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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

TIMOTHY O’KEEFE,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
JERRY BROWN, et al.,  
Defendants.

No. 2: 11-cv-2659 KJM KJN P

ORDER AND FINDINGS AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Introduction

Plaintiff is a state prisoner, proceeding without counsel, with a civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Pending before the court is defendants’ motion for summary judgment. (ECF No. 257.) For the reasons stated herein, the undersigned recommends that defendants’ motion be granted in part and denied in part.

II. Legal Standard for Summary Judgment

Summary judgment is appropriate when it is demonstrated that the standard set forth in Federal Rule of Civil procedure 56 is met. “The court shall grant summary judgment if the movant shows that there is no genuine dispute as to any material fact and the movant is entitled to judgment as a matter of law.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(a).

Under summary judgment practice, the moving party always bears the initial responsibility of informing the district court of the basis for its motion, and identifying those

1 portions of “the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, and admissions on file,  
2 together with the affidavits, if any,” which it believes demonstrate the absence of a genuine issue  
3 of material fact. Celotex Corp. v. Catrett, 477 U.S. 317, 323 (1986) (quoting then-numbered Fed.  
4 R. Civ. P. 56(c)).

5 “Where the nonmoving party bears the burden of proof at trial, the moving party need  
6 only prove that there is an absence of evidence to support the non-moving party’s case.” Nursing  
7 Home Pension Fund, Local 144 v. Oracle Corp. (In re Oracle Corp. Sec. Litig.), 627 F.3d 376,  
8 387 (9th Cir. 2010) (citing Celotex Corp., 477 U.S. at 325); see also Fed. R. Civ. P. 56 advisory  
9 committee’s notes to 2010 amendments (recognizing that “a party who does not have the trial  
10 burden of production may rely on a showing that a party who does have the trial burden cannot  
11 produce admissible evidence to carry its burden as to the fact”). Indeed, summary judgment  
12 should be entered, after adequate time for discovery and upon motion, against a party who fails to  
13 make a showing sufficient to establish the existence of an element essential to that party’s case,  
14 and on which that party will bear the burden of proof at trial. Celotex Corp., 477 U.S. at 322.  
15 “[A] complete failure of proof concerning an essential element of the nonmoving party’s case  
16 necessarily renders all other facts immaterial.” Id. at 323.

17 Consequently, if the moving party meets its initial responsibility, the burden then shifts to  
18 the opposing party to establish that a genuine issue as to any material fact actually exists. See  
19 Matsushita Elec. Indus. Co. v. Zenith Radio Corp., 475 U.S. 574, 586 (1986). In attempting to  
20 establish the existence of such a factual dispute, the opposing party may not rely upon the  
21 allegations or denials of its pleadings, but is required to tender evidence of specific facts in the  
22 form of affidavits, and/or admissible discovery material in support of its contention that such a  
23 dispute exists. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(c); Matsushita, 475 U.S. at 586 n.11. The opposing party  
24 must demonstrate that the fact in contention is material, i.e., a fact that might affect the outcome  
25 of the suit under the governing law, see Anderson v. Liberty Lobby, Inc., 477 U.S. 242, 248  
26 (1986); T.W. Elec. Serv., Inc. v. Pacific Elec. Contractors Ass’n, 809 F.2d 626, 630 (9th Cir.  
27 1987), and that the dispute is genuine, i.e., the evidence is such that a reasonable jury could return  
28 a verdict for the nonmoving party, see Wool v. Tandem Computers, Inc., 818 F.2d 1433, 1436

1 (9th Cir. 1987), overruled in part on other grounds, Hollinger v. Titan Capital Corp., 914 F.2d  
2 1564, 1575 (9th Cir. 1990).

3 In the endeavor to establish the existence of a factual dispute, the opposing party need not  
4 establish a material issue of fact conclusively in its favor. It is sufficient that “the claimed factual  
5 dispute be shown to require a jury or judge to resolve the parties’ differing versions of the truth at  
6 trial.” T.W. Elec. Serv., 809 F.2d at 630. Thus, the “purpose of summary judgment is to ‘pierce  
7 the pleadings and to assess the proof in order to see whether there is a genuine need for trial.’”  
8 Matsushita, 475 U.S. at 587 (quoting Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(e) advisory committee’s note on 1963  
9 amendments).

10 In resolving a summary judgment motion, the court examines the pleadings, depositions,  
11 answers to interrogatories, and admissions on file, together with the affidavits, if any. Fed. R.  
12 Civ. P. 56(c). The evidence of the opposing party is to be believed. See Anderson, 477 U.S. at  
13 255. All reasonable inferences that may be drawn from the facts placed before the court must be  
14 drawn in favor of the opposing party. See Matsushita, 475 U.S. at 587. Nevertheless, inferences  
15 are not drawn out of the air, and it is the opposing party’s obligation to produce a factual  
16 predicate from which the inference may be drawn. See Richards v. Nielsen Freight Lines, 602 F.  
17 Supp. 1224, 1244-45 (E.D. Cal. 1985), aff’d, 810 F.2d 898, 902 (9th Cir. 1987). Finally, to  
18 demonstrate a genuine issue, the opposing party “must do more than simply show that there is  
19 some metaphysical doubt as to the material facts. . . . Where the record taken as a whole could  
20 not lead a rational trier of fact to find for the nonmoving party, there is no ‘genuine issue for  
21 trial.’” Matsushita, 475 U.S. at 586 (citation omitted).

