



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

Meeting Minutes
June 26, 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

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

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

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:

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

Staff and Other Attendees:

Julius Balduenza – Probation Department

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

Damon Fletcher – Probation Department

James Friedrich – Probation Department

Skip Grey – General Services

Karyn Milligan – Probation Department

Terri Nisich – ACEO

Rob Plastino - SBSO

Kristianne Schell - Community Solutions Inc.

- 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 May 22, 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

- The order of agenda items were modified to allow those with other obligations to leave after their item.
- In August the CCP Workgroup will begin reviewing the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 newly funded programs and start developing the budget for the FY 2020-21.

V. Stepping Up Team Building/Training – Commander Robert Plastino

- Commander Plastino provided a handout on Leon Evans. The plan is to use CCP training funds for Mr. Evans to come to Santa Barbara County and present to the Stepping Up Committee. He will share work done in Texas focusing on providing treatment for the mentally ill diverting them from the criminal justice system.
- The SBSO is still negotiating cost and with potential dates in August. The estimated cost will be approximately \$5,000-\$7,000.
- General agreement was provided indicating this was an approved use of CCP training funds.
- This item will be added to the August CCP Workgroup agenda for a debrief.

VI. 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 project should begin in the fall of 2019.
- Prop 47 – Public Defender Tracy Macuga
 - Santa Barbara County was awarded approximately \$6 million and 70% of the funding will go to community based organizations (CBOs). This is in collaboration between the Public Defender’s Office, Behavioral Wellness, and the SBSO.
 - There is a need for true diversion and prearrest diversion and this grant will support that effort. It will also provide a sobering center as well as a housing component.
 - Dr. Gleghorn stated funding will be going to Good Samaritan and Family Service Agency (FSA). Good Samaritan will be running the sobering center on the county campus in Santa Barbara County, as well as a step down housing component. FSA will be providing a social worker.
 - This will provide a dedicated co-response team which was previously a pilot.
 - Services will begin January 2020.
- Reducing Revocations Challenge (Arnold Ventures) – DCPO Shean
 - A technical assistance evaluation grant was submitted by Probation partnering with BetaGov as the lead. There will be ten jurisdictions selected for analysis on what is driving Probation revocations.
 - Thank you to those departments/agencies that provided letters of support.
 - This is a two phase process with the first phase being analysis and the second phase will select a few departments from the group of ten to fund for programming.
 - Selections will be made in August with a start date of October 1st.
- Assembly Bill (AB) 1810 – ACEO Bernard Melekian
 - This will target 18 individuals over three years that are charged with felonies and are Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) or at risk of being IST and diverting them into residential treatment.

- The finalization of the contract is still pending. There is a webinar today with State Hospitals that will hopefully provide clarity regarding launch information as we were informed we were selected for funding but no specifics about the process.
- Once the final contract is received it will need to go before the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for approval.

VII. Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) Update – Dr. Alice Gleghorn

- DCPO Shean advised that there was a desire to have this item on as a voting item but it is on as an update due to the need for specificity to the voting item language. There is one additional workgroup meeting in July prior to the CCP meeting in August so this item can be voted on by the workgroup prior to that meeting. The workgroup requires details regarding the target population, the building, the site, and how the MHRC ongoing cost would be funded. The optimal plan is to have these details provided at the workgroup and have unified support at the August CCP meeting.
- Dr. Gleghorn stated the specific request was provided to the group. The MHRC does not qualify for medi-cal reimbursement and will need to be funded by other revenue sources. The original proposal at the Santa Barbara Juvenile Hall was for 15 beds because there were 15 cells. When developing a program, the size is determined by the staffing ratio. Once a building and plans are developed it can be based on square footage and allocation of funding will determine bed availability. The current amount set aside by the CCP will allow staffing for an eight bed facility. If the facility is able to house more than eight and there is funding available than it can be staffed for a larger facility.
- A variety of sites have been looked at and a building has been identified on Calle Real campus for the MHRC.
- Skip Grey advised a structural assessment was done and the bottom line is to demolish the building and build an eight bed MHRC which can be done if the budget is still \$2.5 million.
- The MHRC needs to be appropriate for men and women and there may be the ability to have bedrooms large enough to accommodate two beds, but that would be determined during the design phase. This is a longer term location so the design will be a living environment.
- A question was asked how long individuals stay at MHRCs. Dr. Gleghorn stated current MHRCs that are used are out of county that do not have a forensic focus individuals can stay for years. Our MHRC will have a forensic and restoration focus with step down options so hopefully individuals will not stay as long.
- Staffing for the MHRC will be contracted out.
- A question was asked if there would be a savings keeping individuals in the County and would it relieve pressure on the Psychiatric Forensic Hospital (PFH). Dr. Gleghorn stated we don't currently send these individuals out of county, as they are going back and forth to Court. Once individuals are placed on administrative status in the PFH they are not reimbursable through any source. The cost is \$2,000 a day for individuals that remain in PFH. If they are able to be transitioned to the MHRC it would cost less.
- Dr. Gleghorn stated the \$1.1 million would be the ongoing cost for the eight bed MHRC. It would be wise to plan for a facility that could increase capacity, but minimally staffed to determine the need as we don't want to box ourselves in to only eight beds. Realignment funding is the only option aside from the general fund dollars.

