



Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)

Meeting Minutes

Friday, August 14, 2020

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 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

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

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

Members Absent:

Hart, Gregg, 2nd District Supervisor

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

Staff and Other Attendees:

Albers, Kimberlee, Community Services

Auchincloss, Gordon

Baldueza, Julius, Probation Department

Bertrand, Ethan, 2nd District Office

Black–Maertz, Jett, Community Services

Bottorff, Erica, PD Office

Budwani, Deepak, PD Office

Burns, Shana, Behavioral Wellness

Cross, Spencer, Probation Department

Dominguez, J.

Fletcher, Damon, Probation Department

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

Grossi, Dana, Probation Department

Krueger, Amy, Department of Social Services

Lockhart, Dinah, Community Services

Martino, Maria, Public Defender

McCoy, Deborah

Ming, Racy, Racy Ming Associates

Milligan, Karyn, Probation Department

Motta, Wendy, District Representative for Congressman Salud Carbajal

Nicola, Mag, DA's Office

Novatt, Maria, County Counsel

Parker, Thomas

Plastino, Rob, SBSO
Riordan, Suzanne, Families ACT
Sanger, Robert
Sanger, Sarah
Schroeder, J., SBSO
Shean, Kim, Probation Department
Sibley, Christina, Probation Department
Souza, Ryan
Wakefield, Tona, PD Office
Wasilewski, Vince, SBSO
Wilson, Mike, Economist and Research Consultant
Winter, Jan

1. Roll Call of CCP Members

Present

Sylvia Barnard
Bill Brown
Gabriela Dodson
Joyce Dudley
Alice Gleghorn
Phil Hansen
Tanja Heitman
Tracy Macuga
Ray McDonald
Darrel Parker
Susan Salcido

Absent

Gregg Hart
Daniel Nielson

Roll Call of Executive Committee CCP Members

Present

Bill Brown
Joyce Dudley
Alice Gleghorn
Phil Hansen
Tanja Heitman
Tracy Macuga
Darrel Parker

Absent

None

2. Acting as the ECCCP, approval of minutes from the June 5, 2020 and June 15, 2020 joint meeting of the ECCCP – All

- A motion was made by DA Dudley, seconded by Chief Hansen to approve the minutes of June 5, 2020 and June 15, 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, Darrel Parker)
 - Nays: 0
 - Abstention: 0

3. Acting as the CCP, approval of minutes from the June 5, 2020 joint meeting of the CCP and ECCCCP – All

- A motion was made by DA Dudley, seconded by Ray McDonald to approve the minutes of June 5, 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, Darrel Parker, Sylvia Barnard, Gabriela Dodson, Ray McDonald, Susan Salcido)
Nays: 0
Abstention: 0

4. Public Comment

- None

5. 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, the majority of felony probation terms would be two years and misdemeanor probation terms would be one year. There are some exception such as violence, sex, and gun offenses.

6. Comments from CCP members not on Agenda

- Ethan Bertrand advised that presentations have been made regarding the Neighborhood Court to solicit volunteers and educate the public on restorative justice. A presentation on Neighborhood Courts will be shared at the October CCP meeting.

7. California Community Corrections Performance Incentive Act of 2009 (SB678) Update and FY 2020-21 Plan – Deputy Chief Probation Officer (DCPO) Kim Shean

- A memo was provided and reviewed with the group.
- Sheriff Brown asked if Probation knew why there was an increase in prison commitments last year. DCPO Shean advised further review is being done to have a better idea of those sent to prison.
- PD Macuga asked with the review of the data could it include a racial breakdown.
- The Chief stated that due to the number of individuals that were sent to prison being low, we can do a deep dive into the data. The challenge is that there are a variety of scenarios which resulted in prison sentences such as a technical violations on a very serious crim. Others were for new charges, but individuals did not engage in services.

8. Selection Process for CCP Two Year Term Members – Deputy Chief Probation Officer (DCPO) Kimberly Shean & Ethan Bertrand

- In December 2020, there will be new members selected with the new terms commencing February 2021.
- DCPO Shean stated that the CCP Workgroup has developed a subgroup to review the process ensuring the feedback from the CCP members is included in the new process.
- Ethan Bertrand stated the CCP Workgroup proposes that they applications, provide their CCP member a review of the applicants, and invite the applicants to attend the CCP meeting to answer voting members' questions. The selection will be made by the CCP members.

- The Sheriff would like to have applicants submit a cover letter and a uniformly sized resume along with their application.
- Ethan Bertrand advised the recommendation is to use the standard boards and commission template which includes an attached resume and cover letter.

