



Council on Sex Offender Treatment

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The Council on Sex Offender Treatment and Interagency Advisory Committee met at 1:00 p.m. on September 15, 2000 at the Embassy Suites Austin, Arboretum, 9505 Stonelake Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78759.

I. Call to order, Chairperson, Walter J. Meyer, III, M.D.

Meeting called to order at 1:13 p.m. on September 15, 2000.

II. Introduction of Members, Guests, and Staff.

Council Members Present:

Walter J. Meyer, III, M.D.	Liles Arnold	Kristy Carr
Richard Mack	David Swinson	Maria Molett

Interagency Advisory Committee (IAC) present:

Glen Kercher	Grace Davis	Mary Ruth Bahari
Janet Latham	Pat Logterman	Wesley Shackelford
Estella Guillen	Judy Johnson	Paul Jordan
Michael Maples	Susie Duarte for C. Camille Cain	

TDH Staff present:

Kelly Page	Emily Mathers	David Richards
Debbie Peterson	Becky Berryhill	Jann Melton-Kissel

Public Present: Charles Jones from Representative Todd Staples office

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 15, 2000 meeting.

Maria Molett motioned and Kristy Carr seconded for approval of the July 15, 2000 minutes. All were in favor.

IV. Division Director's Report.

Debbie Peterson presented and reviewed handouts:

The Texas Department of Health, Regulatory Review, Draft Report, August 25, 2000. She reported that this report could be viewed on the web page and that this was a very important issue and suggested that the Council and IAC members make recommendations. Public comments would be accepted through September 22, 2000 for the draft report. Council on Sex Offender Treatment issues are located on pages 37 and 88. She reported that the Health and Human Services Commission will present the report to the Legislature. They will make recommendations whether to move CSOT, Social Workers, Counselors, and

Massage Therapists, in whole or in part to the Health Professions Council. David Sheets is one of the persons working on the project for the Health and Human Services Commission. An appointment is set with the Health Professions Council during the next two weeks. The Council will know the outcome once the legislation session is complete.

Suggested changes were made to page 88 and 89 in the TDH Regulatory Review, Council on Sex Offender Treatment, Draft August 25.

David Richards reported that CSOT would consult with the people that put the TDH Regulatory Review together and express the Council and IAC concerns.

Debbie Peterson reviewed the Council on Sex Offender Treatment (CSOT) and Civil Commitment (CC) budget handout.

V. Executive Director's Report.

Kelly Page reported:

- C She had met with representatives from the Omni Hotel and Holiday Inn in Corpus Christi for the Conference 2002. The Omni Hotel was selected.
- C There were no disciplinary actions. There is an ongoing informal settlement conference.
- C A software package is currently being internally developed for the CC program.
- C The following equipment has been purchased for civil commitment: two laptops to be loaned to DPS, Polaroid cameras for case managers, a scanner for CSOT, and video cameras for the treatment providers to be used in therapy sessions.
- C The monitoring contract with DPS has been signed.
- C She reported that Grants Management said the Council did not have to issue a RFP for case managers or treatment providers, but that a perpetual job posting can be issued and posted on the Texas Market Place.

VI. Presentation by Associate Commissioner Richard Bays regarding TDH legislative initiatives.

Debbie Peterson reported for Richard Bays. No additional funding would be requested for the next biennium. The only legislative initiative that would effect CSOT would be enacting administrative penalties and emergency suspension. This would be on a bill that would incorporate all regulatory programs in the 10 year forecast.

VII. Discussion and Possible action regarding proposed CSOT legislative initiatives.

No possible actions were received from Council members.

Liles Arnold reminded the Council that Dr. Meyer would address the plethysmograph issues with the Texas Medical Association (TMA) which he would be meeting with this evening.

Registration issues for juvenile and aligning the reporting laws with the criminal code remains a concern.

Grace Davis reported that the Office of the Attorney General or the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault will be pursuing this issue at the next legislative session. Council members may be a resource.

David Walenta of ATSA may also be a resource.

Dr. Meyer suggested that the Council prepare a pro and con sheet on juvenile registration. Liles Arnold motioned and Dr. Meyer seconded. All were in favor.

Task Force Members to develop a pro and con paper of juvenile registration issues are:

Walter Meyer, Liles Arnold, Wesley Shackelford, Pat Logterman, and Paul Jordan

VIII. Presentation by Jann Melton-Kissel regarding discussion and possible action on the 10-year forecasted budget for civil commitment.