22 By contemporaneous notice provided on September 13, 2010 (ECF No. 28), plaintiff was  
23 advised of the requirements for opposing a motion brought pursuant to Rule 56 of the Federal  
24 Rules of Civil Procedure. See Rand v. Rowland, 154 F.3d 952, 957 (9th Cir. 1998) (*en banc*);  
25 Klinge v. Eikenberry, 849 F.2d 409 (9th Cir. 1988).

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1     III. Plaintiff's Claims

2             This action is proceeding on the fifth amended complaint filed November 14, 2014. (ECF  
3 No. 171.) Plaintiff alleges that defendants failed to provide him with adequate mental health care  
4 for paraphilia, exhibitionism and voyeurism, in violation of the Eighth Amendment.<sup>1</sup> (Id. at 4.)  
5 Plaintiff alleges that he has not been treated for these conditions at any California Department of  
6 Corrections and Rehabilitation (“CDCR”) institution in which he has ever been incarcerated. (Id.  
7 at 9-13.) In other words, the gravamen of this action is plaintiff’s claim that CDCR fails to  
8 provide treatment for these conditions. Plaintiff requests injunctive relief in the form of an order  
9 directing defendants to provide him with treatment for these conditions in a safe and therapeutic  
10 environment. (Id. at 12, 14.) Plaintiff also seeks money damages. (Id. at 15.)

11             The defendants in this action are Howlin, Belavich, Sirkin, Wynn, Silva and Spearman.  
12 At the time plaintiff filed the fifth amended complaint, defendant Belavich was the Deputy  
13 Director of the CDCR Statewide Mental Health Program. The other defendants are employed at  
14 the Correctional Training Facility (“CTF”), where plaintiff was incarcerated when he filed the  
15 fifth amended complaint. Plaintiff is still incarcerated at CTF.

16     IV. Legal Standard for Eighth Amendment Claims

17             To succeed on an Eighth Amendment claim predicated on the denial of medical care, or  
18 mental health care, a plaintiff must establish that he had a serious medical need and that the  
19 defendant's response to that need was deliberately indifferent. Jett v. Penner, 439 F.3d 1091,  
20 1096 (9th Cir. 2006); see also Estelle v. Gamble, 429 U.S. 97, 106 (1976). A serious medical  
21 need exists if the failure to treat the condition could result in further significant injury or the  
22 unnecessary and wanton infliction of pain. Jett, 439 F.3d at 1096. Deliberate indifference may be  
23 shown by the denial, delay or intentional interference with medical treatment or by the way in  
24 which medical care is provided. Hutchinson v. United States, 838 F.2d 390, 394 (9th Cir. 1988).  
25 To act with deliberate indifference, a prison official must both be aware of facts from which the

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27 <sup>1</sup> The fifth amended complaint also raised a claim alleging a due process violation based on  
28 defendants failure to transfer him to the R. J. Donovan Correctional Facility. This claim was  
dismissed. (ECF No. 191.)

1 inference could be drawn that a substantial risk of serious harm exists, and he must also draw the  
2 inference. Farmer v. Brennan, 511 U.S. 825, 837 (1994). Thus, a defendant is liable if he knows  
3 that plaintiff faces “a substantial risk of serious harm and disregards that risk by failing to take  
4 reasonable measures to abate it.” Id. at 847. “[I]t is enough that the official acted or failed to act  
5 despite his knowledge of a substantial risk of serious harm.” Id. at 842.

6 A physician need not fail to treat an inmate altogether in order to violate that inmate's  
7 Eighth Amendment rights. Ortiz v. City of Imperial, 884 F.2d 1312, 1314 (9th Cir. 1989). A  
8 failure to competently treat a serious medical condition, even if some treatment is prescribed, may  
9 constitute deliberate indifference in a particular case. Id.

10 It is well established that mere differences of opinion concerning the appropriate treatment  
11 cannot be the basis of an Eighth Amendment violation. Jackson v. McIntosh, 90 F.3d 330, 332  
12 (9th Cir. 1996); Franklin v. Oregon, 662 F.2d 1337, 1344 (9th Cir. 1981).

## 13 V. Discussion

### 14 A. Serious Medical Need

15 Plaintiff argues that he suffers from paraphilia, exhibitionism and voyeurism. Defendants  
16 first argue that paraphilia is not included within the diagnostic categories of serious mental  
17 illnesses that would allow transfer of an inmate to the Department of State Hospitals (“DSH”),  
18 and DSH would neither accept nor treat plaintiff for paraphilia. (See ECF No. 190-1 at 31.)

19 The undersigned understands paraphilia to be an “umbrella” term that includes people  
20 with abnormal sexual behaviors, such as exhibitionism and voyeurism. See Yancy v. Voss, 2011  
21 WL 1532323 at \*2 (C.D. Cal. 2011) (containing DSM definition of paraphilia). In other words,  
22 plaintiff’s alleged paraphilia includes exhibitionism and voyeurism, the two alleged conditions on  
23 which plaintiff’s Eighth Amendment claim is based. Plaintiff does not seriously dispute that  
24 paraphilia is not a separate condition requiring separate treatment. For these reasons, the  
25 undersigned does not separately consider plaintiff’s alleged paraphilia in the analysis of plaintiff’s  
26 Eighth Amendment claims.

