

**COUNCIL ON MENTALLY ILL OFFENDERS**

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**MINUTES**

**May 23, 2013**

**LOCATION: 1515 S. Street, Kern Room  
Sacramento, CA 95814**

**IN ATTENDANCE AT 1515 S. Street, Kern Room**

**Council Members**

- **Vice Chairperson:** Manuel J. Jimenez, Director, Merced County Mental Health
- Dave Lehman, Retired Chief Probation Officer, Humboldt County
- Dr. Glenn Hammel, Ph.D.
- James W. Sweeney, J.D., Principal, James W. Sweeney & Associates
- The Honorable Stephen V. Manley, Santa Clara Superior Court Judge
- Charles L. Walters, Ph.D., Law Enforcement Consultant, Orange County
- Patrick Dwyer, Law Enforcement Consultant, Santa Clara County

**CDCR Staff**

- Alicia Aguilar, Statewide Mental Health Program, DHCS, CDCR
- Pamela Michel, Statewide Mental Health Program, DHCS, CDCR
- Nick Weber, Staff Counsel, Office of Legal Affairs, CDCR

**Interested Parties**

- Molly Willenbring, Executive Director, Forensic Mental Health Association of California (FMHAC)
- Rollin Ives, Special Assistant to the Director of Health Care Services
- Sophie Cabrera, Ph.D., Department of State Hospitals
- Joseph Partansky, Advocate for Persons with Disabilities

**AGENDA ITEM 1 – Introduction/Welcome – Chair**

Welcome Patrick Dwyer as the new COMIO Council member and introductions were made by Manuel Jimenez, and the meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM.

**AGENDA ITEM 2 – Adoption of Minutes (March 13, 2013)**

Minutes from the March 13, 2013 meeting were reviewed and adopted.

**AGENDA ITEM 3 – Old Business**

**a) Best Practices Award Guidelines.**

The Best Practices Award Guidelines were given to all Council Members prior to the meeting for review and approval. The Best Practices Award Guidelines were approved with the requested change to page 2, section 5 to add Profit or Non Profit for the Community Agencies.

**AGENDA ITEM 4 – New Business**

**a) Strategic Plan & Specific COMIO Goals**

There was a discussion regarding the Strategic Plan and the specific COMIO goals that have been discussed in prior COMIO meetings. A decision was made to have the COMIO Coordinator send out the specific COMIO goals to all COMIO Council members for their review before the next meeting. At the July 25, 2013 meeting the COMIO Council will decide which of these goals will be adopted.

**b) Funding Streams**

There was a discussion regarding the Funding Streams between CDCR, COMIO, and FMHAC based on the letter the COMIO Council and FMHAC received from CDCR Secretary Beard. The COMIO Council requested that FMHAC meet with Vice Chairperson, Manuel J. Jimenez to discuss their concerns. A decision was made to have the COMIO Coordinator draft a letter to CDCR Secretary Beard requesting to fund a Senior Management level position as the Executive Director for COMIO. A decision was also made that the COMIO Coordinator would work with the Vice Chairperson, Manuel J. Jimenez as well as CDCR, Staff Council, Nick Weber to address the issues that FMHAC has regarding liability, structure, and FMHAC staff time pertaining to the letter received from CDCR Secretary Beard.

**c) Maximizing Federal Reimbursement for Parolee Mental Health Care**

There was a discussion regarding mentally ill parolees who may not be receiving adequate mental health services. The Honorable Stephen V. Manley, Santa Clara Superior Court Judge discussed the critical need that he see's regarding crisis beds and the lack of availability in Santa Clara County. The Honorable Stephen V. Manley, Santa Clara Superior Court Judge said, "We need federal money infused into the system for substance abuse and mental health treatment". He continued by asking if the State and County have an integrated system for Mental Health Care.

A decision was made to have the COMIO Coordinator schedule a special meeting in June 2013 with CDCR Senior Management and Secretary Beard, to discuss CDCR plans pertaining to the 2013-2014 budget: "Maximizing Federal Reimbursement For Mental Health Care", and what is being done at the county level.

**d) Senator Steinberg's Plan for Action 2013**

There was a discussion regarding Senator Steinberg's term that will be ending in 2014. Concerns were raised on who will be the champion for Mental Health Issues after he leaves office. A motion was made to adopt Senator Steinberg's Plan for Action 2013, and to have the COMIO Coordinator draft a letter to Senator Steinberg's in support of his plan.

**Next Meeting**

- 1) Strategic Plan & Specific COMIO Goals
- 2) Funding Streams with FMHAC and CDCR
- 3) Senator Steinberg's Plan for Action 2013

**\*Next COMIO Meeting – July 25, 2013**

1515 S Street, Sacramento, CA  
Kern Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Lobby