



California Rehabilitation Oversight Board

## MINUTES

### REPORT WRITING SUBCOMMITTEE

The California Rehabilitation Oversight Board (C-ROB) Report Writing Subcommittee (RWC) met in open session at 12:30 p.m., at the Office of the Inspector General, 10111 Old Placerville Road, Suite 110, Sacramento, CA 95827.

**Attendees:** Board Members present at the Report writing Subcommittee: **William Arroyo, M.D.**, Regional Medical Director, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health.

**Absent from the meeting:** **Wendy Still**, Chief Adult Probation Officer for the City and County of San Francisco (Senate Committee on Rules appointee); **Debra Jones**, Dean, Career Education Practices, Workforce and Economic Development, California Community Colleges (Designee for Brice Harris, Chancellor, California Community Colleges); **Jennie Singer**, Professor, California State University, Sacramento (Chancellor of California State University appointee); and **Susan Turner**, Professor, University of California, Irvine (President of the University of California appointee); and **Patricia Terry**, Education Administrator, Adult Education Office, California Department of Education (Designee for Tom Torlakson, Superintendent of Public Instruction).

**Office of the Inspector General staff:** Renee Hansen, C-ROB Executive Director, Misty Polasik, Jana Boccalon, C-ROB Analyst and Linda Whitney, Board Secretary.

**CDCR Presenters:** Millicent Tidwell, Rodger Meier, Jennifer Valadez, Robert Downs, Dorothy Smith, Sondra Jacobs, Kevin Wortell, and Morgan Hughes.

**Public Commenters:** None.

#### 1. Call to order.

Ms. Hansen called the RWC meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

#### 2. Introduction and review agenda.

Ms. Hansen introduced the C-ROB board member and OIG staff in attendance and mentioned that this would be her last Report Writing Subcommittee meeting as Misty Polasik would be taking over as C-ROB Executive Director. The presenters each introduced themselves. She reviewed the agenda and there were no comments.

#### 3. Presentation: California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Updates to information presented at the July 10, 2013, C-ROB Board Meeting.

##### Attachment 1: CSRA & COMPAS Assessment Numbers

##### Attachment 2: Rehabilitative Needs of Offenders

Rodger Meier reported that OBIS is a legacy system replaced by SOMS. SOMS can only run weekly reports and does not have the ability to run an annual report if the reporting period

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lands in the middle of the week. It was decided to run the report through the week closest to the end of the reporting period and any missed dates will be covered in the next C-ROB report. Mr. Meier also commented that since the Department has transitioned to a new data system, it may be difficult to compare this year's data to last year'.

### **Attachment 3: Rehabilitative Programming Capacity**

Mr. Meier reported that the Department has succeeded in all of its protests, so those programs are currently being implemented. The board requested further information so the report can include a listing of all reentry awards expecting full activation by the end of February/beginning of March.

### **Attachment 4: Teacher Distribution for OCE by Institution**

Jennifer Valadez reported that California City has hired a principal and coach. Computers are scheduled to be installed this week and next. The computer teacher will begin once the computers have been installed. Ms. Valadez also reported that CTE has additional staff dropping the vacancies by 12. Teacher vacancies also dropped. The department expects the total budgeted cap to increase by about 3,400.

### **Attachment 5: Programming Plans per Institution**

Mr. Meier reported that long-term offender programs were all awarded in January and the contractors have had initial training. Next fiscal year (depending on funding) the department expects to bring the programs to multi-level institutions. It was agreed that the September report would include information on the multi-level implementation in the 7+ institutions.

### **Attachment 6: Academic, CTE and SAP Capacity Updates**

Millicent Tidwell reported that College Online at Ironwood State Prison is providing some good lessons learned so adjustments can be made prior to implementing the program at other institutions. The Department is also getting E-readers to download textbooks for college participants. The E-readers are specifically designed for prisons and only have textbooks on them. The Department agreed to include CalPIA's CTE numbers in future updates.

### **Attachment 7: Achievement and Completion Data for Academics, CTE and SAP**

Mr. Meier stated that according to the information provided, "in-prison contacts" means "transitional counselor" who assess need as they move between programs. Working with D. Stone has been tremendously helpful to the department in increasing completion numbers.

### **Attachment 8: CDCR's Case Management Plan Update**

The Department has plans to move forward with an electronic case management plan. It will be integrated with SOMS. The Department is looking to roll out the module this fiscal year.

### **Attachment 9: Monthly Benefits Summary**

No data at this time due to a computer problem. The Department will provide information next week to be included in the report.

**Attachment 10: Released Offender Information with Moderate to High CSRA Score**

The three-judge panel stopped transfers so there has been a downturn at reentry hubs because the Department is unable to transfer inmates to different institutions to put them in programming.

**Attachment 11: Planned New Curriculum**

Ms. Valadez reported that GED textbooks aren't acquired yet. The Department will review for a standardized textbook for next year.

**Attachment 12: SOMS Update**

Mr. Meier reported that the Department is currently beta-testing SOMS, training will occur in March. The education piece of SOMS will be implemented in May, therefore replacing EdCATS. The principals will be trained to become trainers for the remaining staff.

**Attachment 13: CTE Programs Offered**

Mr. Meier stated that he will provide the data by the end of the week. He also mentioned that green technology is being incorporated into classes and that there are new additions of computer literacy and industrial painting. Replacement programs are evaluated by the employment unit working with OCE who is working to develop relationships with employers who will hire felons enrolled in CTE. Drywall and roofing are programs being considered because they both have livable wages and are areas currently in expansion and are employing.

**Attachment 14: CalPIA and CTE Programming**

Robert Downs stated that CalPIA will provide 11 programs for one year. There are 310 slots and CDCR will fund a few of the existing slots (approximately 60-70). CalPIA is searching for sustainable funding for running their programs in the future.

Also, the Department is entering into an interagency agreement with the California Arts Council for Arts in Corrections programming.

**4. Subcommittee discussion.**

**Information to include in the September 15, 2013, Draft C-ROB Biannual Report.**

The report will include information regarding Arts in Corrections and CalPIA programming. It was also mentioned that it would be beneficial to see a comparison between PRSC and parolee recidivism rates.

**Future report writing subcommittee meeting schedule.**

The future meeting schedule will be discussed at the next board meeting.

**5. Public comment.**

None.

**6. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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C-ROB Secretary

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Dated

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