27 Defendants next argue that plaintiff has latent exhibitionism and latent voyeurism, which  
28 do not qualify as serious medical needs. In support of this claim, defendants cite the declaration

1 of R. Schwartz, a psychologist at CTF. (ECF No. 257-10.) Dr. Schwartz served as plaintiff's  
2 clinician at CTF from June 2, 2015, until September 18, 2015. (Id. at 1.) In relevant part, Dr.  
3 Schwartz states,

4 3. I am aware of a limited number of CDCR programs designed to  
5 address and treat indecent exposure (IEX) behavior in inmates.  
6 IEX behavior in prison poses a significant risk to the inmate  
7 exhibiting that behavior, as it may lead to violent reprisals against  
8 the inmate by other inmates. Due to this risk, CDCR's IEX  
9 treatment programs are designed for inmates who exhibit IEX  
10 behavior while incarcerated.

11 4. To my knowledge, plaintiff has never exposed himself while  
12 incarcerated. While plaintiff's criminal history exhibits tendencies  
13 toward voyeurism and exhibitionism, specifically involving young  
14 women, plaintiff has not acted on these tendencies while  
15 incarcerated. It is my opinion that plaintiff's proclivities do not  
16 affect his day-to-day life in prison, as there is no ability for plaintiff  
17 to act on these specific proclivities in a prison setting.

18 5. To my knowledge, there is no specific treatment available within  
19 CDCR for latent paraphilia, including voyeurism and exhibitionism  
20 where the inmate-patient does not express symptoms. To provide  
21 such treatment, CDCR psychologists would require specific  
22 additional training on how to identify and treat these disorders.

23 6. I am aware that the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) has  
24 two units that deal with specialized sexual behavior treatment: the  
25 Mentally Disordered Offender (MDO) Unit and the Sexually  
26 Violent Predator (SVP) Unit. These specialized treatment programs  
27 are run by DSH as a condition of parole after an inmate's time has  
28 been served within CDCR. MDO and SVP eligibility is determined  
by separate evaluation by independent evaluators or by court order.

19 (Id. at 1-2.)

20 Citing Dr. Schwartz's declaration, defendants argue that because plaintiff's exhibitionism  
21 and voyeurism are in remission, he does not require treatment for these conditions. Defendants  
22 argue that if plaintiff exhibited tendencies toward indecent exposure, he could be placed in a  
23 specific treatment program. Accordingly, defendants argue, plaintiff cannot show the existence  
24 of a serious medical need that has not been addressed.

25 In his opposition, plaintiff admits that he has not "outwardly exhibited symptoms of  
26 exhibitionism and voyeurism while incarcerated." (ECF No. 269 at 5.) However, he argues that  
27 these conditions qualify as serious medical needs because they require treatment despite being in  
28 remission. In support of this argument, plaintiff has attached two psychological reports to his

1 opposition.

2 The first report, prepared by Dr. Mohandie, is dated April 25, 2001. (Id. at 36.) This  
3 report was apparently prepared for plaintiff's counsel during criminal proceedings. (Id.) This  
4 report describes plaintiff's history of voyeurism and exhibitionism. (Id. at 45-46.) All of the  
5 incidents of voyeurism and exhibitionism occurred while plaintiff was not incarcerated. (Id.)  
6 Dr. Mohandie diagnosed plaintiff with several mental disorders, including voyeurism and  
7 exhibitionism. (Id. at 55.) Dr. Mohandie recommended that plaintiff receive psychological  
8 treatment for voyeurism and exhibitionism. (Id. at 57.) This treatment included cognitive  
9 behavioral therapy, covert sensitization, aversive conditioning, positive conditioning, and relapse  
10 prevention activities. (Id.)

11 The second psychological report, prepared by Clinical Psychologist Stamatia Daraglou for  
12 CDCR, is dated July 24, 2013. (Id. at 60.) Dr. Daraglou's description of plaintiff's history of  
13 voyeurism and exhibitionism is consistent with the description in Dr. Mohandie's report, in that  
14 both descriptions describe these activities occurring while plaintiff was not incarcerated. (Id. at  
15 62.) Dr. Daraglou also states that plaintiff was "last sent to the department of state hospital" to  
16 increase social and coping skills, decrease suicide ideation and for diagnostic clarification. (Id. at  
17 63-64.) Dr. Daraglou states that plaintiff was discharged from the state hospital on November 10,  
18 2011, with several diagnoses, including voyeurism and exhibitionism in remission. (Id. at 64.)

19 Dr. Daraglou also states that during her examination of plaintiff, he denied exposing  
20 himself in prison, but stated that he was certain he would expose himself to someone in his victim  
21 pool. (Id. at 64-65.) Dr. Daraglou opines,

22 His sexual acting out of voyeurism and exhibitionism may be  
23 another example of his feelings of inadequacy and dates back to his  
24 early teenage years. His victim pool remains the same and his  
25 fantasies also remain the same. Even though he was court ordered  
26 to treatment at some point, he did not experience a change and it is  
27 uncertain why the treatment was not successful (whether it was  
28 ineffective treatment, or not long enough, or he was not an active  
participant in the treatment, etc.). Of note is that there is no  
evidence in his records that he received treatment recommended for  
sexual impulses and paraphilias such as relapse prevention or  
masturbation/orgasmic reconditioning. He reports guilt about his  
behavior and anxiety before and after offenses. He makes  
statements suggestive that such behavior is ego dystonic. However,

1 left to his own devices, he does not have the ability to develop ways  
2 of coping with his anxiety, depression, and sexual impulses and to  
create change.

