



**Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)
Realignment Implementation Planning Workgroup**

Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2017

Santa Barbara County Probation Department
117 E. Carrillo St.
Santa Barbara, CA

*Participation was held by Teleconference pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(b)
at the following location:*

Santa Barbara County Probation Department
2121 S. Centerpointe Parkway
Santa Maria, CA

CCP Realignment Implementation Planning Workgroup Members in Attendance:

Dennis Bozanich, designee for **Tom Alvarez**, Budget Director – County of Santa Barbara County Executive Office

Tanja Heitman, Deputy Chief Probation Officer – Santa Barbara County Probation Department

Joe Mariani, Captain – Lompoc Police Department/County Law Enforcement Chiefs Representative

Ray McDonald, Executive Director – Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board

Mary O’Gorman, Chief of Staff – Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, 2nd District Office

Darrel Parker, Court Executive Officer – Santa Barbara County Superior Court

Charles Powell, designee for **Vincent Wasilewski**, Chief Custody Deputy – Santa Barbara Sheriff’s Office

Members Absent:

Giovanni Giordani, Chief Trial Deputy – Santa Barbara County Public Defender’s Office

Alice Gleghorn, Ph.D., Director – Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness

Mag Nicola, Chief Deputy District Attorney – Santa Barbara County Office of the District Attorney

Staff and Other Attendees:

Angela Braun, Judicial Services Manager, Sr. – Santa Barbara County Superior Court

Vanessa Escobar, Financial Office Professional II – Santa Barbara County Probation Department

Damon Fletcher, Administrative Deputy Director – Santa Barbara County Probation Department

Darin Fotheringham, Commander – Santa Barbara Sheriff’s Office

Lynne Gibbs – National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Suzanne Grimmersey, Chief Quality Care and Strategy Officer – Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness

Elizabeth Krene, Manager – Santa Barbara County Probation Department

Karyn Milligan, Manager – Santa Barbara County Probation Department

Kimberly Shean, Manager – Santa Barbara County Probation Department

Sylvia Talaugon, Supervising Probation Officer – Santa Barbara County Probation Department

Katie Ward, Programs Supervisor – Santa Barbara Sheriff’s Office

I. Call to Order and Introductions – Deputy Chief Tanja Heitman

- The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.
- Attendees provided self-introductions.

II. Approval of Minutes – All

- A motion was made by Chief of Staff Mary O’Gorman to approve the draft minutes of the January 25, 2017, Community Corrections Partnership Realignment Implementation Planning Workgroup (CCP Workgroup) meeting, as presented, the motion was seconded, Executive Director Ray McDonald abstained from the vote, and the motion passed.

III. Public Comment – All

- Lynne Gibbs addressed the need for forensic programming and practices that would aid in diverting individuals from jail, as well as crisis stabilization options for people with serious mental illness.

IV. Comments from the Chair – Deputy Chief Tanja Heitman

- The guidelines associated to the appointment of designees for voting members of the CCP Workgroup were emphasized as follows: each voting member of the CCP Workgroup is to identify a designee who will represent the voting member at CCP Workgroup meetings and vote on their behalf in those instances that the member is unable to attend. Changes to designee appointments may be accomplished via submission of a written request (email or hard copy) by the voting member to the Chair of the CCP Workgroup.
- Designees for the majority of the CCP Workgroup voting members have been identified. Subsequent to the meeting of January 25, 2017, Deputy CEO Dennis Bozanich was appointed as designee for Budget Director Tom Alvarez. A designee for Dr. Alice Gleghorn remained pending.
- The funding allocations for the fiscal year (FY) 2017-2018 Realignment Plan, as proposed by the CCP Workgroup, were approved by the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) on February 10, 2017. The CCP will meet on April 7, 2017, at which time a draft Realignment Plan for FY 2017-2018 will be considered for adoption.

V. Criminal Justice Data Committee’s Master Name Index (MNI) Project – Deputy Chief Tanja Heitman

- A PowerPoint presentation entitled, “Santa Barbara County Criminal Justice Master Name Index – Project Update 1” was circulated, as were draft project charters for the Criminal Justice Data Committee and the MNI/Data Sharing Infrastructure.
- An overview was provided of the efforts being made to develop the MNI data exchange intended to allow data systems of individual County agencies to communicate and recognize clients in the same way, with linkage facilitated via use of a common identifier.
- The possibility of co-sponsorship of the Criminal Justice Data Committee by the County Executive Office and the CCP was discussed. Also addressed were needs to identify a Project Manger to provide leadership to the Criminal Justice Data Committee and its associated projects, and to appoint a fulltime County staff as Electronic Data Processing (EDP) System Specialist to assist the individual departments with MNI programming and maintain the database.
- A recommendation related to the aforementioned charters will be submitted to the CCP on April 7th and, if approved, it was anticipated that the EDP System Specialist position will be staffed by July 1st.

VI. Compliance Response Team (CRT) Update – Probation Manager Kimberly Shean and Commander Darin Fotheringham

- On February 10th, the CCP approved the CCP Workgroup’s recommendation to retain funding of the two (2) CRTs in the FY 2017-2018 Realignment budget. They also supported the plan for

agencies involved in staffing the CRTs to evaluate the teams' mission, to make any needed adjustments, and to deliver routine reports on CRT activities to the CCP and to the CCP Workgroup.

