

## **COUNCIL ON MENTALLY ILL OFFENDERS**

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### **MINUTES**

**May 20, 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**

Jo Robinson, M.F.T., Assistant Director, San Francisco Jail Psychiatric Services  
Charles L. Walters, Ph.D., Law Enforcement Consultant, Orange County

##### **Support Staff**

Bruce Slavin, Chief of Legal Policy, CDCR, Acting Chairperson on behalf of Matt Cate  
Natalie Bradburn, Executive Assistant

##### **Interested Parties**

The Honorable Stephen V. Manley, Santa Clara Superior Court Judge  
Karen Baylor, Administrator San Luis Obispo County & CMHDA Representative (via telephone)  
Aaron Carruthers, Deputy Director, CDCR Division of Correctional Health Care Services  
Stacie Sormano, CDCR  
James Kenshalo, Contra Costa County Mental Health  
Erika Barrow, Contra Costa County Mental Health  
Joseph Partansky, Advocate PWDs  
Sherry Barandas, CDCR, Division of Adult Parole Operations  
Philip Hangar, County of San Diego Mental Health  
Molly Willenbring, Executive Director, FMHAC  
Kit Wall, Kit Wall Productions  
Karen Moen, Collaborative Justice Project, Administrative Office of the Courts

#### **Absent:**

##### **Council Members**

Matt Cate, Undersecretary, CDCR (Chairperson)  
Stephen W. Mayberg, Director, Department of Mental Health (Vice-Chairperson)  
James W. Sweeney, J.D., Principal, James W. Sweeney & Associates  
David Meyer, J.D., USC Institute of Psychiatry, Law, and Behavioral Science  
Dave Lehman, Chief Probation Officer (Retired)

#### **AGENDA ITEM 1 – Introduction / Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes**

In the absence of Chairperson Cate and Stephen Mayberg, Vice-Chairperson, Bruce Slavin opened the unofficial discussion at 11:37 a.m. Bruce Slavin acted as a proxy on behalf of Chairperson Cate. It was noted that there was not a quorum present and therefore, the meeting was not officially called to order. Guests were welcomed and introductions were made.

The minutes of Bruce the previous meeting held on March 24, 2010 will be reviewed at the next meeting on July 15, 2010.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 2 – Executive Officer & Council Members Update**

It was discussed that COMIO needs to be adequately staffed in order to investigate and promote cost-effective approaches to meeting the long-term needs of adults and juveniles with mental disorders who are likely to become offenders or who have a history of offending, it was directed to do so by the Legislature, but cannot do so without resources.

Aaron Carruthers stated that the Executive Officer position is secure. It will be posted and filled and hope to have a candidate selected and named by July 2010.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3 – Strategic Plan**

Bruce Slavin discussed at the March 24, 2010 meeting and reiterated at this discussion the need to have a clear statement of what and how the Council is to proceed. Bruce Slavin stated a reluctance to have a Strategic Plan discussion with only two Council Members and a Proxy in attendance.

Jo Robinson expressed importance to have a Chair and/or a Co-Chair present for a Strategic Plan discussion.

Aaron Carruthers offered the assistance of Stacie Sormano and suggested that they meet and set a discussion plan.

**AGENDA ITEM 4 – Minimum training standards for police and custody first responders.**

Charles Walters met with representatives of multiple fire and emergency personnel to ascertain what training is available, the mechanisms and delivery and provided an extensive report as to each agency. A copy of that report and findings should be provided to COMIO and attached to the next meeting agenda and/or minutes.

**AGENDA ITEM 5 – Solutions and Alternatives to the re Mille case.**

As Dave Meyer was not in attendance, this matter was not discussed. Karen Moen had no further information to offer and suggested this item be continued to the July 15, 2010 meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 6 – Old Business**

No old business items were reported.

**AGENDA ITEM 7 – New Business**

Bruce Slavin commented that the meeting is difficult without a quorum. There are many very important topics to discuss as a Council. It was suggested that two weeks prior to the July 15, 2010 meeting that the Council Members provide a commitment to attend the meeting or agreement to continue the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Acting-Chairperson Bruce Slavin concluded the meeting at 12:16 P.M.

*The next COMIO meeting will be held on July 15, 2010 – CDCR, 1515 S Street, Suite 502-South, Sacramento, California.*

NOTES RECORDED AND SUBMITTED BY:

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