

California Rehabilitation Oversight Board Minutes
June 5, 2019 Meeting

The California Rehabilitation Oversight Board (C-ROB) met in open session at 9:30 a.m. on June 5, 2019, at the California State University, Sacramento, Modoc Hall, Willow Suites, 3000 State University Drive East, Sacramento, CA 95819.

Board Members present: **Roy Wesley**, Inspector General (Chairman); **Raul Arambula**, MA, Intersegmental Support (Designee for Eloy Ortiz Oakley, Chancellor, California Community Colleges); **William Arroyo, M.D.**, Regional Medical Director, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (Speaker of the Assembly Appointee); **Stephanie Clendenin**, Director (A), California Department of State Hospitals; **Michael Daly**, Chief Probation Officer for the County of Marin (Senate Committee on Rules appointee); **Ralph Diaz**, Secretary, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR); **Brenda Grealish**, Assistant Deputy Director, Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services, (Designee for Jennifer Kent, California Department of Health Care Services); **Susan Turner**, Professor, University of California, Irvine (President of the University of California appointee); and **Carolyn Zachry**, Administrator, Adult Education Office, Career and College Transition Division, (Designee for Tony Thurmond, Superintendent of Public Instruction).

Board Members absent: **Darren Thompson**, Sheriff, County of San Benito (Governor Appointee); and **Jennie Singer**, Professor, California State University, Sacramento (Chancellor of California State University appointee).

Office of the Inspector General staff: Chuck Rufo, Executive Director; Shaun Spillane, Counsel to the Board (A); Nico Gilbert-Igelsrud, Rehabilitation Analyst; Ashley Calvillo, Student Assistant; and Linda Whitney, Board Secretary.

Presenters:

CDCR:

Ryan Souza
Bill Muniz
Ryan Youtsey
Diana Toche

CDCR Community Programs:

Doug Bond, Amity Foundation
Michael Graff-Weisner, Chrysalis
Armando Martinez, Chrysalis
Mark Wilson, Coalition for Responsible
Community Development

Public Comments:

Susan Lawrence

Item 1. Call to order

Chairman Wesley called the meeting to order at 9:33am.

Item 2. Introduction and establish quorum

Chairman Wesley introduced the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) staff participating in the meeting. A quorum was established.

Item 3. Review agenda

There were no comments concerning the agenda.

Item 4. Review and approve minutes from the April 17, 2019 board meeting

The minutes were approved without changes. William Arroyo moved to approve the minutes and Brenda Grealish seconded the motion. Susan Turner, Michael Daly, Raul Arambula, and Carolyn Zachry voted to approve the minutes. Stephanie Clendenin and Ralph Diaz abstained from voting.

Item 5. Executive Director updates

Mr. Rufo reported that the 6-month reply to the January 2019 auditor's report will be due to the California State Auditor on July 31. The 6-month response will be very similar to 60-day response since there have been no changes.

Shaun Spillane provided the board an update on pending legislation that would affect C-ROB if enacted. Mr. Spillane stated that AB 1687 was introduced as a result of the auditor's recommendations. AB 1688 would require CDCR to analyze the effectiveness of rehabilitation programs.

Item 6. Board discussion regarding the C-ROB Mission & Vision Statements

The board discussed the proposed wording for the C-ROB Mission and Vision Statements. The board discussed additions and revisions and proposed a final version.

Item 7. Board decision regarding the C-ROB Mission & Vision Statements

The board voted on the final versions of the C-ROB Mission and Vision Statements. Michael Daly made a motion to approve the Vision Statement: To return productive individuals to society and reduce recidivism by examining the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's rehabilitative programming. Susan Turner seconded the motion. Brenda Grealish, Stephanie Clendenin, Raul Arambula, Ralph Diaz, William Arroyo, and Carolyn Zachry voted to adopt the proposed Vision Statement.

Michael Daly made a motion to approve the Mission Statement: To apply the Board's collective knowledge and expertise to examine and report on the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's efforts to rehabilitate individuals through the delivery of effective rehabilitative programs with the goal of reducing recidivism. William Arroyo seconded the motion. Susan Turner, Brenda Grealish, Stephanie Clendenin, Raul Arambula, Ralph Diaz, and Carolyn Zachry voted to adopt the proposed Mission Statement.

