

California Sex Offender Management Board Meeting  
July 19, 2007, 10:00 a.m.  
DRAFT Minutes

1) State of State = James Tilton, Secretary of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, visited the Board to explain the Departments decision to begin implementing Jessica's Law. He explained that PC 290 registrants will now have 45 days to find housing that meets residency requirements. If they have not conformed to the law, they will be arrested for a parole violation.

2) Introduction of Members =The members introduced themselves. We had one member who was attending his first meeting, Jerry Powers, the Chief Probation Officer from Stanislaus County. We still have two member positions that have not been appointed. A sheet was passed among the members for them to complete their contact information and their accurate title. Members were requested to turn in their completed 700 forms.

Members in Attendance:

Kingston Prunty, CDCR

Honorable Peter Espinoza, Judge, California Superior Court, LA County

Shirley Poe, CDCR Parole Regional Administrator

Sophia McBeth-Childs, Sacramento County Sheriff Investigative Detective

Catherine Duggan, Director of Crime Victims Assistance Program

Brenda Epperly-Ellis (representing Department of Mental Health)

Pamela King, Public Defender's Association

Suzanne Brown-McBride, Director California Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Janet Gaard, Deputy Attorney General, California Attorney General's Office

Nancy O'Malley, Chief Assistant District Attorney

Gerry Blasingame, California Coalition on Sexual Offending

Jerry Powers, Chief probation Officer, Stanislaus County

Diane Webb, Detective III, Los Angeles Police Dept.

Michael Johnson, Chief Administrator, Solano County

Visitors:

Karen Pank, CPOC

Mike Carrington, CDCR

Katherine Bell, Capitolo Advocacy

Eric Jones, PMJ Room and Board

3) Website = The draft Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB) website was discussed. It was decided that the website needed to look more visually appealing for visitors from the state and nation. There was also discussion regard in the tabs and the information to be found on the website. Sophia McBeth-Childs was chosen as the Chairperson of a sub-committee to coordinate the further development of the website. We hope to have another model to view prior to the next meeting.

4) Data Collection = Karen Pank, the Executive Director of the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC), was a guest for this discussion. We collectively discussed our concerns of how we were going to be able to get information from the 58 County Probation Departments, we would need for our assessment of the current system. This assessment is part of our responsibility for our first report to the Governor and the Legislature. Karen Pank explained that CPOC was in the process of developing their annual survey, that goes out to all 58 county probation departments. She allowed us to include approximately 10 questions on the annual survey. There was a brief discussion about how the questions would need to be formed and what information could be accurately captured. It was decided that we would design the question for the survey after lunch.

5) Governance Structure = There was a brief discussion regarding which structure of leadership would be most useful for the Board. The legislation that created the Board called for their to be a chairperson. The Board discussed which other leadership positions should be utilized, as well as the length of service. It was decided that the Board should have a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson. The length of their terms would be indeterminate. Nominations for Chairperson were opened. A nomination letter was read from Dr. Tom Tobin (who was absent) who nominated Suzanne Brown-McBride. After a short discussion, nominations were closed and Suzanne was unanimously selected as the Chairperson.

Nominations were made for Vice-Chairperson. Sophia McBeth-Childs nominated Tom Tobin. After a brief discussion, nominations were closed. Dr. Tob Tobin was unanimously selected as Vice-Chairperson.

Congratulations to both Suzanne and Tom.

6) Data Collection =The afternoon session was spent collectively working on framing the questions we would submit for the CPOC Annual Survey. The Board tried to assure that we received as much information as possible while still maintaining the constraints of the survey process. The Board had a lively and hard working afternoon as many ideas and suggestions were discussed. The Board agree upon the list of questions (Attachment #1 – Sex Offender Caseload Information) to be included in the CPOC Annual Survey.

7) Scope of Work Processes = There was a brief discussion regarding the Adam Walsh Act and its implications for California. A list of what different states were saying about their concerns of various parts of the legislative act was passed to the members. There was no decision made regarding any final decision, but the Board will continue studying the Adam Walsh Act to determine if we want to take a definitive position.

8) Administrative = It was decided that the time of the meetings would be changed to 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. The Board will continue to meet the third Thursday of each month. **Next months meeting will be August 16, 2007, from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.**