



Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Realignment Planning Workgroup

Meeting Minutes
July 24, 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, 2nd District Representative

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

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:

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

Staff and Other Attendees:

Baldueza, Julius – Probation Department

Ballard, S.E. – Public Defender’s Office

Birtalan, Catherine – Self-help Groups Santa Barbara

Budwani, Deepak – Public Defender’s Office

Cross, Spencer – Probation Department

Ellis, Ashton – General Services

Escobar, Vanessa – Probation Department

Fletcher, Damon – Probation Department

Friedrich, James – Probation Department

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

Grabowsky, Christina – Sanctuary Centers Santa Barbara

Henrikson, Andi - NAMI

Lewis, John – Behavioral Wellness

Nisich, Terri – ACEO

Ooley, Roberts – General Services

Ribeiro, Chris – Behavioral Wellness

Riordan, Suzanne – Families ACT!

Smith, Deirdre - SBSO

Talaugon, Sylvia – Probation Department

Vazquez, Hope - SBSO

Welsh, Nick – Santa Barbara Independent

Winter, Jan – NAMI

Zeitz, Laura – Department of Behavioral Wellness

- I. **Call to Order and Introductions** –Deputy Chief Probation Officer (DCPO) Kimberly Shean
 - The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. and attendees provided self-introductions.

- II. **Approval of Minutes** – All
 - A motion was made by Chief Custody Deputy Vincent Wasilewski to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2019, Community Corrections Partnership Realignment Planning Workgroup (CCP Workgroup) meeting, as submitted. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved.

- III. **Public Comment** – All
 - None

- IV. **Comments from the Chair**– DCPO Kimberly Shean
 - At the August CCP Workgroup meeting the presentation schedule will be provided. In September, on a rotating basis, the Departments will provide data and outcomes from the previous year and budget requests for the coming fiscal year. This process will begin the development of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 Realignment Plan and associated budget.

- V. **Mental Health Rehabilitation Center(MHRC)** – ACEO Terri Nisich
 - A handout was provided, reviewed, and discussed.
 - Behavioral Wellness indicated they have been working for some time to develop a crisis hub in Santa Barbara at the Calle Real site. The location selected will place the MHRC in close proximity to these services.
 - While the building will be designed for 8 to 16 justice involved individuals, the \$1.1 million previously allocated ongoing CCP funds will only be sufficient for operating costs for an eight bed facility. If the utilization of the MHRC goes above the eight beds then funding will need to be secured for additional beds beyond the eight beds. If there is a need to go over the eight beds, grant funds and other funding will be reviewed. Terri Nisich indicated if no funding is available, a possibility exists that a request could come back to the CCP for additional funds.
 - Terri Nisich confirmed that the request for the additional \$551,832 for construction is a one-time request. It will likely be two years before the MHRC is up and running.
 - Staffing for the MHRC will be contracted staff and the contract will be based on an eight bed facility.
 - DCPO Shean stated that while the building of a MHRC fills a gap in services within the county, a focus should be maintained on building up community infrastructure and less restrictive housing and outpatient options to provide services to these individuals.
 - Tracy Macuga stated there is a need to build up community programs to assist these individuals as jail is not the appropriate place for them. She completely supports the MHRC. However, we need to be mindful that going forward this could result in the CCP members taking cuts to their budget allocation and that needs further discussion.
 - Vince Wasilewski appreciates the efforts, he wanted to point out this is only eight beds for justice involved and those that need secure place. The CCP funding was specifically provided for the justice involved and CCP has often moved away from that concept and expressed concern for future negative budgetary consequences for all Departments. He further expressed mental health is a community issue, similar to housing. Effort should be spent on encouraging community based organizations and private sector to assist with this issue, instead of taking this on with limited CCP funds. Terri Nisich clarified that the MHRC is solely for justice involved individuals.
 - A public comment was provided by Lynn Gibbs. She thanked the workgroup members for this and believes we have a significant need for a MHRC in our County.

- A public comment was provided by Suzanne Riordan. There has been a critical need for beds aside from jail. She does not want to see mental health beds lost; jail is not the place for the mentally ill. It is clear the justice system has taken over a portion of the resources which is inappropriate and has resulted in mental health individuals in the justice system. It is up to us to correct this injustice.
- A motion was made by Vince Wasilewski and seconded by Bernard Melekian to recommend to the CCP, the release of \$2.5 million from reserves to the Department of Behavioral Wellness, to build/renovate a new 8 bed (minimum with opportunity to expand to 16) Forensic focused Mental Health Rehabilitation facility, J02031-Casa Nueva Annex (13), 315 Camino Del Remedio, Santa Barbara, CA. A roll call vote was taken of the CCP workgroup members present.
 - Ayes: 8
(Bernard Melekian, Tracy Macuga, Laura Zeitz, Kimberly Shean, Ray McDonald, Mag Nicola, Vincent Wasilewski, Ethan Bertrand)
 - Nays: 0
 - Abstention: 1
(Angela Braun)
- A motion was made by Vince Wasilewski and seconded by Kimberly Shean to recommend to the CCP, the release of \$551.832 to the Department of Behavioral Wellness from reserve fund balance to build/renovate a new 8 bed (minimum with opportunity to expand to 16) Forensic focused Mental Health Rehabilitation facility, J020231-Casa Nueva Annex (13), 315 Camino Del Remedio, Santa Barbara, CA. A roll call vote was taken of the CCP workgroup members present.
 - Ayes: 8
(Bernard Melekian, Tracy Macuga, Laura Zeitz, Kimberly Shean, Ray McDonald, Mag Nicola, Vincent Wasilewski, Ethan Bertrand)
 - Nays: 0
 - Abstention: 1
(Angela Braun)
- This will be added to the CCP agenda on August 9th for a vote by the CCP members.

