

**Sex Offender Management Board Meeting  
October 18, 2007  
Meeting Minutes**

**Introduction/Reminders**

- Members of the Board check-in:
  - Suzanne Brown-McBride (Chair)
  - Tom Tobin (Vice)
  - Gerry Blasingame
  - Catherine Duggan
  - The Honorable Peter Espinoza
  - Pamela King
  - Sophia McBeth-Childs
  - Nancy O'Malley
  - Shirley Poe
  - Carolyn Tegupa (representing Brenda Epperly-Ellis)
  - Dave Runnels
  - Diane Webb
  - Absent:
    - Janet Gaard
    - Michael Johnson
  - A quorum is present

**Meeting Minutes**

- Corrections to the October 9th meeting minutes made.
- Motion to approve corrected minutes, seconded and approved.

**Secretary Tilton Speaks to the Board**

- Presented letter
- Poses several questions:
  - What is responsible for the growing transient population of sex offenders?
  - What do the numbers mean?
  - Is the transient status temporary while parolees look for compliant housing?
  - Who should be responsible for monitoring and maintaining global positioning systems (GPS) for parolees? Who has jurisdiction?
  - States that SOMB should meet with local law enforcement to discuss GPS.
  - States that SOMB should focus on GPS and High Risk Sex Offenders.
  - Notes that there are four different interpretations of Jessica's law and there is still an open debate; he has had conflicting directions from the Supreme Court.

**State Updates**

- Preliminary approval from Shasta County Probation Department for data collection about sex offenders within the last twelve years who have undergone treatment programs.
- These treatment programs are based on the containment model.
- Shasta is one of the few counties that uses polygraph, and may therefore become a model county for the use of polygraph testing in treatment programs for sex offenders, or alternatively, the data may not support the use of polygraph testing and the containment model.
- The San Francisco Board of Supervisors is considering a resolution expressing concern about potential increases in transient sex offender registration due to the challenges of finding statutorily compliant housing.

- Sex offenders with transient status have increased statewide by 450; the number has gone from 2050 to 2499 in the last two months.
- Rates had been relatively stable until now, though causal factor is undetermined. Some local law enforcement entities will not register 290s as transient. All 290 parolees will be on GPS by 2009.

### **Board Updates**

- No research contract secured at this time.
- Committees need to decide what research they need, so that it can be submitted to the new research group.
- The two remaining vacancies should be addressed within a few weeks.

### **Staff Report**

- What is the Board?
  - Web site
  - Letterhead
  - Literature about the Board.
- The support staff is collecting data regarding:
  - Recidivism rates for sex offenders.
  - 27 states' residency restrictions for sex offenders.
  - How states are implementing and interpreting the restrictions.
- Needed:
  - Probation information.
  - Separate residency restriction types (i.e. just child molesters).
- The staff has also arranged or is arranging conference calls for the various Committees.

### **Future Agenda Items**

- Find place for the Secretary's request in various Committees.
- Non-prosecution/immunity agreements.
- GPS costs.
- Ask Police Chiefs, Sheriffs to offer testimony.
- San Francisco Board of Supervisors: the 2000 feet arrests.
- Attorney General's data on numbers of transients.
- Report format:
  - Categorize areas of focus
  - Mission/vision
  - Scope
  - Current offender base
  - Housing
  - Available data
- Challenges of implementing Jessica's Law:
  - Gaps in other states' actions.
  - GPS supervision issues.
- Existing practices

- What we know about California and what we need to know.
- What is happening in other states regarding residency restrictions?
- The ten most important things we do not know—ten points for lawmakers.
- Executive Summary
- Five-year history of legislation
- Costs
- Community education
- Graphics/charts
- Probation statistics
- Public hearings planned for as early as December.
- Discussion about who the board members might want to invite to a future meeting
  - Police Chiefs/Sheriffs' associations
  - California District Attorneys Association (CDAA)
  - Chiefs of staff for both public safety committees
  - Dan Stone, GPS at CDCR.
  - Representatives from Liberty Healthcare Corporation
  - Dan Carson from the Legislative Analyst Office
  - California State Association of Counties (CSAC)
  - League of California Cities
  - Media
  - Representatives from the Governor's Office
  - Representatives from the S.M.A.R.T. Office.

**The next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2007.**