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Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Memorandum

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Date: January 28, 2013

To: Commissioners Dan Figueroa, Peter LaBahn, John Peck, and Amarik Singh
Members, Rehabilitation Advisory Committee

From: Commissioner Marisela Montes
Chair, Rehabilitation Advisory Committee

Subject: GOALS FOR THE REHABILITATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The following is a list of goals for the reformulated Rehabilitation Advisory Committee as discussed at the September 18, 2012 meeting of the committee, and confirmed at the December 11, 2012 meeting:

- Develop a process for routinely obtaining and providing information to Commissioners regarding rehabilitative programs available to life inmates, with an ultimate goal of developing a compendium of California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation rehabilitative programs available to life inmates in prison, including a listing of such programs by prison facility and by yard.
- Provide training to Commissioners in accordance with the requirement of Penal Code section 5075.6(b)(2)(A) for annual training regarding “[t]reatment and training programs provided to inmates at Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation institutions, including, but not limited to, educational, vocational, mental health, medical, substance abuse, psychotherapeutic counseling, and sex offender treatment programs.”
- Determine what information regarding rehabilitation should be provided to life inmates early in their incarceration regarding parole suitability, including who should provide the information and how.
- Familiarize the Commissioners with community organizations that provide rehabilitative services to life inmates and review written materials made available by community organizations to life inmates.
- Create opportunities for Commissioners to visit residential programs available to life inmates on parole and report their observations to the Board.

Members of the committee are asked to direct any comments or suggestions to the Committee Chair, Commissioner Marisela Montes, or to Staff Attorney Katie Riley, both of whom look forward to facilitating the committee’s goals.

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