3 (Id. at 66.)

4 Dr. Daraglou also states that, “[w]hile in the community, he released his anxiety by  
5 peeping and masturbating and it is likely that he does not have other avenues of coping while  
6 incarcerated.” (Id. at 67.) Dr. Daraglou recommends that, “[h]is sexual impulses should be  
7 addressed in his treatment plan and specific interventions should be used.” (Id.)

8 After reviewing Dr. Schwartz’s declaration and the reports by Dr. Mohandie and Dr.  
9 Daraglou, the undersigned finds that whether plaintiff’s latent exhibitionism and latent voyeurism  
10 constitute serious medical needs are disputed material facts. “Examples of serious medical needs  
11 include “[t]he existence of an injury that a reasonable doctor or patient would find important and  
12 worthy of comment or treatment, the presence of a medical condition that significantly affects an  
13 individual’s daily activities; or the existence of chronic and substantial pain.” Lopez v. Smith,  
14 203 F.3d 1122, 1131-32 (9th Cir. 2000), citing McGuckin v. Smith, 974 F.2d 1050, 1059-60 (9th  
15 Cir. 1992).

16 Dr. Schwartz, Dr. Mohandie and Dr. Daraglou do not dispute that plaintiff’s voyeurism  
17 and exhibitionism are latent, i.e., plaintiff does not engage in these activities while incarcerated.  
18 Defendants argue that these latent conditions do not constitute serious medical needs because,  
19 according to Dr. Schwartz, they do not affect plaintiff’s day-to-day life in prison. In contrast,  
20 both Dr. Mohandie and Dr. Daraglou found these latent conditions to be worthy of comment. In  
21 addition, both Dr. Mohandie and Dr. Daraglou found that plaintiff should receive treatment for  
22 these specific conditions. In other words, Dr. Mohandie and Dr. Daraglou did not find that these  
23 conditions did not require treatment because they were in remission. The findings by Dr.  
24 Mohandie and Dr. Daraglou suggest that these latent conditions may constitute serious medical  
25 health needs. Based on this conflicting evidence, the undersigned finds that whether plaintiff’s  
26 latent voyeurism and latent exhibitionism constitute serious medical needs are materially disputed  
27 facts.

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1           B. Deliberate Indifference

2           Turning to the subjective prong of an Eighth Amendment claim for inadequate mental  
3 health treatment, defendants argue that they did not act with deliberate indifference because they  
4 did not deny plaintiff mental health treatment. Defendants argue that while he was housed at  
5 CTF, plaintiff was seen by mental health professionals approximately twice weekly. (See ECF  
6 No. 257-4 at 9.) Defendants argue that plaintiff's argument that he should have received  
7 treatment for latent exhibitionism and latent voyeurism, in addition to the other mental health  
8 issues that were treated, is nothing more than a difference of opinion regarding treatment.

9           Defendants' treatment of plaintiff's other mental health conditions does not mean that  
10 they did not act with deliberate indifference by failing to treat plaintiff's latent voyeurism and  
11 latent exhibitionism, assuming these conditions constituted serious medical needs. Defendants  
12 offer no evidence that their treatment of plaintiff's other mental health issues adequately  
13 addressed his latent voyeurism and latent exhibitionism.

14           Plaintiff alleges that he had a serious medical/mental health need, which defendants *failed*  
15 to treat. Based on the facts alleged, plaintiff is alleging more than a difference of opinion  
16 regarding treatment. Because of the disputed material facts regarding these claims, defendants'  
17 motion for summary judgment on the grounds that they did not act with deliberate indifference  
18 should be denied.

19           C. Personal Liability

20           Defendants argue that they are not personally liable for any of plaintiff's alleged injuries.

21           1. Claims for Damages

22           *Legal Standard*

23           The Civil Rights Act under which this action was filed provides as follows:

24                   Every person who, under color of [state law] . . . subjects, or causes  
25                   to be subjected, any citizen of the United States . . . to the  
26                   deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the  
27                   Constitution . . . shall be liable to the party injured in an action at  
28                   law, suit in equity, or other proper proceeding for redress.

27           42 U.S.C. § 1983. The statute requires that there be an actual connection or link between the  
28           actions of the defendants and the deprivation alleged to have been suffered by plaintiff. See

1 Monell v. Department of Social Servs., 436 U.S. 658 (1978) (“Congress did not intend § 1983  
2 liability to attach where . . . causation [is] absent.”); Rizzo v. Goode, 423 U.S. 362 (1976) (no  
3 affirmative link between the incidents of police misconduct and the adoption of any plan or policy  
4 demonstrating their authorization or approval of such misconduct). “A person ‘subjects’ another  
5 to the deprivation of a constitutional right, within the meaning of § 1983, if he does an  
6 affirmative act, participates in another’s affirmative acts or omits to perform an act which he is  
7 legally required to do that causes the deprivation of which complaint is made.” Johnson v. Duffy,  
8 588 F.2d 740, 743 (9th Cir. 1978).

