



SARATSO BULLET REPORT

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**NEXT SARATSO MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Teleconference #: (888) 363-4734
Participant Code: 209291**

✿ **POLYGRAPH FAQ'S:** NEW Polygraph FAQ's will be posted to the CASOMB website. The FAQ's include questions regarding the potential use of the sexual history pre-test questionnaire in subsequent criminal proceedings, best practice for repeat exams with one offender and how often polygraph examiners should be rotated, and whether or not failing a polygraph exam is a basis for denying a certificate of successful completion of treatment (A: No!).

✿ **EVIDENCE-BASED USE OF SEX OFFENDER RISK SCORES IN PAROLE AND PROBATION DECISION MAKING:** NEW working group considering solutions for individuals who are ineligible to be scored on the Static-99R because significant decisions (e.g. parole placement, GPS use) often rely on risk score/assessments. County data may provide the basis for SARATSO to conduct a study on ineligible (including category B) offenders.

✿ **AUDITS:** SARATSO plans to implement audits within the first six months of 2019. It was proposed that agencies be given a one-week notice prior to the audit to ensure leadership is available when the audit occurs.

✿ **CONTAINMENT MODEL FOR TREATMENT PROVIDERS:** There are plans for a NEW training about all aspects of the Containment Model to be offered at the California Coalition on Sexual Offending (CCOSO) conference in 2019 specifically designed to meet the needs of treatment providers. .

✿ Q & A

Q: How would we know the risk level of an offender on probation for failure to register, specifically whether the person is above average risk (which influences case management/GPS placement): do we have to do the Static-99R for someone whose current offense is a failure to register?

A: No. A new sexual offense would be a reason to re-score the Static-99R, but not a failure to register conviction after the sex offense conviction, which would not change the Static-99R score.

Several new score related questions have been answered and will be distributed to certified scorers and certified trainers by January 2019.

✿ **UPCOMING TRAININGS:** Registration details are posted at www.saratso.org, on the trainings tab.

LS/CMI (RECERTIFICATION): JANUARY 23, 2019 – ONLINE TRAINING
STABLE-2007/ ACUTE-2007 (RECERTIFICATION): JANUARY 30, 2019 – ONLINE TRAINING
STATIC-99R (BASIC): FEBRUARY 26-27, 2019 – SACRAMENTO, CA
JSORRAT-II T4T/ RECERTIFICATION: MARCH 12-13, 2019 – SACRAMENTO, CA