



Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)

Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 2, 2020

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Zoom Video Meeting

Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee Members in Attendance:

Brown, Bill, Sheriff-Coroner

Dudley, Joyce, District Attorney (DA)

Gleghorn, Alice, PhD., Director, Behavioral Wellness

Hansen, Phil, Santa Maria Police Chief

Heitman, Tanja, Chief Probation Officer

Macuga, Tracy, Public Defender (PD)

Parker, Darrel, Court Executive Officer

Community Corrections Partnership General Members in Attendance:

Barnard, Sylvia, Executive Director, Good Samaritan Shelter

Dodson, Gabriela, Family Service Agency

Hart, Gregg, 2nd District Supervisor

McDonald, Ray, Executive Director, Workforce Development Board (WDB)

Nielson, Daniel, Director, Department of Social Services (DSS)

Members Absent:

Salcido, Susan, Ed.D., Superintendent of County Schools

Staff and Other Attendees:

Baldueza, Julius, Probation Department

Benton, Holly, Probation Department

Bertrand, Ethan, 2nd District Office

Budwani, Deepak, PD Office

Burns, Shana, Behavioral Wellness

Cross, Spencer, Probation Department

Earls, Maureen, Clergy and Litany United for Economic Justice (CLUE)

Elliott, Darcel, 1st District Office

Eskin, George, retired Judicial Officer

Estrada, Esmeralda

Fletcher, Damon, Probation Department

Gibbs, Lynne, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Grossi, Dana, Probation Department

Melekian, Bernard, County Executive Officer

Meza, Ben, Probation Department

Milligan, Karyn, Probation Department

Nicola, Mag, DA's Office

Novatt, Maria, County Counsel

Severance, Larry

Shean, Kim, Probation Department

Sibley, Christina, Probation Department

Wasilewski, Vince, SBSO

Wilson, Mike, Economist and Research Consultant

1. Roll Call of CCP Members

Present

Sylvia Barnard
Bill Brown
Gabriela Dodson
Joyce Dudley
Alice Gleghorn
Phil Hansen
Gregg Hart
Tanja Heitman
Tracy Macuga
Ray McDonald
Daniel Nielson
Darrel Parker (arrived 12:29 pm)

Absent

Susan Salcido

Roll Call of Executive Committee CCP Members

Present

Bill Brown
Joyce Dudley
Alice Gleghorn
Phil Hansen
Tanja Heitman
Tracy Macuga
Darrel Parker (arrived 12:29 pm)

Absent

None

2. Acting as the ECCCP, approval of minutes from the August 14, 2020 and August 17, 2020 joint meeting of the ECCCP – All

- A motion was made by DA Dudley, seconded by Sheriff Brown to approve the minutes of August 14, 2020 and August 17, 2020.
 - A roll call vote was taken of the CCP members present:
Ayes: 7
(Bill Brown, Joyce Dudley, Alice Gleghorn, Phil Hansen, Tanja Heitman, Tracy Macuga)
Nays: 0
Abstention: 0

3. Acting as the CCP, approval of minutes from the August 14, 2020 and August 17, 2020 joint meeting of the CCP and ECCCP – All

- A motion was made by Chief Hanson, seconded by DA Dudley to approve the minutes of August 14, 2020 and August 17, 2020.
 - A roll call vote was taken of the CCP members present:
Ayes: 11
(Bill Brown, Joyce Dudley, Alice Gleghorn, Phil Hansen, Tanja Heitman, Tracy Macuga, Sylvia Barnard, Gabriela Dodson, Supervisor Hart, Ray McDonald, Daniel Nielson)
Nays: 0
Abstention: 0