9 Moreover, supervisory personnel are generally not liable under § 1983 for the actions of  
10 their employees under a theory of respondeat superior and, therefore, when a named defendant  
11 holds a supervisory position, the causal link between him and the claimed constitutional  
12 violation must be specifically alleged. See Fayle v. Stapley, 607 F.2d 858, 862 (9th Cir. 1979)  
13 (no liability where there is no allegation of personal participation); Mosher v. Saalfeld, 589 F.2d  
14 438, 441 (9th Cir. 1978) (no liability where there is no evidence of personal participation), cert.  
15 denied, 442 U.S. 941 (1979). Vague and conclusory allegations concerning the involvement of  
16 official personnel in civil rights violations are not sufficient. See Ivey v. Board of Regents, 673  
17 F.2d 266, 268 (9th Cir. 1982) (complaint devoid of specific factual allegations of personal  
18 participation is insufficient).

19 *Defendant Belavich--Damages*

20 Defendants argue that other than being listed as a defendant, plaintiff’s complaint does  
21 not mention defendant Belavich. Defendants also state that defendant Belavich, who was the  
22 Deputy Director of the CDCR Statewide Mental Health Program when plaintiff filed this action,  
23 is no longer employed with CDCR. (ECF No. 257-5.) Defendant Belavich served as the Deputy  
24 Director from March 2012 to January 8, 2016. (Id.) In his declaration, defendant Belavich states  
25 that he has never met with plaintiff or treated plaintiff for any medical conditions. (Id.)

26 In his unverified opposition, plaintiff argues that defendant Belavich, as the Deputy  
27 Director of the CDCR Statewide Mental Health Program, was responsible for what mental health  
28 programs were offered at CDCR. (ECF No. 269 at 3.) In the reply to the opposition, defendants

1 argue that these allegations are not in plaintiff's complaint, and it is improper for him to assert  
2 them in his opposition.

3 The undersigned has reviewed plaintiff's complaint and agrees with defendants that it  
4 does not mention defendant Belavich other than listing him as a defendant. In addition, plaintiff's  
5 opposition contains no evidence supporting his claim that defendant Belavich was responsible for  
6 the policy or practice pursuant to which latent voyeurism and latent exhibitionism are not treated.

7 Plaintiff may not amend his complaint to state his allegations against defendant Belavich  
8 by way of his opposition to defendants' summary judgment motion. See Wasco Products, Inc. v.  
9 Southwall Techs. Inc., 435 F.3d 989, 992 (9th Cir. 2006) ("The necessary factual averments are  
10 required with respect to each material element of the underlying theory ...[S]ummary judgment is  
11 not a procedural second chance to flesh out inadequate pleadings."); Gutowitz v. Transamerica  
12 Life Ins. Co., 2015 WL 5047702 at \*17 n. 78 (C.D. Cal. 2015) (holding plaintiffs could not create  
13 triable issue of fact on summary judgment by raising an unpled theory in support of their claims  
14 for the first time in their opposition to a motion for summary judgment). Accordingly, the  
15 undersigned recommends that defendant Belavich be granted summary judgment as to plaintiff's  
16 claim for damages because the complaint contains no allegations against defendant Belavich.

17 In recommending summary judgment for defendant Belavich, the undersigned  
18 acknowledges that in certain cases, it is appropriate to infer authority based on a person's  
19 employment title. See Robles v. Agreserves, Inc., 2016 WL 323775 at \* 38 n.5 (E.D. Cal. Jan.  
20 27, 2016) ("Given Cervantes' actions, title, and the common understanding of what a foreman  
21 does, there is sufficient evidence to infer that Cervantes had authority to direct Robles's  
22 actions."), citing Narayan v. EGL, Incl, 616 F.3d 895, 899 (9th Cir. 2010) (all justifiable  
23 inferences are made in the non-movant's favor). However, the undersigned finds that, given the  
24 lack of allegations against defendant Belavich in the fifth amended complaint, it is not reasonable  
25 to infer that defendant Belavich had authority over the at-issue policy simply based on his title.

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1            *Defendant Howlin--Damages*

2            Defendants argue that defendant Howlin, the Chief Psychologist at CTF, has never treated  
3 plaintiff for any medical condition. (ECF No. 257-6.) In his declaration, defendant Howlin states  
4 that, to the best of his recollection, the only interaction he had with plaintiff occurred on January  
5 30, 2015. (Id.) On that day, he interviewed plaintiff for a second level response to a medical  
6 inmate appeal plaintiff filed regarding his treatment for exhibitionism and voyeurism. (Id.)

7            In his opposition, plaintiff admits that defendant Howlin did not ever treat him. (ECF No.  
8 269 at 3.) Plaintiff argues that defendant Howlin is liable for plaintiff's failure to receive  
9 treatment for exhibitionism and voyeurism based on Howlin's response to the grievance  
10 discussed by defendant Howlin in his declaration. Plaintiff also cites an interdisciplinary progress  
11 note signed by defendant Howlin on January 30, 2015, attached to plaintiff's opposition. In this  
12 note, defendant Howlin wrote that plaintiff wanted a more specific program addressing  
13 exhibitionism and voyeurism. (Id. at 20.)

14            The undersigned observes that defendant Howlin's response to plaintiff's grievance and  
15 his interdisciplinary notes were made after plaintiff filed the fifth amended complaint on  
16 November 14, 2014. Therefore, these allegations should have been raised in a supplemental  
17 pleading. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(d) (on motion and reasonable notice, the court may permit a  
18 party to serve a supplemental pleading setting out any transaction, occurrence, or event that  
19 happened after the date of the pleading to be supplemented). Plaintiff may not supplement his  
20 complaint by way of his opposition to defendants' summary judgment motion. Accordingly,  
21 these allegations, occurring after the filing of the fifth amended complaint, will not be considered.