Jann Melton-Kissel presented and reviewed a handout regarding the Civil Commitment on Sexually Violent Predators, Ten Year Budget Forecast. Changes were suggested and made to the Ten Year Budget Forecast. A revised forecast will be presented at the meeting

IX. Discussion and Possible action regarding recent CSOT survey results.

Survey results were handed out. Tabled until the next Council meeting.

X. Discussion and Possible action regarding a position paper on probation/parole community supervision and treatment.

Richard Mack discussed recent probation parole community supervision and treatment concerns.

Grace Davis suggested a position paper on this issue and that the Council should send it to every rape crisis center, probation officer, treatment provider, and every polygrapher in the state.

Dr. Meyer requested that this issue be brought back to the next Council meeting with more concrete suggestions.

XI. Discussion and Possible action regarding the philosophy of CSOT.

The Council discussed an email that was received from Robert J. McLaughlin a treatment provider, regarding the philosophy of CSOT. Dr. Meyer and Kelly Page agreed to respond to Mr. McLaughlin explaining that no change will be made to the CSOT philosophy at this time.

- XII. Discussion and Possible action on "How to achieve compliance to standards of care and how to document the quality of the treatment program."

Dr. Meyers tabled this topic for the next meeting.

- XIII. Discussion and Possible action on the civil commitment program's "Organization of Client Files."

Liles Arnold motioned and Maria Molett seconded for approval. All were in favor.

- XIV. Discussion and Possible action on the civil commitment program's "Qualifications and Education of Treatment Provider."

Liles Arnold motioned and Maria Molett seconded for approval. All were in favor.

- XV. Discussion and Possible action on the civil commitment program's "State of Texas Sexually Violent Predator Program Discharge Criteria."

Liles Arnold motioned and Maria Molett seconded for approval. All were in favor.

- XVI. Discussion and Possible action on the civil commitment program's "Client Handbook for the State of Texas Violent Predator Program."

Liles Arnold motioned and Maria Molett seconded for approval. All were in favor.

- XVII. Discussion and Possible action on the civil commitment program's "Lifestyle Enhancement and Development Workbook," by Matthew L. Ferrara, Ph.D.

Estella Guillen suggested that as a member of the IAC she would like the Council to note that other providers workbook should be considered for review. Dr. Meyer stated that at this time the Council would stay with Matthew Ferrara's workbook and in two years the Council would review the workbook.

Liles Arnold motioned and Maria Molett seconded for approval. All were in favor.

XVIII. Other Matters Not Requiring Board Action.

Dr. Kercher presented the IAC report:

- C DPS is not listed in the Report to the 77th Texas Legislature on page 6
- C It would be helpful to have draft documents colored coded on the same colored paper for all future drafts.
- C Lack of references on the discharge criteria.
- C Some IAC members, who participated in task forces, their suggestions were not implemented.
- C A technical writer was requested to review the CC training manual.
- C Grace Davis has received complaints from individuals who claim that the information that is provided by the Council staff is inaccurate, not timely, and/or not responded to.

Dr. Meyer requested that he be provided a list of specific complaints for his review. He also stated that if any Council or IAC member receives a complaint to contact Kelly Page so that she can provide assistance.

Grace Davis reported that she was asked by the Texas Association of Polygraph Examiners to provide the Council information about the computerized voice stress analyzer, which is currently illegal. It is being used by law enforcement as a truth device. A letter recently went out to police chiefs explaining the reason DPS and other agencies were opposed to the use of the CVSA device because it would impact the income of the polygraph examiner of the state of Texas. TAPE is requesting the Council to continue to support the state opposing the use of the voice stress analyzer in the investigative area.

Grace Davis is to write a resolution for the council to endorse. This will be placed on the December 1, 2000 agenda.

XIX. Public Comment.

No Public Comments

XX. Presentation of Future Agenda Items.

Discussion and Possible action regarding recent CSOT survey results.

Discussion and Possible action regarding a position paper on probation/parole community supervision and treatment

Discussion and Possible action on "How to achieve compliance to standards of care and how to document the quality of the treatment program."

Grace Davis is to write a resolution for the council to endorse for TAPE.

XXI. Discussion of Future Meeting Dates.

December 1, 2000, Exchange Building, Austin, Texas

February 11, 2001, Holiday Inn, Greenway Plaza, Houston, Texas

XXII. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m., Maria Molett motioned and Liles Arnold seconded. All were in favor.