution, Adjudication, Disposition Committee Presentation**

- Judge Peter Espinoza presents
- *See attachment*—PowerPoint presentation.
- Board members recommend edits to the language on some of the slides.
- Discussion leads to a discussion over whether "no contest" pleas should be discouraged.

### **Public Comment**

- Laurie Rodriguez, a member of faith-based operation of recovery programs with three homes in operation, would like to know if any provision exists in Jessica's Law to allow PC 290's stay in this type of stable environment
- Suzanne Brown McBride states that this is a complicated issue and the Board should set aside future time to discuss the significance of the issue and any potential strategies.

**The next meeting will take place June 18, 2009.**