



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

Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 17, 2021
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 (BeWell)
Heitman, Tanja, Chief Probation Officer
Macuga, Tracy, Public Defender
Schneider, Marc, Santa Maria Chief of Police

Community Corrections Partnership Members in Attendance:

Barnard, Sylvia, Good Samaritan Shelter

Staff and Other Attendees:

Alexander, Susi
Bertrand, Ethan, 2nd District Representative
Bisetty, Merushka, Antioch University
Burns, Shana, BeWell
Byrne, Sharon, Montecito Association
Casas, Jesus
Cyr, Serena Dr., BeWell
Dodson, Gabriela
Earls, Maureen, Clergy and Litany United for Economic Justice (CLUE)
Espinoza, Anthony
Fisher, Pam Dr., BeWell
Gamboa, Ray, Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office (SBSO)
Gibbs, Lynne, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
Harney, Christina
Higgs, Matt
Kaufmann, George, NAMI
Ketelaar, David Dr., Marian Regional Medical Center
Kushner, Kenneth, Santa Barbara Police Department
Lepore, Caitlin Dr., BeWell
Lipman, Rachel, CEO's Office
Minter, Rob, SBSO
Novatt, Maria, County Counsel
Nunes, Amber, Well Path
Plastino, Rob, SBSO
Quinoveva, AJ, CEO's Office
Riordan, Suzanne, Families Act!
Sanger, Robert
Sanger, Sarah

Savrnock, John, District Attorney's Office
Strickland, Audra, Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC)
Sullivan, Ryan, SBSO
Wakefield, Tona, Public Defender's Office
Wasilewski, Vincent, SBSO
Winckler, John, BeWell

Roll Call of CCP Members

Present

Sylvia Barnard (3:10)
Bill Brown
Alice Gleghorn
Tanja Heitman
Tracy Macuga
Marc Schneider

Absent

Kevin Carroll
Joyce Dudley
Gregg Hart
Ray McDonald
Daniel Nielson
Darrel Parker
Susan Salcido

Roll Call of Executive Committee CCP Members

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Tanja Heitman
Tracy Macuga
Marc Schneider

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Joyce Dudley
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A quorum was established for a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Community Corrections Partnership.

1. Introduction of Behavioral Wellness Acting Director – Dr. Gleghorn

- Dr. Gleghorn announced that she will be stepping down from her role at BeWell and Dr. Fisher will be taking over as Acting Director. Dr. Fisher has been the Deputy Director for over five years and is already familiar with Stepping Up and criminal justice projects.

2. Behavioral Wellness Update – Dr. Gleghorn

- Dr. Cyr announced Prop. 47 has completed its fifth active quarter. For the first time during this grant, all positions were filled. Five individuals from step-down housing were placed into permanent supportive housing for a total of 11. Capacity is increasing to 20 after COVID restrictions had lowered capacity to 16. Criteria for housing is expanding for step-down housing include those with providers outside of BeWell to increase participation. The criteria are expanding for pre-arraignment diversion programs as well to out of County clients who are receiving a variety of services. Also attempting to expand participation by increased presentations to the courts and Community Based Organizations (CBOs) about the resources available.
- Dr. Lepore discussed the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) data dashboard, which is now publically available on the BSCC website. The information relevant to this group is found under Prop. 47 Cohort II. The dashboard displays a snapshot of participant demographics and services received. Behavioral Wellness is also working on an internal dashboard with Vertical Change. For Prop. 47, since implementation in January of 2020, 653 unique individuals have been served, with 33 individuals being enrolled through pre-arraignment or step-down housing. There have been 782 one-time encounters; this would be a CRT crisis call, a proactive encounter, a

CREDO 47 stay, or a screening by pre-arraignment. Dr. Gleghorn added that Prop. 47 will be a repeating grant cycle and there should be an opportunity to apply for funding again. Progress has been good but the group should begin thinking about how to build onto and expand the system.

- Shana Burns discussed AB1810, the felony diversion program through the Department of State Hospitals (DSH). Currently have seven clients with six actively receiving treatment, one relocation to Contra Costa County, one pending diversion, and no pending referrals. A misdemeanor IST program will potentially begin on July 1, 2021, if approved by the BOS on June 22, 2021. BeWell has been working with the Crestwood team at the MHRC to get to know each other and to collaborate on restoration curriculums.

