

**CALIFORNIA SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD (CASOMB)
SEPTEMBER 16, 2010, 9:00 AM**

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA - CORRECTIONS STANDARDS AUTHORITY
660 BERCUT DRIVE, SACRAMENTO, CA 95811**

Meeting Minutes

Board Member Check-in:

Present (Quorum present)

- Gary Lieberstein
- Peter Espinoza
- Bill Gailey
- Robert Ambroselli
- Tom Tobin
- Lee Seale
- Diane Webb
- Gerry Blasingame
- Alana Forrest (City Manager Designee)

Absent

- Michael Johnson
- Nancy O'Malley
- Robert Coombs
- Pam King
- Angela Thompson
- Richard DaBell

Minutes

- Board members reviewed draft minutes from August 19
- Gary Lieberstein moved to accept minutes with minor edits, Gerry Blasingame seconded, and the motion was approved by the Board.

State Updates

- Peter Espinoza stated that Los Angeles County had briefly stayed the enforcement of [Jessica's Law](#) but that the stay has since been suspended with regular enforcement resuming.
- Jack Wallace announced that the Sex Offender Supervision and GPS Monitoring Taskforce organized by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) had reviewed the Board's previous reports and had found them very useful. The taskforce will hold its final meeting on October 7 but it is not clear when a formal report will be publicly available. Jack also stated that the [State Authorized Risk Assessment Tool for Sex Offenders \(SARATSO\) Review Committee](#) would be moving forward with training for the updated Static-99 despite the lack of a budget. The SARATSO Committee had their first presentation on a dynamic risk instrument and hopes to have one selected by the end of the year.
- Jan Neeley added that November 4th and 30th would be the last two SARATSO meetings regarding the selection of a dynamic risk instrument.
- Gerry Blasingame announced that the [American Psychiatric Association](#) is currently in the process of drafting the fifth edition of the [Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders](#).

Legislative Updates

- Kris Applegate, Legislative Manager, CDCR, briefed the board on the following Senate and Assembly Bills:
 - AB 1844 (Chelsea's Law)
 - AB 33
 - AB 558
 - AB 2199
 - AB 2295
 - SB 1062
 - SB 1201
 - SB 1253

All of these Bills can be accessed in greater detail at the [Bill Information](#) section of the Official California Legislative Information web page.

Certification Standards

- The Board held a discussion regarding the task of developing certification standards for sex offender treatment providers statewide as set forth in AB 1844.
- Tom Tobin acknowledged the enormity of the task before the Board and provided the other members with materials related to CASOMB's task as outlined in AB 1844.
- Numerous concerns were expressed regarding the language used within the bill, including the lack of statutory requirements for minimum communication between treatment providers and law enforcement and changes in the pool of offenders going to treatment.
- Gerry Blasingame suggested the formation of a subcommittee, which would meet more frequently than the full board, to discuss the process and requirements of certification.
- Jan Neeley and Jack Wallace stated that they had contacted the Attorney General's Office for advice on what legal difficulties might be presented to the Board during the course of developing a certification process.
- Gerry Blasingame noted that it would be important to effectively market CASOMB certification to treatment providers to encourage participation.

Polygraph

- The Board invited Jim Adams, polygrapher, to join the discussion regarding certification.
- Jim stated that the [California Association of Polygraph Examiners](#) would no longer be issuing sex offender specific polygraph certification. He suggested that the Board look to Colorado's polygraph certification standards as a system which could be very effective in California with minor changes.
- Tom Tobin asked Jim whether he felt an offender should be returned to custody for failing a maintenance polygraph. Tom also asked what Jim's sense was of the ability to conduct regular polygraphs statewide as part of the containment model.
- Jim stated that he did not believe an offender should be returned to custody solely on the merits of their polygraph results. Jim did not believe that there were enough polygraphers statewide to provide regular polygraph examinations statewide, but he felt that it could still be possible with help from outside the state. Jim also expressed that he felt it would be possible to maintain communication between law enforcement and treatment providers as written in AB 1844.

Waiver of Rights

- Tom Tobin asked if anyone had thoughts on the waiver of rights.
- Gerry Blasingame stated that an offender understanding that they will not be prosecuted for prior offenses admitted in treatment helps to facilitate treatment and cooperation on the part of the offender.
- Lee Seale expressed a strong disagreement with immunity agreements as they require peace officers to actively ignore admissions of guilt as and hinder their ability to perform their duty of upholding the law.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2010