

Sex Offender Management Board meeting
August 16, 2007
Meeting minutes

Introductions/Agenda

Suzanne Brown-McBride reviewed the meeting agenda:

- Ground rules – talk about conduct
- Creation of mission/vision – propose a way to attend to this and be clear about why we are meeting
- Emerging issues – reports, jessica’s law compliance and what is going on in the state
- Web site
- Research contract update
- Subcommittee structure
- Timelines

Meeting Minutes

- Meeting minutes from the last meeting – approved
- Tom Tobim accepted the nomination to be vice chair of SOMB
 - Tom Tobin passed out information on upcoming ATSA conference and section of the penal code that created SOMB

Ground Rules

- SOMB members brainstormed collective thoughts - ground rules for the board
 - Collective thoughts
 - Divergent perspective need to be heard – tolerance for difference and valuing difference
 - We need all board members to finalize decisions – we need to be on time and call if we are stuck in traffic
 - Mail parking passes prior to meeting
 - Important to stay focused and present during the meeting
 - Stay on task - Self monitor around tangents, war stories, etc – we need concrete info to make decisions, a broad vision
 - People should come to the meeting prepared
 - As long as you are under the magic 8 number there is nothing to prohibit communication (Bagely Keen)
 - Subcommittee recommendations will be presented to the body – recommendations have to be publicly deliberated
 - **MEDIA – Committee created to review media issues (committee members include, Judge Peter Espinoza, Nancy O’Malley and Catherine Duggan)**
 - Committee will discuss: who will speak on behalf of the board, political issues, etc.
 - Create written media policy
 - Possibly posting the meeting minutes posted on the web site

Mission/Vision

- Brainstormed with group mission/vision
 - Suggestion to include language in legislation under task and functions 9002
 - Address the issues, concerns and problems related to the management of SO, by reducing victimizations, increasing public safety
 - Could include - “in order to achieve safer communities by reducing victimization”
 - Discuss the importance of reducing sexual victimization and community safety

 - The vision of the CA SOMB is to decrease sexual victimization and increase community safety.
 - This vision will be accomplished by addressing issues, concerns, and problems related to community management of adult sexual offenders by identifying and developing recommendations to improve policies and practices.
 - The vision and mission were agreed upon by the board members.

Emerging issues

- Reports – discussed who should get the CASOM report
- Next week – Jack Wallace said the report will be posted on the CDCR web site
 - Other organizations can put the electronic document on their web site
- Suzanne reviewed the list that was compiled, at the SOMB planning meeting, with the board
- **Action item – Include the following organizations on the list:**
 - CDPVA
 - CSAC (2 full time staff)
 - Catherine will send the report out to victim witness folks
 - Board’s of supervisors
 - Administration of justice committee - has representation for all the sup’s who are interested in justice issues
 - San Deigo CSOM committee
 - CSOM folks throughout the state
 - CALCASA will distribute to rape crisis centers
 - Democratic and republic leadership
 - Chief of Justice?
 - Director of Courts
 - Director of CA Educational Research
 - State bar has a criminal law community
 - SA team leads – work with OES
 - Criminal law advisory committee

~Market these reports to everyone

SARATSO Committee

- Next meeting will be on September 21st.

- Right now the committee is looking at training issues - All 58 counties will have to be trained every 2 years
- Examining cost and getting ready to make a recommendation for a juvenile tool
- Looking for a valid and predictive tool for female offenders
- Discussed actuarial instruments (static 99) and dynamic risk assessment tools
 - State has to authorize tool
- Tracking is done at the policy level – committees work with help SOMB NOT duplicate work
- Alquist passed legislation that mandated the use of the static 99 tool for adult males – tool use is not mandated for treatment providers
- Mandating tool use by treatment providers may be one of the SOMB recommendations
- Adam Walsh Act
 - This act must be considered by the board
 - Will be incorporated in the timeline
- **SOMB members can attend SARATSO meetings – this information will be emailed to board members**

AB 900

- Suzanne has talked with the strike teams and the work that has been done around victim issues and SO entry into communities
 - Clarifying language when talking about risk assessment tools
- Victims and community safety have been a central focus of strike team work
- **Action Item** – (...name of this guy, bald) is a member of the strike team and will provide information on committee activities for SOMB
 - Also mentioned the work has been victims centered
- **Action Item – post link to report**

Jessica's Law Compliance

- Jack gave a brief overview of Jessica's Law compliance
 - Secretary Tilton was at the last meeting about issues and problems surrounding the law
- The law will effect offenders released after Nov 8, 2006
- Once the labor union agreement is in place parolees have 45 days to find compliance housing
- A notice process will occur – physical notice of all parolees - the 45 day period starts once they are notified
- There was some discussion around cataloging public and private schools and parks for GPS
- Final contract negotiations with the union are underway – hopefully the contract will be finalized today

Web site

- Sophia is working on the site – reviewed draft of the site with the group
- Rough draft was mailed out

- Possible items to include - column on safety tips, how to talk with children about the issue, statistics

Research Contract

- UC Irvine – a lot of experience researching this issue
- Tom provided a handout on UCI Center for Evidence-Based Corrections
- Tom and Suzanne discussed the conference all they had on Aug 15th with UCI
- The board agreed that UCI is a good source and all agreed to move forward with contract negotiations
- Board will ask CDCR to enter into a contract with UCI

CASOMB Subcommittee Structure

- Handout provided on proposed subcommittee structure
- Board was asked if they agreed on the proposed subcommittee structure
- Discussed
 - Subcommittee framework
 - Values
 - Proposed committee work plan
 - Method
 - Bagley-Keen Compliance

 - Committees can bring in outside people to help with work, outside experts
 - Committees can prioritize work
 - Suggestions from board
 - More clarification on purposes of committee and each committees mandate

~Board is in favor of creating a long term committee structure

~Good starting place in terms of committee work

~See Suzanne's notes for sign up sheets

~Board signed up for committees and chairs were picked for each committee

~chairs will be contacted to help coordinate conference calls

Timeline

- Reviewed timeline with board
- Suggestion – host public meetings with board members at each meeting

The next meeting is September 20th