

California Rehabilitation Oversight Board Minutes
April 4, 2018 Meeting

The California Rehabilitation Oversight Board (C-ROB) met in open session at 9:30 a.m. on April 4, 2018, at the California District Attorneys Association, The Training Center at CDAA (3rd Floor of the Elks Tower Building), 921 11th Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Board Members present: **Roy Wesley**, Inspector General (Chairman); **William Arroyo, M.D.**, Regional Medical Director, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (Speaker of the Assembly Appointee) (PM Session); **Michael Daly**, Chief Probation Officer for the County of Marin (Senate Committee on Rules appointee); **Brenda Grealish**, Assistant Deputy Director, Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services, (Designee for Jennifer Kent, California Department of Health Care Services) (PM Session); **Scott Kernan**, Secretary, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR); **Jeff Mrizek**, Dean, Effective Practices, Workforce and Economic Development Division (Designee for Eloy Ortiz Oakley, Chancellor, California Community Colleges); **Carolyn Zachry**, Administrator, Adult Education Office, Career and College Transition Division, (Designee for Tom Torlakson, Superintendent of Public Instruction); and **Susan Turner**, Professor, University of California, Irvine (President of the University of California appointee).

Board Members absent: **Pam Ahlin**, Director, California Department of State Hospitals; **Jennie Singer**, Professor, California State University, Sacramento (Chancellor of California State University appointee) (AM Session); and **Darren Thompson**, Sheriff, County of San Benito (Governor Appointee)

Office of the Inspector General staff: Misty Polasik, Executive Director; James C. Spurling, Counsel to the Board; Nico Gilbert-Ingelsrud, Rehabilitation Specialist; Sara Merwin, Rehabilitation Analyst; Ashley Schiele, Rehabilitation Analyst; Bryan Beyer, Chief Deputy Inspector General; Chuck Rufo, Deputy Inspector General, Senior; and Linda Whitney, Board Secretary.

Presenters:

CDCR:

Brant Choate
Ryan Souza
Kevin Hoffman
Lisa Heintz
Monica Campos

CalPIA:

Milo Fitch
Bill Muniz

Center for Council:

Jared Seide
Josh Jentzsch

Break it to Make it:

Carol Kozeraki
Steven Schultze
Nadia Parada
Michael Bierman
Bart Lanni
Meri Pakarinen

Public Comments:

none

Item 1. Call to order

Chairman Wesley called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Item 2. Introduction and establish quorum

Chairman Wesley introduced the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) staff participating in the meeting. He announced that Ms. Polasik has transferred to the Medical Inspections Unit and this would be her last C-ROB meeting. Chairman Wesley introduced OIG staff in the audience: Chuck Rufo who will be C-ROB's new Executive Director and Bryan Beyer, Chief Deputy Inspector General. It was noted that a quorum was established.

Item 3. Review agenda

There were no comments concerning the agenda.

Item 4. Review and approve minutes from the August 30, 2017 board meeting

The minutes were approved without changes. Secretary Kernan moved to approve the minutes and Dr. Turner seconded the motion. Dr. Mrizek, Chief Daly, Ms. Grealish, Dr. Zachry voted to approve the minutes.

Item 5. Executive Director updates

Ms. Polasik reported that the only correspondence received since the last meeting is from CalPIA. The letter answered the questions posed from the board at the last meeting.

Item 6. Presentation: California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Transitional Case Management Plan Update

Lisa Heintz reported on the TCMP and Monica Campos provided an overview. They have expanded all benefits to all eligible and releasing inmates. Parole provides benefits assistance to all releasing inmates. In addition, they are now data sharing with the Department of Health Care Services.

Division of Rehabilitative Programs Update

Dr. Choate is the new DRP Director. Kevin Hoffman and Ryan Souza are the Deputy Directors. DRP shared a video overview of their division.

Long Term Offenders

Ryan Souza provided the update. Programming has been expanded to 30 institutions and 3366 slots are available. Contracting delays have created some challenges but now the expansion is pretty much complete.

Innovative Grant Recipients and Research Advisory Council

Mr. Souza also reported on this topic. Round III approved six grants. Self-assessments pre- and post-program are being completed. He stated that not all the programs are evidence-based since the department is using the grants to broaden programming focus.

Item 7. Presentation: Cal-PIA Program Update

Bill Muniz and Milo Fitch reported the CalPIA update. Mr. Munoz stated that the Prison-to-Employment Initiative is a partnership between CalPIA, the Department and California Workforce Development and aims to reduce recidivism by providing workforce support services. The program provides services to the formerly incarcerated, integrating reentry and workforce services.

Mr. Fitch reported that part of the initiative will provide vouchers to those released to help provide housing, transportation and food until they are employed full-time. The California Workforce Board

concentrates on bringing employees and employers together, to create access and help formerly incarcerated obtain job skills.

Item 8. Presentation: Break It to Make It Program

Carol Koseraki, Steven Schultze, Nadia Parada, Michael Bierman, Bart Lanni, and Meri Pakarinen reported on the Break It to Make it Program. Ms. Koseraki stated that the LA Mission provides services to formerly incarcerated and LA City College (LACC) provides higher education. They played a video that is shown in the institution to inmates before they join the program. Mr. Bierman stated that LACC provides face-to-face college classes in the institutions where inmates can earn college credit.

Mr. Lanni stated that the program is designed to change attitudes. LA Mission conducts the outreach between Strindberg Laboratories and LACC, and also places the inmates in the program. Strindberg provides in-prison classes and LA Mission refers inmates to LACC for higher education post-release.

Ms. Pakarinen shared that the program puts on the “Freedom Festival” at LACC partially from innovation grant funding while the theatre is done by LA Mission residents.

Item 9. Presentation: Center for Council Program Evaluations and Data Collection

Jared Seide and Josh Jentsch presented for Center for Council. Mr. Seide reported that they focus on mindfulness and being present. Mr. Seide showed a video regarding Center for Council. He commented that they are constantly evaluating programs to improve what s offered to the inmates. They have each inmate complete a post-program assessment so they can make adjustments and improve targets. They are working to assess attitude changes, behaviors and associations via biometric measures. Mr. Seide stated that they want to rely on several different factors, not just recidivism, for evaluation.

Item 10. Future board meeting schedule

The board reviewed the remaining meeting dates for 2018 and there was mention that the Report Writing Subcommittee may need to be moved.

Item 11. Future agenda items

Mr. Wesley asked the board if they had anything they would like to review at future board meetings. Dr. Turner stated she would like to have an update on Prop. 57.

Item 12. Public Comment

None.

Item 13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.


C-ROB Secretary


Dated