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

- Sheriff Brown introduced Lieutenant Rob Minter, the Sheriff's Adjutant and Manager of the Coroner's Bureau.
- Lt. Minter reported on behalf of Dr. Lee that the SBSO had 254 mental health-related calls for service. Out of the 254 calls, the Co-Response Team handled 143 or 56%.
- Sheriff Brown commented there has been great success in terms of diverting those who would otherwise be arrested, put into jail, and into the criminal justice system.
- Dr. Gleghorn announced an MOU is in process to launch a CRT in Santa Maria, however, there have been delays as it must be reviewed by County Counsel who is busy with contract season. Data has shown gaps in the scheduling of teams with high volumes of calls after 6 pm when no teams are scheduled. The addition of a team and altering of schedules may allow the opportunity to cover more of these high volume times. A reminder that CRTs are all grant-funded and will expire as of March 2023, to continue with these programs there is a need to secure permanent funding.
- Tracy Macuga commented that CRT is an incredible program and one of the best things that has happened in this County. Tracy asked how success is defined and how data can be strengthened, and are client outcomes being tracked after contact. Dr. Gleghorn responded the data dashboard has a measure for CRT connecting calls with resources like CREDO 47. Dr. Cyr added individuals are tracked after initial contact, data is entered into Vertical Change regarding direct assistance as well as referrals and further broken down to whether they provided transport, made an access call, or handed off to a stabilization center. Data is also gathered on subsequent encounters.
- George Kaufman commented that planning for permanent funding should begin now with the development of specific figures to how much this will cost and how much more funding will be needed as the county cannot afford to lose this program. Dr. Cyr reported Doctors Lee and Lepore are working on a fiscal sustainability project analyzing the fiscal impact of the CRT. Dr. Gleghorn responded there are efforts at the state level to pass bills that would create Medi-Cal billing codes; this legislation may provide an opportunity for a permanent funding source. Dr. Gleghorn suggested an area for improvement down the road should be helping people connect with employment opportunities.

4. 3 Year Strategic Plan for Stepping Up Counties – Sheriff Brown

- Lt. Minter reported the strategic workgroup met in February and discussed the strengths, accomplishments, and barriers to progress, and brainstormed a vision for the future of the three and five-year strategic plans; the next meeting will be in May. The plan is to present the draft plans at the next meeting in July.

5. North County Sobering Center – Sylvia Barnard

- The Sobering Center has been open for nearly a month with six beds. Referrals have been received from SMPD, Probation, SBSO, and CBOs. Maximum capacity was reached over the weekend so a seventh bed will be opened up. Sylvia expressed her gratitude to the County Housing and Community Development who funded this center through the end of January 2022. Thank you to Dignity Health and Dr. Ketelaar for providing the space.
- The CREDO 47 Stabilization Center will be going back to an original full capacity of ten.

6. Marian Hospital Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) – Dr. Ketelaar

- Marian Hospital has raised almost \$2 million from the community of Santa Maria. Construction and remodeling have been completed, staff hired, and now licensing and credentialing are being finalized. The CSU will provide the opportunity to take patients directly from the ER instead of having them on psychiatric holds and waiting multiple days for a bed. Two data points to measure are the length of stay in the ER and speed of connection to a psychiatrist. The goal is to get patients into direct care with a psychiatrist in under an hour, instead of the days they have been waiting due to the unavailability of beds
- Suzanne Riordan asked for clarification about ER wait times and how long patients can stay in the CSU. Dr. Ketelaar responded that as Santa Maria does not have a crisis care unit patients are waiting 30 hours on average to be transferred to an in-patient unit. The CSU is a 24-hour unit providing one day of intensive treatment to patients in crisis where a majority of the time they can be discharged to out-patient care.
- George Kaufmann asked if plans for the CSU are to take voluntary and involuntary clients. Dr. Ketelaar replied that yes the unit would take both types of patients.
- Lynne Gibbs thanked Dr. Ketelaar for being the moving force behind getting the CSU up and running.

7. Public Comment Period – All

- Sheriff Brown commented about receiving feedback from attendees that they do not feel they are fully able to participate in the group with the restrictions around the virtual exchange of information. He encouraged the group to hang on and be patient until in-person meetings resume.
- Lynne Gibbs commented that during the CCP WG Dr. Gleghorn proposed a six-bed expansion pod at Crestwood for forensic beds. The CCP set aside millions of dollars for the MHRC build but it seems that project is years away. If there were still an opportunity for the six beds it would be a terrific opportunity as the wait times for state beds continue to increase.

Next Stepping Up CCP/ECCCP Meeting: July 19, 2021

Respectfully submitted by Lesley Stewart, Administrative Office Professional Senior