



**Co-occurring Disorders Workgroup
 April 8, 2008
 California Institute for Mental Health
 Sacramento, California**

Minutes

Attendees: Chairs, David Pating, Beth Gould

Committee Members: Darlene Prettyman, Cheryl Trenwith, Mary Hale, Sandra Marley, Patricia Harris, Alice Gleghorn, Nick Damian, Maureen Bauman

OAC Staff: Sheri Whitt, Matt Lieberman

Other Participant(s) Present: Undersecretary Kathy Jett, Director Renee Zito, Dan Souza for Vicki Smith, Marjorie McKisson, Rachel Goldmark, Dee Lemonds

Discussion Topics	Highlights	Next Steps	Person(s) responsible	Timeline
<u>Summary of Mentally Ill Offender Issues by Rusty Selix</u>	Rusty Selix of the California Council of Community Mental Health Agencies presented a summary of mentally ill offender issues. Selix said the Non-violent Offender Rehabilitation Act (NORA) is on the November 2008 ballot and the measure pays for itself. Selix advocated for getting the right care in prisons and said this will solve many problems. Selix noted the recidivism rate for offenders with mental illness is about 80%. Senator Steinberg has a bill, SB 1651, based on the AB 34 model, which allows Full Services Partnerships	None.		

	for parolees.			
<u>Summary of Offender Policy Efforts by David Pating</u> <u>Greeting by Interim Executive Director Sheri Whitt</u>	<p>Chair Pating reviewed several areas of policy development:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COJAC Collaboration 2. MHSA Co-occurring Disorders 3. Integrated Continuum of Care 4. Compatibility of Components. <p>Sheri Whitt said that the COD Workgroup was a positive example for other Workgroups. Whitt believes that workgroups can fill the role of study groups or “think tanks”. Other workgroups might be needed in the areas of education, justice, and homelessness.</p>	Dr. Pating is looking for help from Workgroup member Alice Gleghorn with homeless issues.	David Pating	By May Workgroup Meeting

<p><u>Presentation by CDCR Undersecretary Kathy Jett</u></p>	<p>Kathy Jett is the CDCR Undersecretary over programs. She has worked over 30 years in government. Most of her experience comes from low cost, community level training. Now she works with people who have fallen through every system. She said now we have a penal code driven system. She wants to move to a system based on need. Jett said the system makes people worse because it treats all people the same. Gang behaviors are learned in prison: tattoos, walk and talk, according to Jett.</p> <p>Jett presented current inmate statistics on numbers and participation in drug treatment programs. Jett said she wants to get offenders into the right program for the right inmate at the right time.</p> <p>Jett discussed issues with sex offenders. She wants to focus on re-entry. Jett noted the need to set up a rehabilitative environment for offenders.</p> <p>Jett stated that the prisons are overcrowded and there is no way around this. CDCR is trying to move towards segmenting the prison population. Prisons will still be overcrowded.</p> <p>Leo Chesny Institute for women is forming now in Northern California. 98% of women in system are traumatized.</p> <p>Jett discussed discrimination of mental health system</p>				
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against parolees and problems of the mentally ill upon discharge. Jett said problems occur when people get off parole because there is no handoff. Her solution is to get more practitioners trained in addiction and substance abuse.

Workgroup member Patricia Harris said in Shasta County one issue was whether \$6 million dollars would be spent on building a new prison versus \$100,000 for a detoxification program.

Jett asked if Proposition 63 funds could support drug treatment programs.

Director Zito said ADP was grossly underfunded and made an appeal for increased funding from MHSA funds.

Workgroup member Alice Gleghorn stated Proposition 36 funds cannot be used before conviction and asked if MHSA funds can be used pre-conviction.

<p><u>Little Hoover Report Discussion</u></p>	<p>Co-chair Gould stated the report contained no outcome measures for addiction programs. Gould supported integrated services. Pating said page 50 of the report was never approved by the MHSOAC.</p>			
<p><u>Offender Treatment Study Group</u></p>	<p>Pating named an offender treatment study group comprised of: Gould, Hale, Bauman, Brody and possibly Van Oudheusden.</p>			
<p><u>More General Discussion of Mentally Ill Offenders</u></p>	<p>Brody discussed the need for peer services programs as an alternative to incarceration. Brody emphasized rehabilitation. Dee Lemonds of DMH commented on MHSA funding for Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). Lemonds added no person on parole could be served by MHSA funds. Gleghorn commented on universal health insurance in San Francisco: the “Healthy San Francisco” program.</p>			
<p><u>Other Workgroup Matters</u></p>	<p>Rachel Goldmark of California Youth Empowerment Network is interested in participating with Workgroup.</p> <p>Pating asked Damian and Brody to present on Veterans and Trauma at next meeting.</p>	<p>Presentation at May 28th meeting.</p>	<p>Nick Damian & Delphine Brody</p>	
<p>New Business</p>	<p>None.</p>			
<p>Recommendations/ Decisions:</p>	<p>Presentations on May 28th, as designated above.</p>			

Meeting Adjourned	3: 00 PM			
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