

**California Rehabilitation Oversight Board Minutes
June 30, 2022 Meeting**

The California Rehabilitation Oversight Board (C-ROB) met in open session at 10:00 a.m. on March 10, 2022, via Zoom.

Board Members present: **Amarik K. Singh**, Inspector General (Chairperson); **Kathleen Allison**, Secretary, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR); **William Arroyo, M.D.**, Mental Health Representative (Speaker of the Assembly Appointee); **Jacey Cooper**, State Medicaid Director and Chief Deputy Director, (Designee for Will Lightbourne, Director of the California Department of Health Care Services); **Christina Edens**, Chief Deputy Director, Designee for **Stephanie Clendenin**, Director, California Department of State Hospitals; **William Honsal**, Sheriff, Humboldt County (Governor Appointee); and **LeBaron Woodyard, PhD**, Dean, Academic Affairs (Designee for Eloy Ortiz Oakley, Chancellor, California Community Colleges).

Board Members absent: **Alexa Sardina**, Assistant Professor, California State University, Sacramento (Chancellor of California State University appointee); **Carolyn Zachry**, Administrator, Adult Education Office, Career and College Transition Division, (Designee for Tony Thurmond, Superintendent of Public Instruction); and **Susan Turner**, Professor, University of California, Irvine (President of the University of California appointee)

Office of the Inspector General staff: Ashley Schiele, Executive Director; James Spurling, Counsel to the Board; Thao Truong, Deputy Inspector General; and Linda Whitney, Board Secretary.

Presenters:

CDCR DRP:

Amy Casias
Brantley Choate
Kevin Hoffman

CDCR DAPO:

Angela Kent
Alexa Wasserman

DHCS:

Jacey Cooper

Public Comments:

Patricia Barrett

Item 1. Call to order

Chair Singh called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

Item 2. Introduction and establish quorum

Chair Singh introduced the new C-ROB Executive Director, Ashley Schiele and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) staff participating in the meeting. She thanked Susan Turner for her participation on the board and welcomed Sheriff William Honsal to the board.

Item 3. Review agenda

There were no comments concerning the agenda.

Item 4. Review and approve minutes from the September 3, 2020 board meeting

Dr. Woodyard moved to approve the minutes and Jacey Cooper seconded the motion. Sheriff Honsal abstained. D. Woodyard, C. Edens, K. Allison, J. Cooper, and W. Arroyo, voted to approve the minutes.

Item 5. Executive Director Updates

Continuity of Rehabilitation Methods

Ms. Schiele stated that a few data points have been identified for the continuity of rehabilitation reporting and she's looking into how to obtain the data.

Legislation

Ms. Schiele reported that SB 903 has been amended to remove the post-release community supervision aspect.

Item 6. Presentation by California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Division of Rehabilitative Programs: Rehabilitation Budget

Amy Casias, Brantley Choate, and Kevin Hoffman reported for DRP. Mr. Choate introduced the newest members of DRP: Deputy Director Amy Casias, Associate Director Spencer Puente, and Associate Director Niki Dhillon.

Ms. Casias reported that during Fiscal Year 21-2022, DRP's funding was about \$607 million: \$25.1 million for Administration; \$147 million for Community Reentry; \$246,396,000; and \$188,558,000 for In-Prison Programs.

Ms. Casias stated that Correctional Education's Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs cover seven different sectors with 20 different programs offering certification. There are 484 mentors in the Peer Literacy Mentor Program and Correctional Education runs all the libraries. The Transitions Program is eligible to all students who are within 18 months of release.

Ms. Casias reported that the largest amount of the funding for In-Prison Programs goes to Integrated Substance Use Disorder Treatment (ISUDT) and Cognitive Behavioral Intervention (CBT). Enhancements to these programs were implemented in 2020 and while California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS) manages the ISUDT, DRP manages the CBT component.

Other pieces of the In-Prison Programming include the California Reentry and Enrichment Grants, Arts-in-Corrections, the Anti-Recidivism Coalition Hope and Redemption Team, Pre-Release Community Programs, Custody Transitional Reentry Program, Alternative Custody Program, and Community Prisoner Mother Program.

Components of the Community Reentry Services include Specialized Treatment for Optimized Programming, Community Based Coalition, Day Reporting Centers, Parolee Service Centers, Long-term Offender Reentry Recovery, and the Transitional Housing Program.

Ms. Casias reported that the Administration budget provides for services such as the Office of Program Support's DRP TV and Learning Management System.

Division of Adult Parole Operations: General Updates

Angela Kent and Alexa Wasserman reported for DAPO. Ms Kent reported that DAPO works on pre-release needs and supervision after release. During enhanced reentry they have an interactive process

to strengthen the reentry plan. The parolee agent meets with the inmate to set a plan and produce updates during supervision. The Pre-Release Video Conferencing expands on the case plan, roadmap, family systems, works to build upon strengths, and address barriers to help alleviate the anxiety of re-entering the community.

Ms. Kent reported that DAPO formed a Gender Advisory Council to recognize and address policies and practices related to gender responsiveness.

Ms. Wasserman reported that the Behavioral Health Reintegration Program (BHR), previously called the Parole Outpatient Clinic, provides mental health services to parolees. BHR is in every parole office. It has been restructured to provide to be more of case management support with some clinical support. Inmates are screened upon release to assess drug treatment needs. BHR also receives information regarding SSI benefits so they can continue the process until it's complete.

Item 7. Presentation by Department of Healthcare Services

California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal and the Justice Involved Initiative

Jacey Cooper presented regarding the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM). She stated she would be focusing on the justice component of CalAIM. They make sure that anyone leaving incarceration is screened for MediCal and then enrolled if eligible. They are trying to do what they call "warm handoffs" to county partners to ensure those released have the medications and medical equipment they need at reentry.

Ms. Cooper stated that the Enhanced Care Management (ECM) is for the most vulnerable populations, such as those accessing all the systems of care, and those transitioning out of justice institutions. Tomorrow, ECM will be live in all 58 counties.

Ms. Cooper reported that they've asked for federal funding to hopefully provide for short-term post-hospitalization housing, clinical services, clinically-enhanced housing, recuperative care, and expanding community-based organization services.

The incarcerated population are more likely to have high blood pressure, asthma, or be smokers, and the mortality rate among the post-release population is 12.7 higher than other populations. Providing coordinated care services significantly reduces the number of hospital stays and emergency room visits.

Item 8. Future board meeting schedule

Ms. Schiele stated that the Report Writing Subcommittee meeting will be held August 25th and the next board meeting is set for September 8, 2022.

Item 9. Future agenda items

Ms. Schiele reviewed the previous agenda items suggested: post-release job placement, pre-release benefits, transformational opportunities from COVID, and an ISUDT update. Future agenda topics suggested were a presentation on the Fiscal Year 22-23 rehabilitation budget, the Inmate Welfare Fund, and the Higher Up Program.

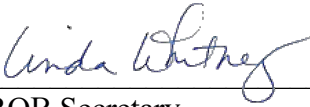
Item 10. Public Comment

Patricia Barrett stated she needs advocacy for affordable transitional housing and peer counseling. She is part of the stakeholders committee for peer certification for the Department of Healthcare Services. She stated that reading about substance abuse recovery is not as compelling as hearing from someone who has been through the experience.

She stated that she would like to be able to buy healthy food options for her incarcerated son who has diabetes, and she would like to have a live person answer the phone when she calls the institution.

Item 11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35pm.



C-ROB Secretary

September 8, 2022

Dated