22            However, in the verified fifth amended complaint, plaintiff alleges that he submitted  
23 CDCR 22 forms to defendant Howlin asking for treatment for exhibitionism and voyeurism.  
24 (ECF No. 171 at 11.) See McElyea v. Babbitt, 833 F.2d 196, 197-98 (9th Cir. 1987) (verified  
25 complaint may be considered in opposition to summary judgment). Defendants' summary  
26 judgment motion does not address this claim.

27            Because defendants have not addressed plaintiff's claim that he asked defendant Howlin  
28 for treatment in CDCR 22 forms, the undersigned finds that defendants have not demonstrated

1 that defendant Howlin did not fail to address plaintiff's requests for treatment. Accordingly,  
2 defendant Howlin's motion for summary judgment on the grounds that he did not address  
3 plaintiff's requests for treatment for latent voyeurism and latent exhibitionism should be denied.

4 *Defendant Sirkin--Damages*

5 Defendants argue that defendant Sirkin, a senior psychiatrist at CTF, provided plaintiff  
6 with medical treatment only once on December 11, 2014. (ECF No. 257-4.) At that time,  
7 defendant Sirkin saw plaintiff because plaintiff wished to have all of his psychiatric medication  
8 discontinued. (Id.)

9 In his opposition, plaintiff argues that defendant Sirkin sat on plaintiff's Interdisciplinary  
10 Treatment Team ("ITT") on two occasions. In support of this claim, plaintiff has provided a  
11 mental health placement chrono dated May 21, 2015, containing defendant Sirkin's signature.  
12 (ECF No. 269 at 22.) Plaintiff has provided a second mental health placement chrono, dated  
13 August 13, 2015, containing defendant Sirkin's signature. (Id. at 23.)

14 Neither of the chronos described above mentions plaintiff's request for treatment for latent  
15 exhibitionism or latent voyeurism. However, in his verified declaration submitted in support of  
16 his opposition, plaintiff states that defendant Sirkin "knows what my issues are with regards to  
17 my exhibitionism and voyeurism because this was discussed at IDTT." (Id. at 79.)

18 In the reply, defendants observe that the ITT meetings plaintiff describes in his opposition  
19 occurred after he filed his fifth amended complaint on November 14, 2014. Because these events  
20 occurred after plaintiff filed his fifth amended complaint, they should have been raised in a  
21 supplemental pleading. Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(d). Plaintiff may not supplement his complaint by  
22 way of his opposition to defendants' summary judgment motion. Accordingly, these allegations  
23 occurring after the filing of the fifth amended complaint will not be considered.

24 However, in the verified fifth amended complaint, plaintiff alleges that he submitted  
25 CDCR 22 forms to defendant Sirkin asking for treatment for voyeurism and exhibitionism. (ECF  
26 No. 171 at 11.) See McElyea v. Babbitt, 833 F.2d 196, 197-98 (9th Cir. 1987) (verified  
27 complaint may be considered in opposition to summary judgment). Defendants have not  
28 addressed this claim.

1           Because defendants have not addressed plaintiff’s claim that in CDCR 22 forms he asked  
2 defendant Sirkin for treatment, the undersigned finds that defendants have not demonstrated that  
3 defendant Sirkiin did not fail to address plaintiff’s requests for treatment. Accordingly, defendant  
4 Sirkin’s motion for summary judgment on the grounds that he did not address plaintiff’s request  
5 for treatment should be denied.

6           *Defendant Wynn—Damages*

7           Defendants argue that defendant Wynn, a senior psychologist supervisor at CTF, met with  
8 plaintiff on 6 occasions. (ECF No. 257-8.) On December 16, 2014, defendant Wynn met with  
9 plaintiff for a first level appeal interview. (*Id.*) On December 24, 2014, defendant Wynn met  
10 with plaintiff to provide further feedback from the appeal interview. (*Id.*) Defendant Wynn met  
11 with plaintiff on four other occasions in 2015 in response to grievances filed by plaintiff  
12 regarding his mental health care. (*Id.*) In his opposition plaintiff does not appear to dispute that  
13 he is basing defendant Wynn’s liability on the meetings occurring on the dates described in  
14 defendant Wynn’s declaration. (ECF No. 269 at 4.)

15           Based on the exhibits attached to plaintiff’s opposition, it appears that the grievances in  
16 response to which defendant Wynn met with plaintiff in December 2014 included plaintiff’s  
17 request for treatment for latent voyeurism and latent exhibitionism. (ECF No. 269 at 88-90.)  
18 However, because these events occurred after plaintiff filed his fifth amended complaint, they  
19 should have been raised in a supplemental pleading. Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(d). Plaintiff may not  
20 supplement his complaint by way of his opposition to defendants’ summary judgment motion.  
21 Accordingly, these allegations occurring after the filing of the fifth amended complaint will not  
22 be considered.

23           The only allegation in the fifth amended complaint against defendant Wynn is that he is  
24 “aware of plaintiff’s needs and desires for the treatment he is seeking.” (ECF No. 171 at 12.) In  
25 the fifth amended complaint, plaintiff does not specifically allege how defendant Wynn had  
26 knowledge of his request for treatment. For this reason, and because plaintiff appears to base  
27 defendant Wynn’s liability on events occurring after he filed the fifth amended complaint,  
28 defendant Wynn should be granted summary judgment on the grounds that plaintiff has not

1 demonstrated Wynn's involvement in the alleged deprivations.

