

**California Rehabilitation Oversight Board Minutes
November 13, 2013 Meeting**

The California Rehabilitation Oversight Board (C-ROB) met in open session at 9:30 a.m. on November 13, 2013, at the California's District Attorney's Meeting Center, 921 11th Street, Ste. 300 (3rd floor), Elks Tower Building, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Board Members: Present at the meeting were **Robert Barton**, Inspector General (Chairman); **Jeff Beard**, Secretary, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR); **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; **Debra Jones**, Dean, Career Education Practices, Workforce and Economic Development, California Community Colleges (Designee for Brice Harris, Chancellor, California Community Colleges); **Pam Ahlin**, Director of Hospital Strategic Planning and Implementation, State Hospitals (Designee for Cliff Allenby, Director (A), Department of State Hospitals); **Ian Parkinson**, Sheriff, County of San Luis Obispo (Governor Appointee); **Jennie Singer**, Professor, California State University, Sacramento (Chancellor of California State University appointee); and **Brenda Grealish**, Division Chief, Division of Mental Health Care Services, Department of Health Care Services). Absent from the meeting was **Wendy Still**, Chief Adult Probation Officer for the City and County of San Francisco (Senate Committee on Rules appointee).

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:

Kenneth Pogue
John Kern
Jennifer Winistorfer
Joe Moss

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.

There were no comments concerning the Agenda.

Item 4. Review and approve minutes from the October 16, 2013 board meeting.

The minutes were unanimously approved without any edits.

Item 5. Executive Director updates.

Ms. Hansen stated that we would be changing the order of the agenda slightly.

Item 6. SEIU: Outline of survey on rehabilitation programs.

John Kern reported that SEIU is preparing a follow-up survey to track the instruction within the institutions and the improvements hopefully made since the last survey. The results from the last survey showed that 78% of teachers stated they have incorrectly assigned inmates and 50% of the teachers felt that these inmates were not quickly re-assigned. Mr. Kern stated that recent legislation regarding CDCR has affected inmate education. SEIU is working with C-ROB and CDCR to create one comprehensive survey that incorporates all the questions each entity would like answered to avoid having participants burn out from answering too many like surveys.

Mr. Kern also stated that SEIU is hopeful that the 2013 survey will provide much-needed information to continue improving the education but will also show that teachers are spending less time on paperwork and more time on teaching; that VEP is successful; and suggestions from teachers regarding inmate incentives.

The board members made a few suggestions regarding improvements to the survey. Ms. Hansen stated that she would obtain comments and suggestions from the board members regarding the survey and that she would meet with Mr. Kern to present the information she collects.

Item 7. CDCR: Program access for inmates with disabilities.

Jennifer Winistorfer reported on the programs CDCR has available for inmates with disabilities. She stated that there were federally funded elementary and secondary programs at seven sites. DDP is offered to inmates identified by CDCR Mental Health as being eligible for adaptive learning. The ITEP is then prepared within ten days of program assignment. DDP instructors participate in training annually.

Item 8. CDCR: SB 105 update.

Kenneth Pogue reported on the legislation stemming from the litigations creating the court order for 10,000 inmates to be released. \$315 million has been allotted for funding increased capacity for in-state and out-of-state beds. The court has asked CDCR not to look for any more out-of-state beds as a solution for the 10,000 inmate population reduction order, so all the focus is on moving inmates to in-state beds. Mr. Pogue also stated that according to SB 105 an interim report will be due in April 2014 with follow-up reporting due January 2015. Funding will be used for activities aimed at reducing recidivism. SB 105 also suspends the closure of CRC NorCo until the Secretary decides the facility is no longer needed. SB 105 will sunset in 2017.

Item 9. CDCR: Rehabilitative programming in contract facilities.

Joe Moss presented regarding contract beds. Mr. Moss reported that there are four out-of-state facilities primarily populated with California inmates: Tallahachie in Mississippi, North Fork in Oklahoma, La Palma in Arizona, and Florence in Arizona. There are two contract bed facilities at half capacity right now (700 inmates each): Desert View in Adamanto and Central Valley in McFarland.

Mr. Moss stated that all out-of-state programs are contract driven, ESL is available and the Mexican GED is run by the Mexican Consulate.

Item 10. CDCR: 2013 Outcomes Report

This presentation has been continued until the January meeting since the report is not currently available.

Item 11. Future board meeting schedule.

Ms. Hansen confirmed the next board meetings: January 8, 2014, March 12, 2014, July 9, 2014, and September 10, 2014. She also confirmed the next Report Writing Subcommittee meeting for January 27, 2013, and August 6, 2014.

Item 12. 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 CDCR 2013 Outcomes Report should be ready for the January meeting.

Item 13. Public Comment.

Susan Lawrence thanked the board for their support of the honor program and rehabilitative programming. These items are very important to the inmates and are working very well.

John Kern commented that Selena from SEIU spoke last meeting and while it's good that we have programming for inmates with disabilities, his experience has been that learning disabilities often go undiagnosed and therefore are not always included in the programming offered to inmates with disabilities.

Item 14. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

C-ROB Secretary

Dated

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