4. Public Comment

- None

5. Comments from CCP members not on Agenda

- None

6. Chief Probation Officer Comments – Chief Heitman

- Assembly Bill (AB) 1950 proposes to shorten the length of probation terms for most felons and misdemeanants. If passed, many felony probation terms would be two years and misdemeanor probation terms would be one year. There are some exceptions such as violence, sex, and gun offenses. An area of caution is without the stabilization of Senate Bill (SB) 678 funding there will be a funding shortfall.
- AB 1869 eliminates a number of fines and fees associated with the criminal justice system. This will result in a loss of revenue and the funding put aside for backfill is not sufficient. Last year Probation received \$2.2 million in fees.
- AB 3364 resets the timeline for implementation of Prop 25 (SB 10) if approved by the voters. The implementation date will be October 1, 2021.
- AB 3234 authorizes a misdemeanor diversion program over the DA's objection.
- There are currently over 100 individuals housed in county jail waiting to be transported to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). As of October 1st, CDCR began processing positive program credits resulting in up to 12 weeks early release time. Some individuals housed locally will qualify, and be released and required to report to parole or probation. Chief Heitman is concerned with how these individuals are going to make it from county jail to another county to meet with parole, and then back to Santa Barbara County Probation. Work is being done to develop a plan to assist these individuals with what is being required of them. Sheriff Brown advised there are 649 inmates in the main jail with 111 (17.1%) are awaiting placement in CDCR, in addition there are 30 inmates awaiting an available bed at the Department of State Hospital, and there are three waiting for placement at the PHF. PD Macuga stated meetings were held with the SBSO and County Counsel regarding individuals pending CDCR and they are working on a plan to alleviate some of the pressure.
- The Probation Department has joined the Pink Patch Project and Department patches are being sold for \$10 with proceeds going to a local organization. The flyer was uploaded into the chat for those interested in purchasing a patch.
- PD Macuga stated given the financial challenges for Probation will there be any cost savings resulting from shorter probation terms. Chief Heitman stated one of the objectives of shortened Probation terms is to front load services, we will see the caseloads decrease but the loss of funding will result in a lack of resources for the services at the Probation Report and Resource Centers (PRRCs) as well as caseloads sizes will increase which is not ideal for more intensive services. The legislation does not speak to a process to apply the new terms retroactivity, but typically when it can benefit others, it can be applied retroactively.

7. Selection Process for the 2-year Term Members of CCP – Chief Heitman

- A memo was provided and reviewed with the group.
- The applications will be reviewed by the CCP Workgroup then agendaized for selection by the CCP members on December 4th.
- A press release will be sent out to advise the community and everyone was encouraged to share to ensure a wide range of applicants.

- Current members in these positions are Sylvia Barnard and Gabriel Dodson and their service to the CCP has been appreciated. There is not a limit to terms for these positions so they can apply if they wish to continue to serve on the CCP.

8. Realignment Recidivism Study Comparative Review - Research and Special Projects Manager Karyn Milligan

- A memo was provided to the group with an update to the August 14th CCP presentation on comparative recidivism.

9. Community Corrections Partnership Workgroup Update – Deputy Chief Probation Officer Kimberly Shean

- The CCP Workgroup FY 2021-22 membership, work plan and associated timelines was provided and reviewed with the group.
- Chief Heitman advised historically we have had a County Law Enforcement Chief (CLEC) representative on the workgroup, but we do not have one currently and one can be added, if there is interest.

10. Neighborhood Courts– Ethan Bertrand & John Savrnoch

- The Neighborhood Court model is a restorative justice pre-filing diversion program with a panel of community volunteers to go through a restorative justice process. Volunteers and program participants meet to review the circumstances of the alleged crime and impacts to the individual and the community, and to recognize the potential to give back to the community. After successful completion of certain steps, the DA's Office would divert the charge from proceeding through the criminal justice process. This program is focused on Goleta Valley.
- The program will exclude misdemeanor offenses such as domestic violence, Driving Under the Influence (DUI), driving offenses, firearm offenses, and anything requiring sex offender registration. Success of the participants will be tracked and there is the potential to open the program up to include low level felonies.
- The program director position will be open with recruitment starting in the near future.
- Community outreach is being done for restorative justice and the Neighborhood Courts program.
- Two presentations have been provided to community groups regarding the Neighborhood Court Program.
- Work is being done with the City of Goleta relative to program space and community volunteers.
- Supervisor Hart thanked John Savrnoch and DA Dudley for the work done so far and he is looking forward to the implementation of the program.
- Lynn Gibbs asked if there is a community based mental health treatment component. Ethan Bertrand stated that it is uncertain if that will be available in the first round but will be working with community partners to refer individuals to services as necessary.

11. Proposition 47 Community Diversion – PD Tracy Macuga

- Many of the partners involved in the program are in attendance at today's meeting. This program is funded by a state grant.
- A recent meeting was held with the State evaluator and it was suggested to move the presentation to the CCP to the December 4th meeting so as to include the latest data.
- There have been 233 individuals provided services through the Sobering Center (CREDO-47).
- Dr. Gleghorn stated the only way all the work is possible is with the collaboration of the CCP members. CREDO-47 and co-response teams have also been effective in connecting individuals with other services within the system.
- Sylvia Barnard stated they are very excited with the opening of the sobering center. This has crossed the barriers and brought to light the extent of the homelessness with those being served by sobering center. The step down housing has demonstrated interventions with warm handoff to connect clients to services.
- Sylvia Barnard stated there are partnership with the agencies that are not required in the grant.
- PD Macuga stated that everyone is stepping up under this grant and providing services to community members.
- Chief Heitman applauded the group effort. She has not seen a grant expanded the way this project has project has been able to. They have built upon the collaboration under COVID-19 and used this program to meet the needs of the clients.
- Dr. Gleghorn stated that when Zero Bail hit, she appreciated the funding agency being willing to use these resources to get individual into substance abuse services.