2 *Defendants Spearman and Silva--Damages*

3 Defendants argue that defendants CTF Warden Spearman and Associate Warden Silva are  
4 custody staff who had no input regarding plaintiff's mental health treatment. In his declaration  
5 filed in support of the summary judgment motion, defendant Spearman states that custody staff,  
6 such as the Warden, Associate Wardens and Chief Deputy Wardens, have no authority to change  
7 mental health treatment for inmates. (ECF No. 257-9.) Decisions regarding inmate mental health  
8 care are made by the appropriate mental health staff. (Id.)

9 Because defendants Spearman and Silva, as custody staff, have no authority to change  
10 mental health treatment, they were not involved in the decisions to deny plaintiff's request for  
11 treatment for latent voyeurism and latent exhibitionism. Accordingly, defendants Spearman and  
12 Silva should be granted summary judgment on this ground.

13 2. Injunctive Relief

14 *Scope of Request*

15 At the outset, the undersigned clarifies the scope of plaintiff's request for injunctive relief.  
16 Plaintiff is a member of the class action in Coleman v. Brown, 2: 09-cv-520 LKK DAD P.  
17 Exhibitionism is covered by Coleman. (ECF No. 69 at 11.) Plaintiff's individual claim for  
18 injunctive relief is not barred by Coleman. (ECF No. 115 at 5.) However, a claim by plaintiff for  
19 systemic injunctive relief related to how CDCR treats inmates diagnosed with exhibitionism is  
20 not permitted, as it is duplicative of Coleman. (Id.)

21 Voyeurism is not covered by Coleman. (Id.) Plaintiff is not permitted to bring a claim for  
22 systemic wide change to include voyeurism within the CDCR treatment protocol provided for by  
23 Coleman. (Id.) Plaintiff is permitted to proceed with his individual claim seeking treatment for  
24 this condition. (Id.)

25 Thus, an order for injunctive relief in this action would be framed to apply to plaintiff  
26 only.

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1            *Analysis*

2            All that is required in an action for injunctive relief, such as the instant action, is to name  
3 an official who could appropriately respond to a court order on injunctive relief should one ever  
4 be issued. Harrington v. Grayson, 764 F.Supp. 464, 475-77 (E.D. Mich. 1991); Malik v. Tanner,  
5 697 F.Supp. 1294, 1304 (S.D.N.Y. 1988) (“Furthermore, a claim for injunctive relief, as opposed  
6 to monetary relief, may be made on a theory of respondeat superior in a § 1983 action.”); Fox  
7 Valley Reproductive Health Care v. Arft, 454 F.Supp. 784, 786 (E.D.Wis. 1978). See also  
8 Hoptowit v. Spellman, 753 F.2d 779 (9th Cir. 1985) (permitting an injunctive relief suit to  
9 continue against an official’s successors despite objection that the successors had not personally  
10 engaged in the same practice that had led to the suit.)

11            However, because a suit against an official in his or her official capacity is a suit against  
12 the state, a practice, policy or procedure of the state must be at issue in a claim for official  
13 capacity injunctive relief. Haber v. Melo, 502 U.S. 21, 25 (1991). In this case, plaintiff alleges  
14 that CDCR has a practice or policy of not providing treatment for latent voyeurism and latent  
15 exhibitionism. In his declaration, Dr. Schwartz states that to his knowledge, there is no specific  
16 treatment in CDCR for these conditions. (ECF No. 257-10 at 2.) Thus, the parties do not appear  
17 to dispute plaintiff’s claim that he is challenging a CDCR policy or practice. Under these  
18 circumstances, plaintiff need only name as a defendant an official who could appropriately  
19 respond to a court order on injunctive relief.

20            It is clear that defendants Spearman and Silva, as custody staff, could not respond to a  
21 court order directing that plaintiff be provided treatment for latent exhibitionism and voyeurism.  
22 Accordingly, defendants Spearman and Silva should be granted summary judgment as to  
23 plaintiff’s request for injunctive relief.

24            As mental health staff at CTF, defendants Sirkin and Howlin are capable of responding to  
25 a court order to provide plaintiff with treatment for latent exhibitionism and voyeurism.  
26 Accordingly, defendants’ motion for summary judgment as to defendants Sirkin and Howlin  
27 regarding plaintiff’s claim for injunctive relief should be denied.

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1 The Deputy Director of the CDCR Statewide Mental Health Program is also capable of  
2 responding to a court order for injunctive relief. Because defendant Belavich is no longer  
3 employed in this position, his successor is automatically substituted as a defendant in his place.  
4 See Fed. R. Civ. P. 50(d). Accordingly, defendants’ motion for summary judgment as to  
5 defendant Deputy Director of the CDCR Statewide Mental Health Program regarding plaintiff’s  
6 claim for injunctive relief should be denied.

7 D. Qualified Immunity

8 Defendants also move for summary judgment on the grounds that they are entitled to  
9 qualified immunity. “Qualified immunity is an affirmative defense to damage liability; it does  
10 not bar actions for declaratory or injunctive relief.” Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) v. United  
11 States, 870 F.2d 518, 527 (9th Cir. 1989); see also Vance v. Barrett, 345 F.3d 1083, 1091 n. 10  
12 (9th Cir. 2003) (“a defense of qualified immunity is not available for prospective injunctive  
13 relief”). Accordingly, defendants are not entitled to qualified immunity with respect to plaintiff’s  
14 request for injunctive relief.