VI. Criminal Justice Mapping Process – ACEO Bernard Melekian

- There has been a long term effort to do an analysis of the criminal justice system in Santa Barbara County. There are three critical areas that will be reviewed beginning with incident and response, followed by incarcerations (people in locked facility), and finally the court process.
- When an individual calls 911, those answering the phone give you information off a script and Bernard has learned the mental health script is not being used. Currently, we have only one tool and that is to dispatch of law enforcement, which is being reviewed.
- A decision will need to be made regarding presenting this information to the Board of Supervisor (BOS) prior to next year's workshops. Ultimately it might need to be three separate presentations on each item.

VII. Review of Letters of Interest and Selection of the CCP two year term member – DCPO Kimberly Shean

- This is being reviewed today due to the retirement of Ed Stonefelt from CADA. DCPO Shean reviewed the CCP membership which is outlined via the By-laws. All letters of interest were provided and discussion was had as to the workgroup members' expectations of that position.
- Christina Grabowsky is attending today's meeting but the other applicants were not able to attend today.

- Ethan Bertrand stated he would be looking for someone that works directly with justice involved to meet the top three goals for the CCP.
- Ethan Bertrand stated Supervisor Hart is in support of Gabriela Dodson for the work that Family Service Agency does, including with the Holistic Defense program.
- Bernard Melekian stated that this process has been awkward and does not seem to best serve the individuals. He proposed adding this item to the August workgroup agenda to develop a process.
- A motion was made by Ethan Bertrand and second by Tracy Macuga to recommend to the CCP that Gabriela Dodson serve the time remaining of the two year term from the letters of interest received.
- A roll call vote was taken of the CCP workgroup members present.
 - Ayes: 7
(Bernard Melekian, Tracy Macuga, Kimberly Shean, Ray McDonald, Mag Nicola, Vincent Wasilewski, Ethan Bertrand)
 - Nays: 0
 - Abstention: 1
(Angela Braun)
- This will be added to the CCP agenda on August 9th for a vote by the CCP members.
- DCPO Shean stated the CCP workgroup and CCP are open to the public so individuals not selected in this round are welcome to attend future meetings.

VIII. **Community Engagement Initiative** – DCPO Kimberly Shean

- Community Solutions Inc. (CSI) has informed Probation the current individual in this position has moved to a different job within their organization, and that they may not be the best organization to lead this effort.
- A letter of interest will be sent out to find an organization better suited to engage the community.

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

- Prison to Employment Initiative – Ray McDonald
 - Funding was awarded and Santa Barbara County will receive \$330,000 over two years. The program will serve 40 individuals who are under supervision by Probation. The plan is to serve individuals that are in supportive housing or sober living that are justice involved.
 - This is subsidized employment for employers to hire these individuals.
 - The kick off will begin in September/October 2019.
- Assembly Bill (AB) 1810 – ACEO Bernard Melekian
 - Dr. Sarah Desmarais will be presenting on August 22nd at the Board of Supervisor (BOS) and this is open to CCP workgroup members. She is a nationally recognized expert on risk assessments.
 - Working on filling out the implementation guide and planning to go to the BOS on August 27th.
 - Public Defender Macuga, Dr. Gleghorn, Dr. Lewis, Angela Braun and DCPO Shean all attend a conference in Norwalk regarding AB1810. The group took a lot away from the conference which will assist in program implementation as we move forward.
 - DCPO Shean discussed that only a small portion of people that are AB1810 will receive services under this grant, and there is a larger group of individuals that are eligible for mental health diversion but are not AB1810.
 - Public Defender Tracy Macuga stated diversion will be determined by clinical individualized information and to not solely make decisions based on a risk assessment.

- DCPO Shean stated AB1810 is not solely Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) individuals.
- Public Defender Macuga stated it would be good for us to know how many individuals have been diverted
- Prop 47 – Public Defender Tracy Macuga
 - Tracy went on a tour of the planned sobering center and the location is perfect for the crisis hub.
 - The plan is to get to this before BOS by mid-August but there was a change in the budget allocation that is being worked out.

X. **Confirm Next Meeting for August 28, 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