9. Stepping Up Committee – Sheriff Brown

- Sheriff Brown shared that Stepping Up is a national initiative with the goal to decrease the number of individuals with mental illness that are in local jails.
- There have been some delays in holding the Stepping Up Committee meetings due to COVID-19, but they are working to resume. The next meeting is scheduled for August 19th via Zoom.
- There are a wide variety of stakeholders that participate in the Stepping Up Committee meetings. The purpose is to collaborate on ways to divert individuals away from the system and to combine resources to serve the mentally ill population.
- There are three co-response teams comprised of a Behavioral Wellness staff and a law enforcement officer currently with two additional teams coming on board in the near future.
- There continues to be a review of data and the ability to gather and analyze the data.
- Sheriff Brown will be proposing that the Stepping Up Committee adopt a three year strategic plan. A sample proposal was reviewed with the group and will be e-mailed to the membership.
- Chief Heitman stated that she would like to have the Stepping Up Committee meeting schedule adopted into the annual CCP meeting schedule so the meetings do not have to be handled as special meetings of the CCP requiring additional noticing efforts.
- Lynne Gibbs stated National Alliance on Mentally Illness (NAMI) is proud to serve on the Stepping Up Committee. NAMI believe there is a need for individuals to receive consistent ongoing community treatment.

10. Realignment Recidivism Study and Adult Probation Felony Prison Commitments— DCPO Shean and Research and Special Projects Manager Karyn Milligan

- A presentation was provided to the group regarding the realignment recidivism study and adult probation felony prison commitments.
- The group discussed the process of comparison with the other jurisdictions and possible approaches for that comparison. Mike Wilson stated there has been a review of long term recidivism with a variety of other counties. The de-identified information will be shared at a future meeting.
- PD Macuga asked if there are gaps in services for those individuals returning to the community from prison/jail. DCPO Shean stated the best plan is to focus on re-entry services as it is not necessarily that services are lacking, but more focus should be placed on getting the right people into the right services. There is a need to continue to review discharge planning for further collaboration and improvement.
- Chief Heitman stated the available data is only those people that we are supervising. Those individuals that are cycling through the jail are not being captured. We can look at cohorts of individuals released from jail and review. Through the work of the Criminal Justice Data Committee (CJDC), a better review can be done to see what might be impacting these individuals.
- PD Macuga stated there is a large number of individuals that are succeeding and we often focus on those that are failing. Chief Heitman stated there are a lot of individuals placed on probation and not recidivating and returning to jobs and families without any difficulties and we need to find ways to highlight those successes more regularly.

11. Community Engagement Initiative – Research and Special Projects Manager Karyn Milligan & Community Engagement Consultant Racy Ming

- This initiative was launch in 2013 and there has been \$100,000 allocated annually. In 2019 Racy Ming Associates was selected to assist with the community engagement initiative.
- Racy Ming reminded the group that the main goals of this initiative was to facilitate discussions with key stakeholders, to identify the services available for justice involved individuals, barriers to access services, and to solicit suggestions to better connect services.
- Prior to COVID-19 there were stakeholder meetings and one focus group was held. There have been additional outreach done recently and work will be done to provide a final report for the CCP.

12. Supportive Housing – Probation Manager Spencer Cross & Homeless Assistance Program Manager Kimberlee Albers

- A handout was provided and reviewed with the group on supportive housing.
- Kimberlee Albers advised the permanent housing is nearing ground breaking for the Sanctuary Center building.
- Ms. Winter stated that she is hearing individuals that are being housed have little experience in being housed. She indicated that perhaps we should develop something to have landlords be able to consult with resources to defuse situations prior to evictions.
- Sheriff Brown asked if there is a need for more extensive treatment for those needing a higher level of treatment or those that needs are not met. Kimberly Albers advised that early on in the program there was a learning curve to get the right referrals for this type of housing. Spencer Cross advised there has been a change from a harm management to a harm reduction model and modifications to the work that is being done by the case managers.
- Suzanne Riordan agreed that there is a need for a higher level of care in Santa Barbara County for those with substance abuse.
- Debra McCoy stated that when individuals are discharged from the jail they often need assistance to get prescriptions or to start a program. A transitional living situation pending someone getting into a program could be of assistance.
- Kimberlee Albers indicated that in the current model there is not a high level of clinical services post 30 days release. She indicated that perhaps that is something that needs to be considered if the program goes beyond this pilot as resources for a high level of clinical intervention 30 days from release could improve outcomes.
- Dr. Gleghorn reminded everyone that a locked facility is what is being created with the Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC). Lots of work has been done with individuals being released from the jail that go to the CREDO-47 pending being transported to their substance abuse treatment program, including the filling of prescriptions.
- Sylvia Barnard indicated there are additional options for treatment and with the new interventions coming online there should be better outcomes for these individuals, but this population is challenging.

13. Criminal Justice Funding Opportunity Submissions Update – DCPO Sean

- 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 this program will be provided for those individuals supervised probation and in supportive housing.
- Community Diversion (Prop 47) – Tracy Macuga
 - Coordination is being completed between the DA and PD Offices related to the diversion portion of the program.
 - The Prop 47 grant ends May 2023.
 - Chief Heitman requested an update on the process for referring individuals to the diversion portion of the program and who is eligible. PD Macuga stated that is available and could be provided at the next CCP meeting
- DSH Diversion (Assembly Bill 1810) – Dr. Alice Gleghorn
 - There have been 11 referrals received and the team is working hard to identify the first candidate.

Next Meeting: October 2, 2020

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Davis, Executive Secretary