- Copies of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated October 19, 2015, between the Probation Department, the Sheriff's Office, and the Lompoc Police Department, which set forth the responsibilities of the agencies as they relate to the CRTs, were circulated.
- Probation Manager Kimberly Shean, Commander Darin Fotheringham, and administrative staff from their respective agencies will collaborate with the CRTs to maintain the teams' focus on their mission, and to ensure success in supporting the goals of the County's Realignment Plan. CRT members will participate in training specific to interacting with individuals with mental health disorders and other training opportunities will continue to be researched.
- Information regarding the effectiveness of the CRTs will continue to be assessed by the CCP and the CCP Workgroup, as will the manner in which the teams fit into the overall Realignment approach.
- An explanation was provided of the Board of State and Community Corrections grant (non-Realignment funding under the control of local police departments) that will support the third CRT in the Lompoc region during FY 2017-2018.

VII. **Sheriff's Treatment Program (STP) Expansion** – Programs Supervisor Katie Ward

- The following handout materials were disseminated to support discussion of STP expansion: a memo from Chief Custody Deputy Vincent Wasilewski on the subject of the jail programming expansion plan, and a document entitled, "Sheriff's Treatment Program (STP) Current Programming and Planned Expansion."
- The proposed expansion is to be accomplished in two (2) ways:
 - Triple the male general population served by STP by adding two (2) additional counselors and one (1) escort officer.
 - Increase accessibility of program options geared towards reducing recidivism and developing pro-social skills for a broader number of inmates in the county jail. Use of Edovo tablets will allow the jail programs' unit to expand services to a harder-to-reach population with a higher in-custody security classification.
- The Sheriff's Office has established a goal of having access to the Edovo tablets and Wi Fi infrastructure as of July 1, 2017.
- The importance of developing a protocol for the measurement of program performance and success was stressed as, once launched, quarterly reporting to the CCP on the status of the expansion will be required. Programs' Supervisor Katie Ward will provide the CCP Workgroup with a mock-up of the associated STP data-gathering elements on March 29th.

VIII. **Alternative Sentencing** – Commander Charles Powell

- Funding of alternative sentencing in the County's Realignment budget was historically based upon interest in releasing more inmates on Global Positioning System (GPS) in order to mitigate the need for increased jail bed days. Being that there has been a marked decline in the numbers of individuals released from jail on GPS, the CCP requested an analysis of what could be done to increase the alternative sentencing numbers, with the understanding that if success was not realized, the funding would be re-considered and potentially reduced.
- The current alternative sentencing program acceptance criteria has made the identification of appropriate candidates challenging for the Sheriff's Office. Staff intend to research other counties' successes in the assignment of early release credits under Penal Code §4019 so as to incentivize participation in alternative sentencing programs.

- The Sheriff's Office will begin to monitor trends in alternative sentencing (both general population and Realigned offenders) via comparison of a baseline number of participants to ongoing usage, and will identify a targeted program enrollment goal. A status report will be provided to the CCP Workgroup on March 29th.
- IX. **Community Engagement Planning** – Chief of Staff Mary O’Gorman
- An ad hoc committee of the CCP will be established, comprised of representatives from the Re-Entry Steering Committee, the CCP Workgroup, and community members. This committee will provide recommendations to the CCP on enhancing community engagement by April 2017. An update will be provided at the next CCP Workgroup meeting.
- X. **Mental Health Housing and Forensic Treatment Needs Update** – Chief of Staff Mary O’Gorman
- The CCP approved the CCP Workgroup’s recommendation to fund the mental health housing and forensic treatment portion of the Realignment budget.
 - An effort will be made to secure approval from the Board of Supervisors (BOS) to release \$50,000 for implementation of the feasibility study, as doing so would allow the analysis to be accomplished by General Services in advance of submission of the FY 2017-2018 Realignment Plan to the BOS on May 9th.
- XI. **Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2018 Realignment Plan’s Narratives and Objectives** – Probation Manager Kimberly Shean
- A skeletal draft FY 2017-2018 Realignment Plan was distributed and discussed. It was noted that a more robust draft will be provided for CCP Workgroup review on March 29th, towards the goal of ultimate submission to the CCP on April 7th.
 - A solicitation was made for input regarding the document’s intended format. CCP Workgroup members will forward comments, requests for additional content, and/or questions to Manager Shean well in advance of the next CCP Workgroup meeting.
- XII. **Criminal Justice Funding Opportunity Submissions** – Probation Manager Kim Shean
No submissions were provided or addressed.
- XIII. **Confirm Next Meeting and Adjourn** – Deputy Chief Tanja Heitman
- The next CCP Workgroup meeting will be on March 29, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. at the Santa Barbara County Probation Department, 117 East Carrillo Street, Santa Barbara, California. Participation via teleconference will be available at the Santa Barbara County Probation Department, 2121 South Centerpointe Parkway, Santa Maria, California.
 - The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Patti Stadler, Administrative Office Professional Senior