



# SARATSO BULLET REPORT

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**NEXT SARATSO MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019  
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

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

- ✿ **SARATSO MEETING CHANGES:** Effective April 2019, the SARATSO Meeting will be moved to CDCR Headquarters – Division of Adult Parole Operations (DAPO), 1515 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95811. The teleconference line will also transition to a new **number: (888) 398-2342; code: 776472.**
  
- ✿ **FEMALE RECIDIVISM STUDY:** Dr. Douglas Epperson presented the results of the Female Sex Offender Recidivism Study. The overall risk of sexual offense recidivism for females was 4.5%; parolee sexual recidivism was 2.5% compared to the higher probation offender recidivism rate of 6%. If you would like to read the study, please visit the SARATSO Research page under “Resources” at [www.saratso.org](http://www.saratso.org).
  
- ✿ **VERIFICATIONS - NON-SARATSO SPONSORED RECERTIFICATION TRAINING PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY:** SARATSO now requires trainers to verify a participant’s eligibility to attend a *recertification course* in advance of enrollment. It is mandatory that trainers request *certificates directly* from participants to verify that the individual successfully completed a Basic Training prior to attending the recertification. If the individual has not completed a Basic or are out of compliance with the two-year recertification timeframe, they are not eligible to attend a recertification. If your participant is unable to provide you with a certificate, please contact SARATSO staff at [SARATSO@cdcr.ca.gov](mailto:SARATSO@cdcr.ca.gov) to assist in verifying the participant’s certification status.
  
- ✿ **CORRECTING A STATIC-99R SCORE & PROCEDURE FOR TREATMENT PROVIDERS TO REQUEST SCORE CORRECTIONS:** SARATSO discussed creating a form for treatment providers to complete if they would like to request correction of a Static-99R score. The form and instructions will be developed and posted to the SARATSO website at [www.sarasto.org](http://www.sarasto.org) by March 2019.
  
- ✿ **CONTAINMENT MODEL DATA COLLECTION UPDATE:** To date, only 23 of the 58 counties and 15 of the 93 treatment programs submitted data to SARATSO. TR Merickel, Kern County Chief Probation Officer and Training Committee Chair, will notify the Chief Probation Officers of missing data from counties. Internal discussion for notifying treatment providers is in process. Please note there are two separate spreadsheets for submission, one for probation and the other for treatment providers.
  
- ✿ **DEDICATED EMAIL ADDRESS FOR EACH PROBATION DEPARTMENT:** SARATSO requests that all county probation departments set up a dedicated email address to receive all communications coming from SARATSO and CASOMB. Seven county probation departments submitted their dedicate email addresses to SARATSO: Placer, Stanislaus, Lassen, Santa Cruz, Kern, Los Angeles and Tuolumne, thank you! Please send your county’s dedicated email address to Sophia Vasti at [SARATSO@cdcr.ca.gov](mailto:SARATSO@cdcr.ca.gov).



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- ✿ **CHECKS ON CERTIFICATION STATUS BY DOJ & SARATSO:** SARATSO is assisting the Risk Assessment Unit at DOJ with verifying scorers' certification status. DOJ has been monitoring who is submitting score submission sheets and the timeliness of submissions.
- ✿ **MOS INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE IN CSAR:** Facts of Offense Sheet/ Modus Operandi (FOS/MOS) information is now available in the DOJ sex offender registry database, CSAR.
- ✿ **HISTORICAL STABLE-2007 DATA ENTRY IN CSAR - UPDATE:** The DOJ Risk Assessment Unit (RAU) is in the process of entering this data into CSAR. The RAU will address this at the next SARATSO meeting.
- ✿ **LS/CMI & STABLE-2007 SCORE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES/FORMS UPDATES:** The updated score submission information and spreadsheets for these instruments has been posted and simplified. LS/CMI scores automatically upload through MHS, and the STABLE-2007 scores are submitted to DOJ by the probation officer who receives the detailed information from the treatment provider.
- ✿ **EDUCATING THE COURTS – LETTER TO JUSTICE TRICIA BIGELOW:** Janet Neeley, SARATSO Co-Chair, wrote to Justice Tricia Bigelow requesting that she communicate to the criminal law trial judges that it is necessary to refer all sex offense cases to probation for scoring prior to sentencing. The criminal court judges need to be reminded of this crucial step, especially with regard to misdemeanor sex offenses.
- ✿ **ABILITY TO PAY FOR TREATMENT DETERMINATIONS:** Discussion was had regarding a uniform method of using court system guidelines and forms to determine ability to pay called UMCAP. This system can be used for sex offender caseloads. If your county is still searching for the best way to determine ability to pay, please consider using UMCAP.

## QUESTION(S) & ANSWER(S)

**Q:** Regarding the Stable Score Submission spreadsheets for clients on county probation, do you submit one client per spreadsheet or can you submit more than one, or is it one spreadsheet per county?

**A:** The county decides how they want the spreadsheet submitted to them. They can request a spreadsheet for probation officer, with only the submission information for their clients or the county can request that you submit all client submissions on one spreadsheet to a designated individual in the county. Treatment providers must submit scores to probation officers within 30 days of scoring the client.



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**UPCOMING TRAININGS:** Registration details are posted at [www.saratso.org](http://www.saratso.org), on the trainings tab.

**JSORRAT-II (BASIC):** APRIL 5, 2019 – LOS ANGELES, CA

**STABLE/ACUTE (BASIC) - CCOSO:** MAY 8-9, 2019 - SAN RAMON, CA

**STABLE/ACUTE (RE-CERTIFICATION) – CCOSO:** MAY 8, 2019 – SAN RAMON, CA

**LS/CMI (RE-CERTIFICATION) – CCOSO:** MAY 8, 2019- SAN RAMON, CA

**LS/CMI (BASIC) – CCOSO:** MAY 10, 2019 – SAN RAMON, CA

**STATIC-99R (TRAINING FOR TRAINERS):** AUGUST 27-28, 2019- SACRAMENTO, CA