- Chief Custody Deputy Wasilewski asked if the county is already paying for individuals in the PFH or the jail could that savings be diverted. Utilizing additional CCP funding is problematic as it will result in less funding for other programs, especially if there is a need for more capacity. Dr. Gleghorn stated we need to see what the impact of the MHRC is on the system to determine if it is a valuable resource.
- ACEO Terri Nisich stated additional funding has been brought in to fund housing of these individuals in the PFH, the MHRC will right size the funding. It is not a net savings, funding would no longer be required to backfill.
- DCPO Shean asked if we build an MHRC that can house 15 individuals are we building something we do not have the operating funding to sustain. Dr. Gleghorn stated that question is premature without developing a design to know the facility size and the capacity.
- ACEO Bernard Melekian stated there are several projects underway and we are just starting to look at the system. We need to not build for today but build for the future.
- DCPO Shean wanted to be sure all questions were asked and answered to ensure the group will be prepared to vote on this item in July. The voting item was included in the handout for the \$2.5 million for construction and design. Dr. Gleghorn stated that she will likely not be at the July CCP Workgroup meeting and County Counsel has advised that she can just request the item to be placed on the August CCP meeting for a vote. DCPO Shean explained that past practice has been to vet things through the workgroup for a vote prior to being presented at the CCP.
- DCPO Shean stated there had been a lack of specificity in the motion that was provided, but the discussion today provided the missing specifics.
- Damon Fletcher asked what the cost would be for the design study. Skip Grey stated the 10% of the \$2.5 million would be used for the design and then to construction. The preference is for the \$2.5 million to be available for design/build phase which will streamline the process. The process will be approximately 9-12 months for design and constructions approximately 12 months after that.
- Public Defender Tracy Macuga stated she supports the MHRC but it would help her to understand the total cost of this population without the MHRC. Dr. Gleghorn stated we would likely not sell beds to other counties. There are many different options under development so there are more choices than jail or PFH. The PFH costs more as it is a hospital which has federal requirements and the MHRC will not have those requirements. SBSO is moving forward with a ten bed Jail Based Competency Treatment (JBCT) program; the negotiations are underway with California Forensic Medical Group (CFMG).
- Ethan Bertrand asked if the MHRC would be diverting these individuals out of the criminal justice process. Dr. Gleghorn stated they will likely be deeply involved in the justice process.
- Public Defender Macuga stated the JBCT will have ten beds, the AB 1810 program will have 18 slots (six per year), the MHRC will have eight beds, and the PFH has 16 beds. DCPO Shean added there are 28 supportive housing beds, as well as sober living and detox beds.
- The July CCP workgroup will include a voting item that will include a minimum of eight beds and the specific address.
- Public Defender Macuga asked if there is any appetite for the BOS to fund the MHRC. Assistant County Executive Officer Terri Nisich stated it has not been discussed directly but it

has always been the CEO and the BOS position to use specialty funding before you tap general fund.

VIII. Criminal Justice Mapping Process – Bernard Melekian

- The development of the criminal justice mapping process came out of the April budget workshops. At the last mapping meeting there was a presentation by the SBSO of a snapshot of who is in the jail.
- There are many people doing individualized work focused on getting people out of jail to other options that would better serve them.
- There was a 30 day review of those individuals in the jail to determine who might be eligible for release if Senate Bill (SB) 10 passed. The analysis of that review is still pending with Probation.
- There are three distinct parts of the criminal justice system. The first is the field contacts, second is places people are held (jail, PFH, etc.), and the third is a legal piece. There will be a review of each of the pieces and what resources are available.
- Ideally the results and action steps will be presented to the BOS before the 2020 budget workshops.

IX. Confirm Next Meeting for July 24, 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.
- A motion was made by Public Defender Tracy Macuga to approve the meeting calendar for the time period of July 2019 through June 2020. The motion was seconded, and the calendar was approved.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Davis, Administrative Professional