



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

Meeting Minutes  
August 28, 2019

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 Planning Workgroup Members in Attendance:**

**Ethan Bertrand**, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Representative

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

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

**Bernard Melekian**, Assistant County Executive Officer (ACEO) – County of Santa Barbara County Executive Office

**Mag Nicola**, Chief Deputy District Attorney – Santa Barbara County District Attorney’s Office

Angela Braun for **Darrel Parker**, Court Executive Officer – Santa Barbara County Superior Court

**Kimberly Shean**, Deputy Chief Probation Officer – Santa Barbara County Probation Department

**Vincent Wasilewski**, Chief Custody Deputy – Santa Barbara Sheriff’s Office (SBSO)

**Members Absent:**

**Tracy Macuga**, Public Defender – Santa Barbara County Public Defender’s Office

**Staff and Other Attendees:**

Alberts, Kimberlee – Community Services

Baldueza, Julius – Probation Department

Budwani, Deepak – Public Defender’s Office

Cross, Spencer – Probation Department

Fletcher, Damon – Probation Department

Friedrich, James – Probation Department

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

Grabowsky, Christina – Sanctuary Centers Santa Barbara

Lewis, John – Behavioral Wellness

Malesich, Todd – Probation Department

Milligan, Karyn – Probation Department

Plastino, Rob - SBSO

Riordan, Suzanne – Families ACT!

Sibley, Christina - SBSO

Smith, Deirdre – SBSO

I. **Call to Order and Introductions** –Deputy Chief Probation Officer (DCPO) Kimberly Shean

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

II. **Approval of Minutes** – All

- The July CCP Workgroup meeting minutes will be approved at the August workgroup meeting.

### III. **Public Comment – All**

- Suzanne Riordan stated on behalf of Families Act and NAMI there needs to be more diversion services.

### IV. **Comments from the Chair– DCPO Kimberly Shean**

- DCPO Shean congratulated the Superior Court for receiving the pretrial grant for \$1.6 million which will provide additional resources ensuring all individuals booked into jail are assessed. The Court is looking forward to the transition of pretrial to Probation in January 2020.

### V. **Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 Realignment Planning Process – DCPO Shean**

- A handout of the 2020-21 realignment planning process was provided and reviewed with the group. DCPO Shean reminded the group that data needs to be provided for FY 2018-19, with the exception of the new programs launched this fiscal year as data will be limited to six months.
- Documents should be available prior to workgroup meetings to enable them to go out to the membership with the meeting agenda.
- Chief Custody Deputy Wasilewski requested the Edovo Tablets be moved to the September meeting.
- A January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting was added to the calendar to ensure the draft plan is complete and ready to be presented at the CCP meeting in February.
- A request was made for a review of the one-time funding at the September meeting
- A motion was made by Chief Custody Deputy Wasilewski and seconded by ACEO Melekian to approve the FY 2020-21 Realignment Planning Process and was approved by all.

### VI. **FY 2019-2020 Programs**

- Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) – Dr. Alice Gleghorn
  - Behavioral Wellness is working with General Services to develop a plan for rollout and hopeful for a design build process that will increase efficiency.
- Edovo Tablet Program – Chief Custody Deputy Vincent Wasilewski
  - Additional tablets have been leased and they are being distributed to additional housing areas. The tablets have been leased and not purchased which results in ongoing cost.
  - There are 350 tablets checked out per week, 250 certifications earned per week, and 15,000 certificates earned since implementation.
  - BetaGov will be conducting research on the efficacy of the tablets beginning in September.
  - DCPO Shean asked about the status of adding the 211 information on the tablets and a beginning Batterers Intervention type course so individuals can get a start on planning for release. SBSO advised they are working on several items, including those, as well as the ability for inmates to request their records via the tablets.
- Re-Entry Services – Deepak Budwani
  - Social Workers, client service specialists, and transporters are funded through Realignment. The services are being tracked separately so data can be provided at a future meeting.
- Victim Services – Chief Deputy District Attorney Mag Nicola
  - Megan Riker-Rheinschild will attend a future meeting to provide the group with a more clear picture of the services being provided
- Supportive and Transitional Housing – Probation Manager Spencer Cross
  - A handout was provided and reviewed with the group regarding supportive and transitional housing.

