

COUNCIL ON MENTALLY ILL OFFENDERS

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MINUTES

January 20, 2011

Location: CDCR Headquarters Office – 1515 S Street – Conference Room 502S – Sacramento, 94283

In Attendance:

Council Members

Matt Cate, Undersecretary, CDCR (Chairperson)
Jon DeMorales, Executive Director, Atascadero State Hospital
Dave Lehman, Chief Probation Officer (Retired)
The Honorable Stephen V. Manley, Santa Clara Superior Court Judge
Charles L. Walters, Ph.D., Law Enforcement Consultant, Orange County

COMIO Staff

Denny Sallade, Executive Officer
Bruce Slavin, Chief of Legal Policy – CDCR

Interested Parties

Sherry Barandas, CDCR, Division of Adult Parole Operations
Erika Barrow – Contra Costa Co. MH
Steve Chapman – CDCR, DAPO
James Kenshalo – Contra Costa County
Arley Lindberg – AOC
Elaine Linn – Elaine Linn Creative Strategies
Patricia Lujan - CDCR, DAPO
Karen Moen - AOC
Cindy Radavsky – Department of Mental Health
Tess Rico, CDCR, Office of Planning and Accreditation
Julia Rodden, CDCR, Office of Planning and Accreditation
Stacie Sormano, CDCR, Office of Planning and Accreditation
Kit Wall – Kit Wall Productions

Absent:

Council Members

James W. Sweeney, J.D., Principal, James W. Sweeney & Associates
Dave Meyer, J.D., USC Institute of Psychiatry, Law and Behavioral Science

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Introduction/Welcome/Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

In the absence of Chairperson Cate, acting as Vice-Chairperson, Cindy Radavsky called the meeting to order. She welcomed guests and made introductions.

Judge Manley moved and Dave Lehman seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting held on November 18, 2010.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Executive Officer Update

Denny Sallade announced that Aaron Carruthers is leaving CDCR and Denny is working on how to support COMIO in the future.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Steven Mayberg Acknowledgement

Stephen Mayberg retired from State service. The Department of Mental Health is hosting a reception and the committee will be invited when a date is set, possibly in February.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Strategic Plan Update

Stacie Sormano provided an update regarding the strategic plan. She asked everyone to look over the three strategies and then facilitated Council discussion and input. They agreed on the Strategic Plan content and moved forward with developing actions. Stacie will facilitate a group of COMIO members and stakeholders in a discussion to identify high yield strategies for improving the Governor's current proposal to shift responsibility for low-level offenders to the local level. The group will draft a letter to send to the Governor and Legislators informing them of the opportunities the changes present.

COMIO members also discussed using social media and made suggestions. All social media ideas should be sent to Charles Walters who will collate them and present a plan of action at the next COMIO meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – CSA Probation Agencies’ Mentally Ill Juveniles Paper

Suzie Cohen provided an update regarding the Mentally Ill Juveniles Paper and the coordinating survey. Judge Manley motioned to approve the status report regarding the survey and Charles Walters seconded the motion. A status report will be given at the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – CDCR 2010 Annual Report

In Brenda’s absence, Steven Chapman reviewed the report and discussed inmate statistics.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Identification Veterans Court Legislation

Judge Manley explained and updated everyone on the Veterans Court Legislation. He reported that they are taking steps to provide services for veterans and to be proactive for veterans returning from Afghanistan.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Task Force for Criminal Justice Collaboration Recommendations

Judge Manley summarized the report and recommendations. The draft report for public comment will be forwarded by Karen Moen and open to suggestions.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – Old Business

No old business items were reported.

AGENDA ITEM 10 – New Business

Denny will bring a list of appointed members and positions that are currently vacant. The committee will review the positions and brainstorm on how to get new members appointed.

Denny reported that letters were out for Best Practice Awards but no responses have been received.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:02pm

*Next COMIO Meeting – March 23rd, 2001 in Seaside, CA – Held in conjunction with the Forensic Mental Health Association’s Annual Statewide Conference.

Minutes recorded and submitted by: Julia Rodden