15 Because the undersigned has above found that defendants Belavich, Wynn, Spearman and  
16 Silva should be granted summary judgment as to plaintiff’s claim for damages, there is no need to  
17 address the issue of qualified immunity with respect to those defendants.

18 *Legal Standard*

19 “The doctrine of qualified immunity protects government officials ‘from liability for civil  
20 damages insofar as their conduct does not violate clearly established statutory or constitutional  
21 rights of which a reasonable person would have known.’” Pearson v. Callahan, 555 U.S. 223,  
22 231 (2009) (quoting Harlow v. Fitzgerald, 457 U.S. 800, 818 (1982)). Resolving the defense of  
23 qualified immunity involves a two-step process; the court must determine (1) whether the plaintiff  
24 has alleged or shown a violation of a constitutional right, and (2) whether the right at issue was  
25 clearly established at the time of defendant’s alleged misconduct. Pearson, 555 U.S. at 232  
26 (citing Saucier v. Katz, 533 U.S. 194, 201-02 (2001)). These steps may be analyzed in any order.  
27 Id. at 236.

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1 “Qualified immunity is applicable unless the official’s conduct violated a clearly  
2 established constitutional right.” Pearson, 555 U.S. at 232. To be clearly established “[t]he  
3 contours of the right must be sufficiently clear that a reasonable official would understand that  
4 what he is doing violates that right.” Anderson v. Creighton, 483 U.S. 635, 640 (1987).  
5 “[E]xisting precedent must have placed the statutory or constitutional question beyond debate.”  
6 Ashcroft v. al-Kidd, 131 S. Ct. 2074, 2083 (2011); see also Clement v. Gomez, 298 F.3d 898, 906  
7 (9th Cir. 2002) (“The proper inquiry focuses on...whether the state of the law [at the relevant  
8 time] gave ‘fair warning’ to the officials that their conduct was unconstitutional.”) (quoting  
9 Saucier, 533 U.S. at 202).

10 “[U]nder either prong, courts may not resolve genuine disputes of fact in favor of the  
11 party seeking summary judgment,” and must, as in other cases, view the evidence in the light  
12 most favorable to the nonmovant. See Tolan v. Cotton, 134 S. Ct. 1861, 1866 (2014).

### 13 *Analysis*

14 Considering the first prong of the qualified immunity test, for the reasons discussed above,  
15 the undersigned finds that defendants Sirkin and Howlin potentially violated plaintiff’s Eighth  
16 Amendment right to adequate mental health treatment by failing to provide him with treatment  
17 for latent voyeurism and latent exhibitionism.

18 The undersigned next considers whether a reasonable mental health official would have  
19 known that failing to provide plaintiff with treatment for latent voyeurism and latent  
20 exhibitionism violated plaintiff’s Eighth Amendment rights. Defendants argue that plaintiff  
21 received mental health treatment on a regular basis while housed at CTF and never exhibited  
22 symptoms of exhibitionism and voyeurism while incarcerated. Defendants argue that a  
23 reasonable medical professional in the positions of defendants would not have known that  
24 providing plaintiff with medical treatment beyond what was asked for and outside of the  
25 protocols of CDCR was constitutionally required.

26 The undersigned agrees with defendants that defendants Sirkin and Howlin would not  
27 have known that failing to provide plaintiff with treatment for latent exhibitionism and latent  
28 voyeurism violated plaintiff’s Eighth Amendment rights because treatment for these conditions


1 would have gone beyond what was asked for and outside of CDCR protocols. A reasonable  
2 prison mental health official, in defendants' position, would have reasonably relied on CDCR  
3 policy and practice, and would not have known that failing to provide plaintiff with treatment for  
4 latent voyeurism and latent exhibitionism violated the Eighth Amendment.<sup>2</sup> Accordingly,  
5 defendants Sirkin and Howlin should be granted summary judgment based on qualified immunity.

6 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Deputy Director of the CDCR  
7 Statewide Mental Health Program who replaced defendant Belavich is substituted in his place as  
8 a defendant pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25; and

9 IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED that defendants' summary judgment motion (ECF  
10 No. 257) be granted but for plaintiff's claim for injunctive relief against defendants Sirkin,  
11 Howlin and the Deputy Director of the CDCR Statewide Mental Health Program.

12 These findings and recommendations are submitted to the United States District Judge  
13 assigned to the case, pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). Within fourteen days  
14 after being served with these findings and recommendations, any party may file written  
15 objections with the court and serve a copy on all parties. Such a document should be captioned  
16 "Objections to Magistrate Judge's Findings and Recommendations." Any response to the  
17 objections shall be filed and served within fourteen days after service of the objections. The  
18 parties are advised that failure to file objections within the specified time may waive the right to  
19 appeal the District Court's order. Martinez v. Ylst, 951 F.2d 1153 (9th Cir. 1991).

20 Dated: July 25, 2016

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27 <sup>2</sup> Defendants do not specifically argue that they are entitled to qualified immunity because  
28 Coleman did not require them to provide treatment for latent exhibitionism or latent voyeurism.  
Accordingly, the undersigned does not consider this issue.