Item 8. Presentation: California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Ryan Souza presented the Community Programming Overview. Mr. Souza stated that there are 4,528 daily slots budgeted, serving approximately 10% of the population. Enrollees are able to move up and down levels of care, as needed, and programs are generally six months. Mr. Souza also presented on their Long-Term Offender Reentry and Recovery Program which focuses on stress management, victim awareness, and integration into the community. Day Reporting Centers are intended to be outpatient sites focused on a holistic approach to needs.

The Female Offender Treatment and Employment Program is an 18-month program with 200 slots creating a reentry environment for female offenders and their children. The Substance Use Treatment and Recovery Program is a four to six week, out-patient program focusing on substance use education. The Caltrans Work Crew Program provides transitional employment doing litter abatement for Caltrans with subsequent connections for employment after release. The Male Community Reentry Program has 762 budgeted beds providing a transition from prison to community during their last year of incarceration.

Mr. Souza also presented on ARMS. ARMS is an important part for CDCR. It allows for detailed data access, improved transportation coordination, and better waitlist tracking.

Bill Muniz reported on the Prison-to-Employment Initiative. The Prison-to-Employment Initiative is an agreement between CDCR and CalPIA, with the California Workforce Development Board and California Workforce Association. The goal is to incorporate corrections populations into the workforce earning livable wages. Mr. Muniz reported that they are working to place inmates in construction and civil service jobs.

Item 9. Presentation: Division of Adult Parole Operations

Ryan Youtsey presented on Parole Collaboration and Reentry. Mr. Youtsey stated he oversees lifer placements and things are improving. DAPO is working with the Employment Development Department, American Job Centers of California, the California Workforce Development Board, and local workforce boards to electronically provide a quick referral system so parolees can be referred for services immediately.

Item 9. Presentation: CDCR Community Programs

Ryan Souza introduced those representing the community programs: Doug Bond from Amity Foundation, Michael Graff-Weisner and Armando Martinez from Chrysalis, and Mark Wilson from Coalition for Responsible Community Development.

Mr. Bond stated that Amity provides treatment and substance use disorder help to inmates and families. Amity partners with approximately 34 agencies to provide recovery housing, substance use disorder treatment, detox, and other outpatient services. Amity also employs formerly incarcerated. They are currently looking at a new system that will track data on long-term outcomes.

Mr. Graff-Weisner stated that Chrysalis works to provide employment to those who are low-income or homeless to help them become self-sufficient. Chrysalis receives referrals from community partners. The program begins with an orientation, then connects participants with an employment specialist and vocational training. Chrysalis provides transitional employment opportunities to allow recently released individuals the opportunity to develop employable skills. Mr. Graff-Weisner also stated that they ring a bell every time someone gets a job which serves as motivation to everyone who hears.

Armando Martinez was incarcerated for 12 years and is now Roads Supervisor. He stated that he went through programs at Amity and then Chrysalis, and now works for Caltrans as a road crew supervisor. He stated that the process allows opportunity for individuals to move up to better jobs and to support themselves.

Mr. Wilson stated that they Coalition for Responsible Community Development (CRCD) partners with several agencies based in Southern Los Angeles including Amity. They partner with the LA Trade Tech Community College providing construction, automotive, and nursing certifications. They operate a charter school with a high school program, and provide affordable housing for homeless, veterans, reentry citizens, and youth. CRCD is in the process of building a new affordable housing complex, but they also look at rehabilitating older buildings to help reduce costs.

Item 9. Presentation: Division of Health Care Services

Diana Toche presented on the department's Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program. She stated that the number of drug overdoses within prisons is increasing. CDCR is working to reduce

overdose deaths. Correctional officers are carrying the opioid counter-agent to administer in cases of an overdose. Also, the first 14 days after release are the most critical for overdose deaths after release. There is a proposed Integrated Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program which would screen and assess inmates, assign them as necessary, and allow MAT users to continue with MAT until they transition into the community after 15-18 months.

Item 12. Future board meeting schedule

The board reviewed date for the last 2019 meeting: September 4. The board also discussed and decided on a date for the Report Writing Subcommittee Meeting: August 13.

Item 13. Future agenda items

Mr. Wesley solicited future agenda ideas from the board. Susan Turner suggested having a presentation about innovative grant program evaluations. Carolyn Zachry suggested a presentation on how they became a distinguished school. Ralph Diaz suggested a presentation on the electronic distance learning efforts.

Item 14. Public Comment

Susan Lawrence stated she was happy to see that there are more opportunities available for the life without parole prisoners (LWOP). She strongly urged CDCR to include the LWOP population in the 1170(d) resentencing process.

Item 15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 pm.



C-ROB Secretary

9/4/19

Dated