

# NEW MEXICO SENTENCING COMMISSION

July 12, 2017 SOMB MINUTES

PERA Building  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, CYFD Conference Room  
1120 Paseo De Peralta  
Santa Fe, NM

SOMB Members Present	SOMB Members Absent	Others	Staff
Linda Freeman, Acting Chair	Donna Richmond	Glenn Metzger, Bernalillo County Sheriffs Office (BCSO)	Conner Tuttle
Kim Chavez-Cook, for the Chief Public Defender	Clara Moran, for the Attorney General	Kirk Brown (BCSO)	
Regina Chacon, for the Secretary of Public Safety	Marron Lee, NMSC Chair	Jo Ann Martinez, Adult Probation and Parole Division	
Dr. Troy Rogers-Designee Andrea Watts	Chaplain Jose Villegas	Rick Dean	
	Secretary Hanna Skandera, PED	Sarah Garcia	
	Rick Tedrow, District Attorneys Association		
	Dr. Troy Rogers		
	Helen Quintana, for the Secretary of CYFD		
	Kelly Zunie, Secretary of Indian Affairs		
	David Jablonski, Secretary of Corrections		

**Welcome.** Linda Freeman, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. She welcomed SOMB members, guests and staff and asked them to introduce themselves.

**Approval of minutes.** Since a quorum was lacking, the minutes for the July 2016, November 2016 and April 2017 SOMB meetings will be reviewed and approved at the next SOMB meeting.

**Staff report.** The Acting Chair explained the scope of the upcoming SOMB meetings and a previous meeting with the Sec. of Indian Affairs in a conversation about Sex Offender Assessment tools.

**General Discussion:**

The SOMB members had an open discussion of the risk and needs assessments throughout sex offender pre-adjudications, prison sentences, during offenders

supervision, and for offenders parole hearings.

The Committee agreed that there are issues in the continuity of care in the treatment of sex offenders and that there needs to be greater collaboration within the criminal justice system as to increase efficiency and reduce costs.

In the pre-adjudication phase, it was discussed that assessments are only provided to offenders if their cases are an assumed low risk category. Otherwise certain cases do not receive the static assessments before sentencing decisions are concluded.

Before entering confinement, prisoners are supposed to receive the COMPASS assessment. It was unclear at this time if the sex offender component of the assessment was administered for the individuals.

The Sex Offender Treatment providers made it clear that they are typically not given the results of prior assessments. However, it should be noted certain assessments have only been recently implemented and the system is working on uniformity.

The committee also raised the concern of treatment to rural offenders, as telemedicine has not been included in recent reforms making treatment or counseling less available for remote regions.

Probation and the Parole Board additionally noted that there are only 5 providers in the state for Sex Offenders once released and that this is a problematic issue in the treatment of sex offenders.

The committee agreed that funding is a problem for the use of more assessments, even though the use of assessments is desired and respected in working with the sex offender population. However, beyond just funding concerns, the cost of administering the assessments was raised. This concern will be approached and discussed at a future meeting.

**Public comment.** There was no public comment.

**Next meeting.** The next SOMB meeting will be held on November 8, 2017.

**Adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m