

**CALIFORNIA SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD (CASOMB)  
OCTOBER 28, 2010, 9:00 AM**

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION (CDCR)  
PAROLE REGION I HEADQUARTERS  
9825 GOETHE ROAD, SACRAMENTO, CA 95827**

Meeting Minutes

**Board Member Check-in:**

Present (Quorum present)

- Robert Ambroselli
- Gerry Blasingame
- Richard DaBell
- Michael Johnson
- Pamela King
- Jan Neeley
- Nancy O'Malley
- Jerry Powers
- Tom Tobin
- Diane Webb

Absent

- Peter Espinoza
- Alana Forrest (City Manager Designee)
- Bill Gailey
- Gary Lieberstein
- Lee Seale
- Angela Thompson

**Minutes**

- Minutes from the September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting were unavailable. The September 16<sup>th</sup> minutes will be reviewed at the November meeting along with the minutes from the October meeting.

**State Updates**

- Tom Tobin stated that Robert Coombs had recently resigned from his position with the [California Coalition Against Sexual Assault \(CALCASA\)](#) as well as his seat on the Board. A candidate has been interviewed for Robert's position on the Board. Tom also stated that Robert has offered to be present should the Board review the GPS data that was collected while he underwent voluntary supervision.
- Jack Wallace updated the Board on the status of the state budget. Jack stated that the budget has yet to be chaptered and that the lack of a chaptered bill would result in a continued freeze of CASOMB expenditures, excluding travel.
- Jan Neeley stated that the Static-99R trainings had been rescheduled for January and February of next year due to the continuing absence of a state budget.
- Tom stated that the [Center for Sex Offender Management](#) has released a new toolkit entitled "Managing Sex Offenders: A Toolkit for Legislators". Tom also noted that the [Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking](#) has begun planning for two trainings about comprehensive approaches to management of sex offenders in the community, with one of the trainings to be held in northern California and the other in southern California.

- Jack stated that he had been working on compiling a list of the total number of cities and counties with sex offender ordinances; so far, he has located 75 cities and 8 counties with sex offender ordinances.
  - Robert Ambroselli noted that the majority of local ordinances are not enforced or prosecuted and that they are detrimental to sex offender management.
  - Tom added that they often have little, if anything, to do with ensuring public safety.
- Robert Ambroselli provided the Board with an update on the following sex offender statistics:

	<b>January 2010</b>	<b>September 2010</b>
Total Active	7,004	6,597
Cost of Subsidized Housing	\$617,000	\$535,876
Sex Offenders Receiving Assistance	621	558
Transient	2,138	2,081
Parolees at Large	976	892

#### **Selection of a New Chair**

- Tom Tobin stated that Robert Coombs' resignation from the Board has left the position of Chair open to any members willing to assume the post.
- Jerry Powers nominated Nancy O'Malley, Michael Johnson seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously to have Nancy take on the role of chair.

#### **Conflict of Interest**

- Jan Neeley notified the Board that she had spoken with her colleagues at the Attorney General's office regarding conflict of interest concerns involved in the development of certification standards for sex offender treatment providers.
- The Attorney General's office provided information stating that the members of CASOMB that are treatment providers could participate in the construction of certification standards without a conflict of interest as long as they did not also participate in the certification process.

#### **GPS Caseloads**

- Jack Wallace spoke to the Board about the GPS/Sex Offender Supervision Taskforce recently hosted by CDCR. Jack mentioned that the Department of Finance had asked what CASOMB thought of the Taskforce recommendation to reduce the caseload size of parole agents with sex offender caseloads to a ratio of 20:1. Jack asked whether the Board felt it was appropriate to address this issue.
- While Gerry Blasingame and some Board members felt that the issue was important enough to warrant a recommendation by the Board, Nancy O'Malley and many other Board members felt uncomfortable making a recommendation without first having had time to gather more information on the issue and without having had a chance to review the findings of the Taskforce.

#### **AB 1844 Amendments**

- The Board reviewed and discussed a document prepared by Jan Neeley covering the various proposed amendments to AB 1844 (Chelsea's Law).
- Part of the discussion focused on the use of polygraphists in the containment model and the Board's role in their certification. The members felt that more research will need to be done considering alternate approaches to 5<sup>th</sup> amendment issues that become important with the inclusion of polygraph testing.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2010**