

California Rehabilitation Oversight Board Minutes September 12, 2012 Meeting

The California Rehabilitation Oversight Board (C-ROB) met in open session at 9:30 a.m. on September 12, 2012, at the California State University, Alumni Center, 6024 State University Drive South, Sacramento, California.

Board Members: Present at the meeting were **Robert Barton**, Inspector General (Chairman); **Matthew Cate**, Secretary, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR); **Michael Cunningham**, Director (A), Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs; **Susan Turner**, Professor, University of California, Irvine (President of the University of California appointee); **Bruce Bikle**, Professor, California State University, Sacramento (Chancellor of California State University appointee); **Wendy Still**, Chief Adult Probation Officer for the City and County of San Francisco (Senate Committee on Rules appointee), and **William Arroyo, M.D.**, Regional Medical Director, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. Absent from the meeting were **Patricia Terry**, Education Administrator, Adult Education Office, California Department of Education (Designee for Tom Torlakson, Superintendent of Public Instruction); **Debra Jones**, Dean, Career Education Practices, Workforce and Economic Development, California Community Colleges (Designee for Jack Scott, Chancellor, California Community Colleges); **Gary Stanton**, Sheriff, County of Solano (Governor Appointee); and **Cliff Allenby**, Director (A), Department of Mental Health.

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

Panel Presenters:

CDCR: Elizabeth Siggins, Director (A), Division of Rehabilitative Programs and Tanya Rothchild, Deputy Director, Division of Rehabilitation Programs

Kathleen Dickinson, Director of Adult Institutions (DAI)
Marcia Brady, Division of Adult Parole Operations

Public Comments:

Susan Lawrence
John Kern

Item 1. Call to order.

Chairman Barton called the meeting to order at 9:40 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.

Matthew Cate proposed to allow Ms. Dickinson to give an update on the Progressive Programming Facility (PPF) at California State Prison, Los Angeles County (located in Lancaster).

Ms. Dickinson advised the Board that an analysis of beds was done and CDCR established that they could permanently transition the yard from Level IV to Level III. These changes took effect in July of this year and CDCR will be continuing the PPF.

Item 4. Review and approval of the January 11, 2012 minutes.

The minutes were unanimously approved after one minor edit.

Item 5. Executive Director updates.

Ms. Hansen remarked that her report on the institutions will be moved to the November 14th meeting. She will report on their challenges, successes and plans for the future.

Item 6. Draft C-ROB Report.

Ms. Siggins introduced Ms. Rothchild and thanked Ms. Dickinson for DAI's partnership and coordination which has been very helpful and has continued to improve.

Ms. Siggins reviewed a few substantive changes to the report. The most discussed change was regarding clarification that where the draft report says "at least 70%" should read "approximately 70%" as the numbers are based on estimations that CDCR will be able to serve 70% of the target population's needs prior to release. The board asked Ms. Siggins multiple questions regarding the "70%" and it was discussed that it would be helpful to include Appendices noting the methodology behind the 70% number for reporting clarification.

Mr. Cunningham inquired into the Substance Abuse Treatment Policy Advisory Committee. Ms. Siggins replied that the committee is convened on an as needed basis. The committee members fluctuate with availability and act as consultants.

Ms. Siggins also reported that previous numbers had shown teacher vacancies were about 70% and improvements had been made to reduce the vacancies which are currently down to 30%.

Another substantive change was proposed regarding the paragraph mentioning the Master Work Plan. It was suggested that the paragraph should mention the Master Work Plan since this is originally what CDCR was working from but that the section should also include clarification to note what CDCR is currently working from. The new wording for this section was presented to the board and approved.

Item 7. Future Board Meeting Schedule.

The board reviewed the future meetings previously agreed upon and set new meeting dates. The next board meetings are scheduled for: November 14, 2012, January 9, 2013, March 13, 2013 and

tentatively July 10, 2013. The next Report Writing Committee Meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2013. The board agreed to confirm the July 2013 meeting date at the board meeting in November.

Item 11. Future Agenda Items.

Mr. Bikle suggested getting a presentation from CDCR regarding pre-release benefit application process and how CDCR is coordinating with the counties; and the effects for inmates that are transferred to counties. Ms. Brady was sitting in the audience. She is with CDCR and said that DAPO would be able to provide that board with the presentation information they suggested for an agenda item. Ms. Hansen said she would coordinate with Ms. Brady regarding a presentation at the next board meeting.

Ms. Hansen stated that the Career Technical Education (CTE) presentation, originally scheduled for this board meeting was moved to the November meeting.

Item 12. Public Comment.

Susan Lawrence thanked the board for saving the Progressive Programming Facility. She stated that the inmates' families are very grateful as well.

John Kern expressed his gratitude at hearing the reduced number of teacher vacancies. He noted that much progress had been made in getting more teachers back to work and he looks forward to hearing about the CTE programs at the next meeting.

Item 13. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

C-ROB Secretary

Dated

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