

**California Sex Offender Management Board
October 15, 2009, 9:00 AM**

**State of California, Corrections Standards Authority
660 Bercut Drive, Sacramento, CA 95811**

Meeting Minutes

Board Member Check-in:

Present (Quorum present)

- Robert Ambroselli
- Suzanne Brown-McBride (Chair)
- Gerry Blasingame
- Judge Peter Espinoza
- Pamela King
- Janet Neeley
- Jerry Powers
- Jim Rostron

- Angela Thompson
- Tom Tobin (Vice-chair)
- Diane Webb

Absent

- Catherine Duggan
- Michael Johnson
- Scott Kernan
- Sophia McBeth-Childs
- Nancy O'Malley

September Minutes

- The September Minutes are unavailable today; Board members will have to catch up next month.

State Updates

- Janet Neeley reported that there are currently 4783 transient registered parolees. The number has increased 5.35 % since last month and 133 % since we started tracking in July 2007.
- Suzanne Brown-McBride reported that transient numbers for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation were 2611 and that the sunset date for the Sex Offender Management Board has been eliminated. The SARATSO committee has also survived, but there appear to be no funds available for either group; they were reauthorized in the middle of a fiscal process in which no Budget Change Proposal to provide funding was drawn up.
- Tom Tobin suggested that the Board draw up a thank you note for the Public Safety Committee.
- The SARATSO Committee is examining the assessment tools used on sex offenders and CASOMB may want to support that research, possibly combining efforts of the two groups. One of the arguments made to CDCR in favor of retaining both groups is that they would be able to team together and accomplish jobs more efficiently.
- Some states are receiving letters from the FBI about auditing their sex offender registries.
 - Many are wondering if these actions are retaliatory in response to states' not fulfilling federal Adam Walsh Act requirements.
 - Board Members discuss SORNA requirements: the intent and the reality.
- Tom Tobin attended this year's Association for the Treatment of Sex Abusers (ATSA) annual conference and he passed out some ATSA conference catalogues for Board members to peruse.

CASOMB takes a temporary break so that Capitol Television News Service can interview Suzanne Brown-McBride.

Controversy Regarding the Five- and Ten-Year Recidivism Study

- CASOMB members recognized that the research in this study is flawed, but nevertheless published it on the website because of their interpretation of the intent of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.
- The research is flawed because the population studied did not remain consistent. The data is robust for a three-year timeline, but becomes misleading after five and ten years.
- It appears that the data has been cited and used in legal cases. A debate erupts concerning whether use of this data is legally ethical, given its misleading nature and the fact that it was never peer-reviewed, or whether removing the study would represent the “squelching” of information.
- Jerry Powers moved to label the draft document unauthorized and unendorsed. Suzanne Brown-McBride seconds. Pamela King opposed, suggesting that the Board is attempting to suppress information. Suzanne Brown-McBride took issue with her assertion, stating that the Board has been fearless about recidivism rates are overinflated in the public imagination.
- Suzanne Brown-McBride began to draft language about the non-endorsement of draft documents.

Special Populations Committee Recommendations and Discussion

- Pam King presented
- She discussed a study conducted at the Coalinga treatment facility that included an anonymous survey filled out by patients receiving sex offender treatment.

Reentry Committee Recommendations

- Jack Wallace presents
 - Powerpoint presentation
 - Wallace handed out a document detailing possible recommendations to the Legislature.
 - Board Members discussed recommendations and debated whether residence restrictions should be tailored more specifically to the sex crimes in question or abandoned entirely.

Public Comments

- None

The next meeting will take place November 19, 2009.