

## COUNCIL ON MENTALLY ILL OFFENDERS

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### MINUTES

July 19th, 2012

**LOCATION: 1515 S Street, Conference Room 502 S**

#### **IN ATTENDANCE ON CONFERENCE CALL:**

##### **Council Members**

Dave Lehman, Chief Probation Officer (Retired)

Dr. Glenn Hammel, Ph.D.

#### **IN ATTENDANCE AT 1515:**

##### **Council Members**

James W. Sweeney, J.D., Principal, James W. Sweeney & Associates

Cliff Allenby, Acting Director, California Department of Mental Health

Charles L. Walters, Ph.D., Law Enforcement Consultant, Orange County

The Honorable Stephen V. Manley, Santa Clara Superior Court Judge

Manuel Jimenez, Mental Health Director, Merced County

##### **Interested Parties**

Molly Willenbring – FMHAC

Patricia Lujan – CDCR/DAPO/ISMIP

Marcia Brady – CDCR/DAPO/ISMIP

Brian Sommers - CDCR/DAPO/ISMIP

Lt. Tony Quinn – CSP SAC

Erika Barrow – CCC MH

Angela Pride – CCC MH

Jeremy Collado – CCC MH

Gena Beamon – James Sweeney & Assoc.

##### **CDCR Staff**

Julia Rodden, CDCR, DCHCS

Thomas L. Gilevich, Assistant Chief Counsel, CDCR, Office of Legal Affairs

#### **ABSENT:**

##### **Council Members**

Matt Cate, Secretary, CDCR (Chairperson)

Dave Meyer, J.D., USC Institute of Psychiatry, Law and Behavioral Science

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

The meeting was called to order at 11:00a.m. Introductions and welcoming was done by Thomas Gilevich as Matt Cate was not in attendance. Thomas Gilevich facilitated the meeting on Secretary Cate's behalf. Manuel Jimenez was welcomed to the council.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 2 – Adoption of Minutes (May 17<sup>th</sup> 2012)**

Minutes from the May 17th meeting were reviewed and adopted.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3 – Old Business**

##### **a) MOU/Joint Venture with FMHAC**

Tom gave a summary of the MOU to new members and an update was given on the status of the MOU. Tom Gilevich has found some people with experience in grants that would like to work with the council. Mr. Allenby reported that staff from the Department of State hospitals may be available soon and he will meet with Mark to see what needs to be done. The draft MOU has gone for review and the concept has been approved with minor edits. Council will vote on the approval of the draft MOU at the next meeting.

##### **b) Update on Council Membership**

Manuel Jimenez introduced himself and gave a summary of his background in Mental Health.

**c) Vice Chairperson**

Mr. Allenby suggested that Manuel Jimenez take the seat of the Vice Chairperson. This will be on the next agenda for voting.

**AGENDA ITEM 4 – New Business**

**a. Riot at SAC on 12/7/2011**

Lt. Tony Quinn from CSP SAC gave a report on the riot. The riot started as an argument over territory and resulted in lockdown from 12/7/11 – 4/16/12 and 11 inmates sent to the hospital.

**b. Community Comment**

- Joseph Partansky recommended a book, The United States and Torture Interrogation, Incarceration and Abuse. It was requested that an update on the hunger strike be put on the next agenda.
- Gena Beamon spoke about energy renewable projects.

**c. Misc**

Mr. Allenby gave an update on the Department of State Hospitals (DSH). DSH came into existence July 1, statute was passed. The Director and Chief Deputy are part of a team that is hospital operations. Administration is now admin for the state hospitals, there is a different interaction with hospital administrators. Hospital Executive Directors are part of leadership and report to Director and Chief Deputy. The new Chief Psychiatrist is Kate Warburton. There has been a significant reduction of staff.

**AGENDA ITEM 5 – Standing Agenda items**

**a. Realignment and AB109: County/CDCR Coordination**

Judge Manly spoke about his continuing concerns with mentally ill offenders regarding realignment and the need to create a relationship between parole and the courts and focus on mentally ill offenders and community at the local level. COMIO is the only place where mentally ill offenders have a statewide voice. Mr. Sweeney spoke about SB 1021 and explained that it pertains to the court system, counties' ability to have county to county transfers and the ISMIP program, effective July 1. The critical need for housing for mentally ill offender parolees was discussed.

**Next Meeting Agenda**

- 1) Vote on the approval of the draft MOU
- 2) Vote on Vice Chairperson (Manuel Jimenez)
- 3) Update on hunger strike

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