

COUNCIL ON MENTALLY ILL OFFENDERS

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MINUTES

May 8, 2008

This meeting was held at the California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation in Sacramento.

In Attendance:

Council Members

Stephen W. Mayberg, Director, Department of Mental Health (Vice-Chairperson)

Joel Fay, PsyD, Officer, San Rafael Police Department

Duane McWaine, M.D., Medical Director, DHCMHC, Los Angeles

David Meyer, J.D., USC Institute of Psychiatry, Law, and Behavioral Science

Wendy Lindley, Judge, Orange County Superior Court

Interested Parties

Ritika Aggarwal, Paralegal, Rosen, Bien, & Galvan, LLP

Kiyomi Burchill, Legislative Aide/Fellow, Office of Senator Steinberg

Brenda Epperly-Ellis, Director of Mental Health, CDCR

Karen Moen, Senior Court Services Analyst, AOC

Bruce Slavin, Chief, Legal Policy, CDCR

Kit Wall, Local Government Relations, Eli Lilly & Co.

Molly Willenbring, Executive Director, FMHAC

Helen Zentner, Consultant, CSA

Absent:

Chairperson James E. Tilton, Secretary, CDCR

Executive Officer Allan Lammers, COMIO

Council Member Dave Lehman, Chief Probation Officer (Retired), Humboldt County

Council Member Jo Robinson, F.F.T., Assistant Director, San Francisco Jail Psychiatric Services

Council Member James W. Sweeney, J.D., Principal, James W. Sweeney & Associates and support staff member

Council Member Charles L. Walters, Ph.D. Assistant Sheriff, Orange County Sheriff

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Opening Comments/Previous Meeting Minutes

Vice-Chairperson Stephen Mayberg called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., roll was taken, and a quorum was present. Guests were welcomed and introductions were made.

Minutes of the last meeting held on March 19, 2008, at the Embassy Suites Hotel Conference Center in Seaside were approved.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Feedback comments – 2008 “Best Practices” project

It was reported that feedback from recipients and the community has been positive. Information about the award was published in some national organizations' newsletters.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Competency to stand trial checklist implementation

Dave Meyer and Judge Lindley reported on the progress on the competency to stand trial checklist. The following issue points were determined:

- Courts will take the lead rather than working through legislation
- Training to occur under the auspices of AOC. The first training will be through Cow County Institute for judges in rural counties. Dave Meyer will take the lead in coordinating training.

- The issue of inappropriate 1370s for the developmentally disabled was raised and discussion ensued about appropriate process for this population.
 - **Action** – invite Terri Delgadillo, Director, Department of Developmental Services, to a future meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Facilities Needs Survey

The *Facilities Needs Survey* was being presented concurrently at the CSA board meeting. Charlie Walters was required to be at the CSA meeting rather than COMIO.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – COMIO website enhancement

Joel Fay reported:

- Santa Clara County has submitted a grant for CIT training that would be available through the Internet.
- Website to be focused on best practices and the development of a list serve.
- **Action** - coordinate with CiMH to ensure existing materials can be utilized.
- Council Member Charlie Walters to work with Mark Refowitz.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Legislation Update

Kiyomi Burchill of Senator Steinberg's Office was in attendance to present SB 1651 Steinberg. She reported that the bill has cleared both policy committees and is currently in suspense due to appropriation issues. There was some discussion about the issues of dual jurisdiction that will need to be resolved.

OLD BUSINESS

Dave Meyer reported that the Words to Deeds conference will be July 25 at the Sierra Health Foundation in Sacramento. The conference theme will be around issues of reentry. COMIO members were encouraged to register early as there is a maximum of 80 participants. The next COMIO meeting will be held in Sacramento on the afternoon preceding the Words to Deeds conference.

Karen Moen provided an update from the AOC meeting about issues of mental health courts and the grant to provide for the Chief Justice's Task Force for Criminal Justice Collaboration on Mental Health Issues. The Task Force's next meeting is August 28 in San Francisco. The task force is charged with developing recommendations to policymakers, including the Judicial Council, to improve system wide responses to mentally ill offenders and to develop an action plan to implement the recommendations. The first meeting in April 2008 was a success.

NEW BUSINESS

Announcement that Matthew Cate will be the new Secretary of CDCR replacing James Tilton on May 16, 2008.

Meeting adjourned 12:30.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, July 24, 2008, 2 – 5 p.m., Department of Mental Health Headquarters, 1600 9th Street, Room