

**California Rehabilitation Oversight Board Minutes  
September 2, 2015 Meeting**

The California Rehabilitation Oversight Board (C-ROB) met in open session at 9:30 a.m. on September 2, 2015, at the California State University Alumni Center, 6024 University Drive South, Sacramento, California.

**Board Members present:** **Robert Barton**, Inspector General (Chairman); **Jeff Beard**, Secretary, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR); **William Arroyo, M.D.**, Regional Medical Director, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health; **Debra Jones**, Dean, Career Education Practices, Workforce and Economic Development, California Community Colleges (Designee for Brice Harris, Chancellor, California Community Colleges); **Catherine Peacock**, Education Programs Consultant, Adult Education Office, (Designee for Tom Torlakson, Superintendent of Public Instruction); **Darren Thompson**, Sheriff, County of San Benito (Governor Appointee); **Brenda Grealish**, Assistant Deputy Director, Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services, (Designee for Jennifer Kent, California Department of Health Care Services); and **Jennie Singer**, Professor, California State University, Sacramento (Chancellor of California State University appointee).

**Board Members absent:** **Pam Ahlin**, Director, California Department of State Hospitals; **Jerry Powers**, Chief Probation Officer, County of Los Angeles Probation Department; and **Susan Turner**, Professor, University of California, Irvine (President of the University of California appointee).

**Office of the Inspector General staff:** Jana Boccalon, C-ROB Analyst; Misty Polasik, Executive Director; James C. Spurling, Counsel to the Board; Tanee Tobin, CROB Analyst; and Linda Whitney, Board Secretary.

**Presenters:**

**CDCR:**

Rodger Meier  
Millicent Tidwell  
Tina Bayles  
Leon Casaubon  
Jeff Hammond

**OIG:**

Chuck Rufo

**Public Comments:**

David Warren

**Item 1. Call to order.**

Chairman Barton called the meeting to order at 9:49 a.m.

**Item 2. Introduction and establish quorum.**

Chairman Barton introduced the Office of the Inspector General staff participating in the meeting and asked the Board Members to introduce themselves. It was noted that a quorum would be established later during the meeting.

**Item 3. Review agenda.**

There were no comments concerning the agenda.

**Item 4. Review and approve minutes from the June 17, 2015 board meeting.**

The minutes were approved with minor changes. Dr. Arroyo moved to approve the minutes and Brenda Grealish seconded the motion. Jennie Singer, Catherine Peacock, Ms. Grealish, and Dr. Arroyo voted in favor of the approval. Secretary Beard and Darren Thompson abstained from voting.

**Item 5. Executive Director updates.**

Misty Polasik stated the board had received new correspondence since the last meeting. She briefly reviewed the letters submitted.

**Item 6. Board discussion of the September 15, 2015 draft report.**

The board discussed a few changes to the report and received clarification on a few items from Millicent Tidwell and Rodger Meier.

**Item 7. Board decision regarding the September 15, 2015 draft report.**

Dr. Arroyo moved to approve the report with the changes discussed and Ms. Singer seconded the motion. Ms. Singer, Ms. Peacock, Ms. Grealish, Secretary Beard, Dr. Arroyo, and Sheriff Thompson voted in favor of the approval.

**Item 8. Blueprint Monitoring Methodology.**

Chuck Rufo reported that previous C-ROB and Blueprint reports had some overlap in material being reported. The OIG modified use of resources to eliminate this duplicative reporting. The Blueprint Report will now reference "See C-ROB Report" for rehabilitation information. The Blueprint Unit will continue to monitor CDCR's adherence to their Blueprint goals by visiting all the institutions and completing the assessments twice each year.

**Item 9. Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.**

**Milestone Credits: Analysis of Earning Impacts and 2014 Outcome Evaluation Report**

**Highlights**

Postponed.

**Automated Reentry Data Management System**

Tina Bayles, Leon Casaubon and Jeff Hammond reported on the Automated Reentry Management System (ARMS). Mr. Hammond stated that nine institutions are running the system. ARMS has case planning and management capability, and offers the ability for centralized and consistent data collection. Mr. Casaubon stated if an inmate has signed a waiver, their information can be seen by all providers. Parole agents are able to view what inmates did while incarcerated and inmates can use kiosks to view their own data prior to and after release.

Ms. Tidwell stated that they plan to have ARMS interface with SOMS and have all contracted providers use ARMS for consistent data sharing. CDCR is building the capability to analyze the data.

**Step-Down Program Update**

Rodger Meier provided an update regarding the Step-Down Program stating that currently 188 inmates are participating. Changes are being discussed and will be implemented as a result of the Ashker settlement.

Currently the plaintiffs are reviewing the curriculum. Once they have completed their review, there will be a meeting to discuss developing a new program.

**Innovative Programming**

Mr. Meier reported on the status of the programming grants. He stated that \$2.5 million was allocated in grant funding to move innovative programming to underserved prisons. The grant is designed to build the volunteer base at the underserved prisons to sustain the programming. Programs had to complete an application process to request funds and \$2,477,000 of the \$2.5 million has been awarded.

**Sex Offender Updates**

Mr. Meier stated that the department has had difficulty implementing an in-prison program. They've consulted with the University of Cincinnati to assist in hiring and implementing the pilot, which is expected to start in November.

**Item 10. Future board meeting schedule.**

Linda Whitney reviewed the proposed 2016 meeting dates: Board meetings on March 9, June 8 and September 7; and the Report Writing Subcommittee (RWS) meeting on August 3. No conflicts were discussed and the dates were agreed upon for 2016. Mr. Barton announced that Ms. Peacock volunteered to be on the RWS which was moved by Mr. Barton and seconded by Mr. Singer.

**Item 11. Future agenda items.**

Mr. Barton suggested a follow-up to ARMS might be good for the June 2016 meeting. Dr. Arroyo requested a follow-up on the changes made to the Step Down Program since the settlement just occurred.

**Item 11. Public Comment.**

David Warren stated there is concern that the lack of programming available to female offenders incarcerated for sex crimes means they are unable to show rehabilitation efforts. This negatively affects their ability to have reduction in restraints of movement after release or tracking devices removed. Mr. Warren requested the board consider this topic as a future agenda item.

**Item 13. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

  
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C-ROB Secretary  
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