

California Sex Offender Management Board
September 20, 2009, 9:00 AM
Board of Parole Hearings, 1515 K Street
Sacramento

Minutes:

Board Member Check-in

- Present (Quorum not present)
 - Robert Ambroselli
 - Suzanne Brown-McBride (Chair)
 - Gerry Blasingame
 - Judge Peter Espinoza
 - Pamela King
 - Janet Neeley
 - Jim Rostron
- Tom Tobin (Vice-chair)
- Absent
 - Catherine Duggan
 - Michael Johnson
 - Scott Kernan
 - Sophia McBeth-Childs
 - Nancy O'Malley
 - Jerry Powers
 - Diane Webb

Minutes

- A quorum is not present.
- Members review the August minutes and suggest edits.
- Gerry Blasingame moves to accept the November minutes as amended, Tom Tobin seconds, and the Board approves the motion.

State Updates

- Janet Neeley reports that there are currently 5540 transient, PC 290 registered, parolees, which represent a 1 percent increase since last month, and a 120 percent increase since tracking began in July 2007.
- Robert Ambroselli provides an update regarding last month's discussion about parolees returned to prison for violating the two-hour rule. There has been a decline in the cost of sex offender housing since the new policy, but increasing numbers of homeless parolees.
- Suzanne Brown-McBride discusses her exchange with Senator Runner in *USA Today* regarding the Phillip Garrido case.
 - Members discuss the Garrido case at length: whether the tragic events could have been avoided had different policies been in place, whether it could realistically have been prevented at all, and what policies would represent the best use of State resources, overall.
 - What are the main issues that might be relevant to the Garrido case?
 - Communication. Various law enforcement agencies should be sharing information.
 - Board members discuss advantages and disadvantages of concentrating supervision and law enforcement resources primarily on High Risk Sex Offenders.
- There is new proposed law concerning sex offenders which would require them to disclose their sex offender status to employers when applying for employment at any job that makes products for children or where children are likely to congregate.
- CASOMB included, as an attachment to the meeting minutes, five and ten year recidivism data on its website. Since then, we have determined that the research is misleading. The Board has received information that this data has been used in court cases.

- Board members discuss the problem of misleading data being posted due to a mistaken interpretation of the Bagley-Keene Act. It is decided to request input from the District Attorneys Assn. and Defense attorneys on how to proceed with this information.
- Board members discuss the need for a definitive interpretation of the Bagley-Keene Act, with regard to Draft reports and work products of the Board.

Public Comment

- A woman attending the meeting discusses the Garrido case, proposing that law enforcement develop a method for the public to more effectively report suspicious behavior, sights, or neighbors, and for agencies to perhaps tally comments. Even though people spoke up about Garrido, there was no organized, cumulative effect from these reports.

Revisitation of the Treatment Committee Presentation and Discussion

- Gerry Blasingame presents draft recommendations for the December 2009 report

Reentry Committee and the Iowa (Hybrid) Model

- Suzanne Brown McBride wants to briefly revisit this model.
- Jack Wallace presents
 - PowerPoint presentation
 - Board members discuss which recommendations the committee should make.

The next meeting will take place on October 15, 2009.