

COUNCIL ON MENTALLY ILL OFFENDERS

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MINUTES

February 18, 2010

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) hosted this meeting at their headquarters' office - 1515 S Street, Suite 502 South, in Sacramento, California.

In Attendance:

Council Members

Stephen W. Mayberg, Director, Department of Mental Health (Vice-Chairperson) [arrived at 12:44 pm]
Jo Robinson, M.F.T., Assistant Director, San Francisco Jail Psychiatric Services
James W. Sweeney, J.D., Principal, James W. Sweeney & Associates
Dave Meyer, J.D., USC Institute of Psychiatry, Law, and Behavioral Science
Dave Lehman, Chief Probation Officer (Retired)

Support Staff

Bruce Slavin, Chief of Legal Policy, CDCR
Natalie Bradburn, Executive Assistant

Interested Parties

The Honorable Stephen V. Manley, Santa Clara Superior Court Judge
Aaron Carruthers, Deputy Director, CDCR Division of Correctional Health Care Services
Paul Verke, CDCR, Office of Public and Employee Communications
Molly Willenbring, Executive Director, FMHAC
Pat Butler, Butler Consulting
Karen Moen, Collaborative Justice Project, Administrative Office of the Courts
Karen Baylor, Administrator San Luis Obispo County & CMHDA Representative
Kit Wall, Wall Productions
Goldie Parino, CDCR, Division of Adult Parole Operations
Robert Storms, CDCR Division of Adult Parole Operations
Joseph Partansky, Advocate PWDs
Sherry Barandas, CDCR, Division of Adult Parole Operations
Ken Carabello, FMHAC, Liberty Healthcare

Absent:

Council Members

Matt Cate, Undersecretary, CDCR (Chairperson)
Duane E. McWaine, M.D., Medical Director, DHCMHC, Los Angeles
Joel Fay, PsyD, Officer, San Rafael Police Department
Charles L. Walters, Ph.D., Law Enforcement Consultant, Orange County
Wendy Lindley, Judge, Orange County Superior Court

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Introduction / Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

In the absence of Chairperson Cate and Stephen Mayberg, Vice-Chairperson, Dave Meyer called the meeting to order at 11:42 a.m. It was noted that there was a quorum present. Guests were welcomed and introductions were made.

James Sweeney moved and Jo Robinson seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting held on November 19, 2009.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – COMIO Future Strategies/CSA White Paper

Business Strategies: The Council members agreed to carry over this item to the March 24, 2010 meeting in Seaside, CA.

CSA White Paper: It was agreed by the Council members present to submit the Annual Report to the Legislature without incorporating the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) white paper strategies. Copies of the MIO White Paper from CSA shall be available as a handout at the March 24, 2010 meeting in Seaside, CA.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – AOC Task Force Updates

Karen Moen reported that the Task Force for Criminal Justice Collaboration on Mental Health Issues will meet next on April 9, 2010 and will review the preliminary report with modifications at that time. Their draft report will be out in midsummer for public comment. When released for comment, the task force would very much appreciate review and comment from the COMIO members. The final report is expected to be released December 31, 2010.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – DMH Report to the Legislature Pursuant to Penal Code section 1369.1

Steve Mayberg indicated that the report is waiting for a signature.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Dave Meyer / Linkages to local mental health programs of Parolees and discharged Judicially Committed individuals.

Dave Meyer initiated a general discussion regarding involuntary treatment. Judge Manley indicated a subcommittee be explored regarding meaningful use of conservatorships to alleviate the problems in the courts as a practical reason, not a legal. He indicated Nevada County is the only county who has implemented a non-voluntary treatment program. A lengthy discussion was held among the members regarding involuntary placement, the need for a temporary solution, the veracity of the problem as well as the aging population. The group focused on practical solutions, i.e., using existing facilities, exploring changing laws, utilizing Medi-Care, Veterans Administrative, and other agencies to share the responsibility.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Executive Officer Issues/Council Vacancies

Aaron Carruthers stated that the potential candidate accepted another position with a non-furloughed agency. Another candidate needs to be located as soon as possible as the position may be lost in May.

It was agreed by all Council members present that the Council would continue the "Best Practices" campaign in 2010 with the same Council members as last year participating. Submissions will be reviewed with a scoring sheet, a conference call and follow up e-mail will follow to make a determination on awards being presented at the March 24, 2010 Forensic Mental Health Association of California Annual Statewide Conference.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Old Business

None.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – New Business-Approve 2010 Meeting Schedule

It was agreed by all Council members present that the January 21, 2010, February 18, 2010 and March 24, 2010 would be held as established on the 2010 Meeting Schedule. All other meetings are tentatively scheduled pending discussions on the Agenda Item 3 – COMIO Future Strategies.

ADJOURNMENT

James Sweeney moved and Dave Meyer seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chairperson Stephen Mayberg adjourned the meeting at 1:24 P.M.

The next COMIO meeting will be held on Thursday March 24, 2010 in Seaside, California.

MINUTES RECORDED AND SUBMITTED BY:

Natalie Bradburn,
Executive Assistant