



**Stepping Up Initiative
and
Executive Committee of the Community
Corrections Partnership (ECCCP)**

Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 17, 2020
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Zoom

Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee Members in Attendance:

Brown, Bill, Sheriff-Coroner
Gleghorn, Alice, PhD., Director, Behavioral Wellness (BW)
Hansen, Phil, Chief, Santa Maria Police Department
Heitman, Tanja, Chief Probation Officer
Macuga, Tracy, Public Defender

Community Corrections Partnership Members in Attendance:

Barnard, Sylvia, Good Samaritan Shelter

Staff and Other Attendees:

Bertrand, Ethan, 2nd District Representative
Burns, Shana, BW
Byrne, Sharon
Cyr, Serena Dr., BW
Dawson, Shanna
Espinoza, Anthony
Gamboa, Ray
Gibbs, Lynne, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
Kaufmann, George, NAMI
Ketelaar, David, Marian Regional Medical Center
Kushner, Kenneth, Santa Barbara Police Department
Lara, Julie, Probation Department
Lee, Cherylynn Dr., Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office (SBSO)
Lepore, Caitlin Dr., BW
Lewis, John, BW
Melekian, Bernard, County Executive Office
Moore, Rory
Novatt, Maria, County Counsel
Nunes, Amber, Wellpath
Parker, Thomas
Plastino, Rob, SBSO
Rainey, Erik, SBSO
Sanger, Robert
Savrnock, John, District Attorney's Office
Schiender, Mark, Santa Maria Police Department
Shannon, Jeff, SBSO
Shean, Kim, Probation Department
Soto, Rick
Stewart, Lesley, Probation Department

Sullivan, Ryan, SBSO
Walker, Jordan, SBSO
Wasilewski, Vincent, SBSO
Williams, Dondra
Yamamura, Jean

Roll Call of CCP Members

Present

Sylvia Barnard
Bill Brown
Alice Gleghorn
Phil Hansen
Tanja Heitman
Tracy Macuga

Absent

Gabriela Dodson
Joyce Dudley
Gregg Hart
Ray McDonald
Daniel Nielson
Darrel Parker
Susan Salcido

Roll Call of Executive Committee CCP Members

Present

Bill Brown
Alice Gleghorn (2:39 pm)
Phil Hansen (2:36pm)
Tanja Heitman
Tracy Macuga

Absent

Joyce Dudley
Darrel Parker

A quorum was established for a meeting of the Executive Committee but not for the Community Corrections Partnership.

1. Public Comment

- None

2. Behavioral Wellness Update – Dr. Gleghorn and Dr. Cyr

- Dr. Gleghorn provided an update on the step down housing program and CREDO 47 center. Both have seen many clients coming through and becoming linked to services and permanent housing. The funding agency has been impressed with the ability to pivot due to COVID and continue diverting people away from the criminal justice system during this time.
- Dr. Gleghorn provided an update on Assembly Bill (AB) 1810, which targets those who have been declared Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) with felonies. The aim of AB1810 is to identify six people per year, nonviolent low-level offenders with significant mental illness categorized with schizophrenia, schizoaffective, or bipolar disorders where these diagnoses prevent them from fully grasping the legal process. The intent is to deem them safe to divert from state hospitals back into the community for local mental health services.

3. Santa Barbara County Co-Response Team Update – Dr. Lee

- SBSO in partnership with BW have three mental health co-response teams countywide.
- For the month of July, SBSO had a total of 269 mental health calls, with 181 or 67% of those calls being handled by co-response teams. Of the 181 co-response handled calls, three ended in arrest.
- Data shows that the average minutes spent on mental health calls by patrol is 52, and the average minutes spent by co-response teams is 39.

4. Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors (BOS) Recommendations – Assistant CEO Bernard Melekian

- A document was shared with the group regarding the recommendations the Board of Supervisors approved on July 16, 2020, related to criminal justice and racial equity.
- The focus of these recommendations is on how to maintain the current average daily population of the jail which has seen a 35% reduction due to COVID.
- The items on this document approved by the BOS were determined by asking criminal justice partners including SBSO, Probation, PD, DA, BW and city police departments the following three questions: What changes were made to handle the COVID crisis? What was the impact of these changes? Which do you recommend continuing?

5. August 2020 Stepping Up Snap Shot – Behavioral Wellness Clients Currently in Custody and Released from County Jail – Dr. Gleghorn and Dr. Lepore

- A document from BW was reviewed with the group regarding data on current and former BW clients in the county jail collected at five points in time.
- Robert Sanger asked if it would be possible to quantify what custody numbers will look like as people are removed from jail due to mental health issues. Bernard Melekian, Dr. Gleghorn and Sheriff Brown all concurred that it would be difficult to answer that question, especially since there is no historical data or baseline for the mentally ill population in custody. However, Dr. Gleghorn and Chief Wasilewski replied that certain programs are in place that could reduce the jail population such as AB1810 and the Jail based competency program which will both focus on removing IST patients from the criminal justice population.

6. Medication-Assisted Treatment Program Update – Dondra Williams

- LVN Williams introduced herself to the group and gave an update of the Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program in the jail. Santa Barbara County was awarded an implementation grant in 2018 to better coordinate the MAT program. Prior to the MAT program those with a history of opiate and/or substance abuse were receiving withdrawal treatment based protocols set by Wellpath. The introduction of the MAT program gave patients the option to receive medication in conjunction with substance use counseling on-site.
- In the year LVN Williams has been working in the jail over 344 patients have been screened with 184 enrolled in the MAT program. Of those, 122 patients were placed on new medications, primarily oral naltrexone and injectable Vivitrol upon release; 62 patients continued on buprenorphine; 107 declined to enroll; and 53 were released prior to completing the enrollment process.
- Over the next year, the goal is to incorporate all three approved medications with the addition of methadone for those with active prescriptions when entering jail. There is also a plan to start working with the Sheriff's Treatment Program (STP), creating a bridge between the two programs.

7. South County Encampments Cleanout Along Freeway and Railroad Tracks – Sharon Byrne

- A slide show was shared of a map identifying encampments in the Montecito area as well as photos associated with the locations.

- Representatives from the Montecito Association have traveled the train tracks where encampments are located to contact individuals who are living there in an attempt to connect them to services and determine what their needs are and what barriers are preventing them from returning to housing.

8. Round Table

- Sheriff Brown shared a strategic plan from Iowa as an example of what he would like to development for Stepping Up Santa Barbara County. The plan would be a succinct, short-term outline of where we would like to move as a county over the next three years. This item will be put on agenda for the next meeting to discuss further

Next Stepping Up CCP/ECCCP Meeting: October 19, 2020 - TBD

Respectfully submitted by Lesley Stewart, Administrative Office Professional Senior