

California Rehabilitation Oversight Board Minutes September 11, 2013 Meeting

The California Rehabilitation Oversight Board (C-ROB) met in open session at 9:30 a.m. on September 11, 2013, at the California State University, Alumni Center, 6024 University Drive South, Sacramento, California.

Board Members: Present at the meeting were **Robert Barton**, Inspector General (Chairman); **Jeff Beard**, Secretary, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR); **Wendy Still**, Chief Adult Probation Officer for the City and County of San Francisco (Senate Committee on Rules appointee); **Patricia Terry**, Education Administrator, Adult Education Office, California Department of Education (Designee for Tom Torlakson, Superintendent of Public Instruction); **Susan Turner**, Professor, University of California, Irvine (President of the University of California appointee); **William Arroyo, M.D.**, Regional Medical Director, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health; **Ian Parkinson**, Sheriff, County of San Luis Obispo (Governor Appointee); **Jennie Singer**, Professor, California State University, Sacramento (Chancellor of California State University appointee); **Greg Williams**, Chief Operating Officer, California Department of State Hospitals (Sitting in for **Pam Ahlin**, Director of Hospital Strategic Planning and Implementation, State Hospitals (Designee for Cliff Allenby, Director (A), Department of State Hospitals); and **Rita McCabe** (Sitting in for Brenda Grealish, Division Chief, Division of Mental Health Care Services, Department of Health Care Services). Absent from the meeting was **Debra Jones**, Dean, Career Education Practices, Workforce and Economic Development, California Community Colleges (Designee for Brice Harris, Chancellor, California Community Colleges).

Office of the Inspector General staff: Reneé Hansen, C-ROB Executive Director; James C. Spurling, Counsel to the Board; Linda Whitney, Board Secretary, Jana Boccalon, Analyst and Rita Biddle, Executive Assistant to the IG.

Presenters:

CDCR:

Millicent Tidwell
Rodger Meier
Jennifer Valadez

Public Comments:

John Carlson
John Kern

Item 1. Call to order.

Chairman Barton called the meeting to order at 9:44 a.m.

Item 2. Introduction and establish quorum.

Chairman Barton introduced Office of the Inspector General staff participating in the meeting and asked Board Members to introduce themselves. A quorum was established.

Item 3. Review agenda.

There were no comments concerning the Agenda.

Item 4. Review and approve minutes from the July 10, 2013 board meeting.

The minutes were unanimously approved without any edits.

Item 5. Executive Director updates.

Ms. Hansen stated that in response to the request and motion presented at the last board meeting, the board forwarded letters of support for AB 494 and AB 1019 to the Assembly.

Ms. Hansen also stated she will report on the status of AB 494 and AB 1019 at the October board meeting.

Item 6. Board discussion of the September 15, 2013 draft report.

Ms. Hansen reported that she met with CDCR who proposed a few minor corrections to the data in the report. During further discussion during the meeting a few more corrections and edits were discussed. Specifically, on page 9 CDCR will have 13 reentry hubs, not 12 as the report stated; and additional data for January and March 2013 will be added to the graph on page 22 and charts on page 25 - 26 to eliminate the gap in information.

The board requested clarification regarding the GED curriculum concerns noted on page 23. Jennifer Valadez stated that CDCR is receiving information regarding the curriculum from the publishers and that CDCR is pursuing the curriculum with the lowest bid. She further reported that CDCR has obtained a waiver to continue using the 2002 paper and pencil GED tests for the remainder of the fiscal year to allow time for the new textbooks and curriculum to be put in place. The concerns CDCR had regarding the GED curriculum were moving from paper to an electronic testing format and deciding on the new curriculum. The new curriculum will roll out in phases beginning in January 2014.

Chairman Barton asked for clarification regarding the footnote on page 26 which states the May numbers show a decline in capacity, yet the report does not mention CDCR's plans to address the decline. Rodger Meier stated that the decline is temporary and due to the shift in institutions and establishment of reentry hubs. The drop in capacity is expected to increase once the reentry hubs are up and running.

Public Comment re: Agenda Item #6.

Jim Carlson commended the board for recognizing the importance of Arts in Corrections (AIC). We need to bring in resources to make the AIC program successful. Additionally, the program relies heavily on mentors and suffers setbacks when mentors are transferred out of the institutions.

John Kern agreed with Mr. Carlson and emphasized he wanted the return of facilitators to the Arts in Corrections program. Mr. Kern also expressed a concern regarding the accuracy of the data on page 19 of the draft report. He stated that he just visited RJD and they have at least two vacancies which are not reflected in the report. Mr. Kern also suggested that a future agenda item he'd like to have is a follow-up with the union teachers' survey to see if there have been any improvements made to the vocational education model.

Item 7. Board decision regarding the September 15, 2013 draft report.

Ms. Hansen asked the board if they had any further questions or revisions to the draft report. No further edits were suggested.

Wendy Still commented that she would like future reports to contain appendices of more detailed information. She further stated that CDCR has been in a state of transition with Realignment and the

Blueprint for the past several reports, but now that things are settling in she would like to see the report focus more on outcomes rather than reporting progress. Also, Ms. Still wants to see more analysis made concerning the data collected to include possibly inviting researchers to the meetings. The board discussed this idea and suggested that the researcher presentations and analysis might be best handled at the report writing subcommittee meetings.

The board unanimously agreed to approve the report pending the changes discussed at today's meeting.

Item 8. Future board meeting schedule.

Ms. Hansen confirmed the next board meetings for October 16th and November 13th. She proposed and the board agreed to schedule additional board meetings for January 8, 2014 and March 12, 2014 and the Report Writing Subcommittee meeting for January 27, 2013.

Item 9. Future agenda items.

Ms. Hansen mentioned that we have several items that have been suggested as future agenda items at previous meetings. She also stated that the following might be good topics to address at the meeting in October: SAT programs and the CDCR 2013 Outcomes Report. Topics suggested for the November meeting were targeting population for low-risk and the impact of SB 105. Susan Turner stated she would like a presentation on parole and sex offender treatment. Ms. Hansen suggested that might be a good topic for the January meeting.

Item 10. Public Comment.

There was no further public comment.

Item 11. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

C-ROB Secretary

Dated

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