12. Reentry Steering/Quality Assurance Committee Update – DCPO Kimberly Shean

- A handout was provided and reviewed with the group regarding the Reentry Steering/Quality Assurance Committee.

12. Racial Equity Data Study – Ethan Bertrand & Ray McDonald

- A presentation was provided regarding the racial equity and inclusions subcommittee on data culling efforts.
- Individuals ages 18-29 the population is projected to be 49.5% Hispanic, 38.8% White, 6% Asian, 2% black, and 3.2% multi-racial.
- Chief Heitman asked when looking at the data if it was differentiated for those arrested as to their county residency status. Ethan Bertrand stated it was not.
- Dr. Gleghorn wanted to note it is important to look at the jail population before the Zero Bail order. Chief Heitman stated that as jail populations have decreased on a national level the disparities have increased.
- Chief Heitman thanked Ethan Bertrand and Ray McDonald for bringing this forward. It is good to review, but as with all data reviews, there are different ways to view and explain the data and that additional requests can be made to expand the scope of the study over time.
- Ethan Bertrand stated that when sharing this presentation, questions arose as to whose responsibility is it to close these gaps. There have been responses countywide with cultural responsive programs being launched, however, there needs to be a review of the criminal justice system as a whole, including our programs and practices.

- Chief Heitman stated a review was done with juvenile as to decision points and it is something that should be reviewed with the adult system. This should include looking at processes, embedding evidence based tools, and examining the early touch points of contact with individuals.

13. Criminal Justice Funding Opportunity Submissions Update

- Prison to Employment Update – Ray McDonald
 - The funding will be transitioned to Probation for a collaboration with the Workforce Development Board for subsidized employment through Goodwill Industries.
 - DCPO Shean shared that this program will serve individuals that are assigned to the PRRCs and are either homeless or housing insecure. Employment afternoons have been scheduled on set days for clients to come to the PRRCs and meet with personnel from Goodwill Industries.
- DSH Diversion (Assembly Bill 1810) – Deepak Budwani
 - The State advised that the planning guide has been approved.
 - Mag Nicola stated that at a meeting last week Dr. Gleghorn advised that three individuals were approved.

14. Consider the Adoption of the 2021 CCP/ECCCP Meeting Dates – Chief Heitman

- A motion was made by Ray McDonald and seconded by Sheriff Brown to adopt the 2021 CCP meeting dates of February 5th, April 2nd, June 4th, August 13th, October 1st, and December 3rd, 2021.
 - A roll call vote was taken of the CCP members present:
 Ayes: 10
 (Bill Brown, Joyce Dudley, Phil Hansen, Tanja Heitman, Darrel Parker, Sylvia Barnard, Gabriela Dodson, Supervisor Hart, Ray McDonald, Daniel Nielson)
 Nays: 0
 Abstention: 0
- A motion was made by Sheriff Brown and seconded by DA Dudley to adopt the 2021 ECCCP meeting dates of February 5th, April 2nd, June 4th, August 13th, October 1st, and December 3rd, 2021.
 - A roll call vote was taken of the ECCCP members present:
 Ayes: 5
 (Bill Brown, Joyce Dudley, Phil Hansen, Tanja Heitman, Darrel Parker)
 Nays: 0
 Abstention: 0

15. Consider the Adoption of the FY 2020-21 CCP/ECCCP Stepping Up Committee

Meeting Dates – Chief Heitman

- A motion was made by Ray McDonald and seconded by DA Dudley to adopt the FY 2020-21 CCP meeting dates of October 19, 2020, January 18, 2021, March 15, 2021, and May 17, 2021.
 - A roll call vote was taken of the CCP members present:
Ayes: 10
(Bill Brown, Joyce Dudley, Phil Hansen, Tanja Heitman, Darrel Parker, Sylvia Barnard, Gabriela Dodson, Supervisor Hart, Ray McDonald, Daniel Nielson)
Nays: 0
- A motion was made by Darrel Parker seconded by Sheriff Brown to adopt the FY 2020-21 ECCCP meeting dates of October 19, 2020, January 18, 2021, March 15, 2021 and May 17, 2021.
 - A roll call vote was taken of the ECCCP members present:
Ayes: 5
(Bill Brown, Joyce Dudley, Phil Hansen, Tanja Heitman, Darrel Parker)
Nays: 0
Abstention: 0

Next Meeting: December 4, 2020

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Davis, Executive Secretary