- The team meets monthly and continues to learn more about this population/program and requests for modifications are reviewed to ensure the program best serves the individuals.
- Target length of stay is 120 days. In the future, data can be provided on length of stay for those exiting the program.
- The goal is to move individuals to self-sufficiency and to provide enhanced support and subsidized employment.
- Both programs have set aside financial assistance for individuals ready to transition to more permanent housing.
- The Sanctuary Center “Brick and Mortar” project, that was previously presented to the CCP Workgroup, was presented to the CCP on August 9<sup>th</sup>. The CCP approved the previously allocated funding for the Sanctuary Center building.
- Sheriff’s Treatment Program – Deirdre Smith
  - The two south county Correctional Counselors are starting next week and there is an open recruitment for the Case Manager position.
  - The SBSO is holding off filling the north county positions until there is a better idea of when the Northern Branch Jail will open.
  - Community Solutions Inc. (CSI) will be providing the Correctional Counselors and the Case Manager.

**VII. Criminal Justice Mapping Process – ACEO Bernard Melekian**

- Dr. Sarah Desmarais recently present to various Departments regarding screening tools. Dr. Desmarais stated Santa Barbara County is on the right track and is ahead of others.
- The County got a grant to review the Court process and the data around the criminal justice process. A site visit is scheduled for October 31<sup>st</sup> with the involved stakeholders. This is a three year grant and during the site visit a work plan will be developed.
- It was determined that there would be one presentation to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) prior to the budget hearings in February/March 2020, with a focus on who is in the jail, why and how long have they been there.

**VIII. Selection Process for Recommendations to the CCP – ACEO Bernard Melekian**

- This is something that has been discussed previously and the CCP and the CCP Workgroup members have reviewed a variety of options to change past process.
- It was proposed to develop a subcommittee to review letters of interest and interviews could be conducted by the subcommittee with an overview and recommendation to the workgroup. A subcommittee could meet only when a vacancy arise to review the applications and make a recommendation to the CCP Workgroup.
- It was suggested to have everyone vote for one, then discuss those with the highest number of votes, and make a selection.
- Perhaps the CCP needs to develop criteria for the workgroup and develop a standardized application outlining what information they want to capture.
- Dr. Gleghorn asked if we should ask County Counsel if we can do a vote for each individual.
- Chief Custody Deputy Wasilewski stated he believes the CCP wanted the workgroup to make recommendations on all the individuals and let the CCP decide.
- Dr. Gleghorn suggested we invite the applicants to the workgroup meeting and they have two minutes to address the workgroup. Next, all that are qualified will be provided to the CCP. The CCP needs to determine if they want them ranked.
- Final consensus was to develop a standardized application, asking those interested to attend the CCP Workgroup meeting and be prepared to speak to the workgroup members for no more than two minute and answer questions. The workgroup will then make a recommendation to the CCP with more details as to how they came to select that individual.

**IX. Criminal Justice Funding Opportunity Submissions – DCPO Kimberly Shean**

- Prison to Employment Initiative – Ray McDonald
  - Allan Hancock College also received funding and Ray will be meeting with Kim to see how to consolidate the funding.
  - Outreach will be done with Housing and Community Development to determine how to utilizing this funding to serve the individuals in supportive housing.
  
- Assembly Bill (AB) 1810 – ACEO Bernard Melekian
  - This will be presented to the BOS on October 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - The template is almost finalized by State Hospitals and the contract has been approved by County Counsel.
  
- Prop 47 – Public Defender Tracy Macuga
  - This will be before the BOS on October 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Currently, working with Behavioral Wellness for a Project Manager for Prop 47 via a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the agencies.
  - There is a one day session in Sacramento next week regarding the grant.
  - Crisis Intervention Diversion and Support (CIDS) could be a way to differentiate this grant for the other Prop 47 item.

**X. Confirm Next Meeting for September 25, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.– DCPO Kimberly Shean**

- The meeting will be held 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.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Davis, Administrative Professional