

Sex Offender Management Board Meeting
October 9, 2007
Meeting Minutes

Introduction/Reminders

Members of the Board check-in:

- Suzanne Brown-McBride
 - Tom Tobin
 - Pamela King
 - Shirley Poe
 - Janet Gaard
 - Nancy O'Malley
 - Jerry Powers
 - Gerry Blasingame
 - Sophia McBeth-Childs
 - Absent:
 - Peter Espinoza
 - Brenda Epperly-Ellis
 - Michael Johnson
 - Catherine Duggan
- Dave Runnels
 - A quorum is present
 - Other people present:
 - Randy Krings
 - Mike Carrington
 - Kevin Devilo
 - Carolyn Tegupa
 - Kate Bell
 - Tammy Strobel
 - Kim Hunter
 - Don Thompson
 - Jack Wallace
 - Laurie Harikian
 - Maricarmen Nieves
 - Erin West

Meeting Minutes

- Corrections to the September meeting minutes made.
- General consensus that less direct attribution in the minutes is desirable.
- Motion made to approve corrected minutes, seconded and approved

Updates

- A letter to Assemblyman Nuñez was drafted and sent by the Board.
- The latest court challenge of Jessica's Law was filed last week, opposing it on constitutional grounds.

Jessica's Law

- Discussion over whether SOMB should take a position on Jessica's Law or wait until more data is gathered and implementation has progressed further.
- The Board recognizes that there are questions concerning the constitutionality of Jessica's Law. The government has interpreted it in multiple ways and we are unaware of how all the counties are interpreting it.

Residency Requirements and CASOMB's Role

- General consensus that this is an area of interest to the Board.
- Concerns:
 - Is it a good use of our time prior to hearing from the courts, considering that a single court decision could overturn everything or that it could go to the Supreme Court and remain in litigation for years?
 - Public opinion, legislators, and court decisions create a changing political climate that makes Jessica's Law seem like a moving target.

- Data may not be compelling, since Jessica’s Law was not inspired by data-based concerns. Data does not always move policy.
- Current data may be gathered but the law’s long-term impact is unknown.
- That the data be used responsibly.
- How the data applies across various sex offenses.
- Approach:
 - Examine existing data.
 - Determine what further data is necessary.
 - Compare evidence-based approaches to best-practice approaches

What Do We Know?

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Studies in stability/housing and recidivism
Iowa study about what happened after restrictions changed
Florida failure to register is a recidivism risk factor
Colorado housing study
Minnesota retrospective study about whether residency requirements would have prevented the crimes of offenders who later recidivated (No)
Destabilize a sex offender can increase community risk
Risk levels: some offenders represent a greater recidivism risk than others
Sexual violence is decreasing in the U.S.
Victimization
Offense crossover