



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

Meeting Minutes  
October 23, 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

**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

Michael Soderman for **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

Budwani, Deepak – Public Defender’s Office

Celmeta, Selim - SBSO

Clark, Barton – Probation Department

Cross, Spencer – Probation Department

Fletcher, Damon – Probation Department

Friedrich, James – Probation Department

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

Meza, Ben – Probation Department

Plastino, Rob - SBSO

Ribeiro, Chris – Behavioral Wellness

Sanchez, Josue – Behavioral Wellness

Sibley, Christina - SBSO

Smith, Deirdre – SBSO

Talagon, Sylvia – Probation Department

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

- A motion was made by Ray McDonald to approve the minutes of the September 25, 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

- None

V. **Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 Realignment Allocation** – Damon Fletcher

- A handout regarding the FY 2020-21 Realignment allocation was provided and reviewed with the group.
- The adopted Realignment budget for FY 2019-20 is \$14,004,000. The FY 2020-21 target utilizing the allocation and growth is \$14.2 million. This target is an estimate, and if sales tax collection is reduced, the allocation will be less.
- Damon believes the base allocation percentage will not change, but the growth allocation is adjusted every year.
- Damon estimates that the unallocated available fund balance is between \$4 and \$5 million.

VI. **Presentations by the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office (SBSO) and the Probation Department (Probation)**

- Jail Population Management – SBSO
  - A handout was distributed and reviewed with the group regarding the SBSO items.
- Sheriff's Treatment Program (STP) – SBSO
  - A handout was distributed and reviewed with the group regarding the SBSO items.
  - Previous outcome measures provided included only the general population and as the program is now available to other populations, the outcome measures will be expanded.
  - Individuals that don't complete STP in custody will be able to transition to the Day Report Centers (DRCs) or the Probation Report and Resource Centers (PRRCs) to complete their program in the community.
- Alternative Sentencing – SBSO
  - A handout was distributed and reviewed with the group regarding the SBSO items.
  - Ethan Bertrand noted that comparing last year participants to this year indicates a reduction in those being served. He questioned whether it is anticipated that the decrease will continue or will there be an increase.
  - Chief Custody Deputy Wasilewski stated the reduction in participants in the program is directly related to cutting the SBSO budget last FY. Other programs that release low risked individuals have affected the number eligible for this program, which is why the budget was reduced by the SBSO.
  - ACEO Melekian asked if the issue is the reduction in funding or in the reduced pool eligible individuals. Wasilewski indicated both items are a factor in the reduced population of the program.
  - A question was posed that if funding was restored, would there be a pool of individuals to go on alternative sentencing. SBSO indicated yes there could be other individuals eligible. There is a direct correlation between the number of staff to the number of individuals supervised on alternative sentencing.

- DCPO Shean inquired about the complete budget for this program, including general fund positions. SBSO reported there are four Custody Deputies and one Senior Custody Deputy assigned to the program.
- The SBSO budget request is not for additional funding for this program only a slight increase due to salary increases.
- Edovo Tablets – SBSO
  - A handout was distributed and reviewed with the group regarding the SBSO items.
  - Public Defender (PD) Macuga stated she is now a supporter of the program and hopes that when the Northern Branch Jail opens, there will be the ability for several inmates to participate in programming together utilizing a tablet.
  - SBSO is partnering with Beta.gov and they will be doing an analysis to determine if there is less grievances, fights, etc. with those individuals utilizing the tablets.
- PRCS and PSS Population Demographics and Projection – Probation
  - A handout was distributed and reviewed with the group.
  - Health Management Associates (HMA) will be preparing a report that compares recidivism and screening tool scores.
  - PRCS clients are supervised by Probation between one and three years.
  - PSS clients are a prison sentence and their sentence is divided between serving a set amount of time in jail and a set amount of time in the community. As such, the community supervision time could be much longer than a PRCS client. There is also the ability to earn custody credits.
- Housing and Treatment/Services – Probation
  - A handout was distributed and reviewed with the group.
  - The goal of the supportive housing program is to help individuals obtain more permanent housing. The program is focused on harm reduction, so the model is fairly new to probation, and requiring some adjustments as to how we respond to substance abuse relapses. This is a 24 month pilot program that we are five months into. The CCP will continue to review to determine next steps.
  - ACEO Melekian stated it might be necessary to look at how to sustain this program if it is determined valuable by shifting funding not adding more funding.

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

- Next week there will be a site visit by the Center for Court Innovation. The primary focus will be on the court process and how it conforms to the mandates of the 6<sup>th</sup> Amendment. The site visit should result in a report to guide us going forward.
- This is a two year training and technical assistant grant.
- The planning committee consists of personnel from the Court, DA, PD, SBSO and Probation.
- ACEO thanked the PD Office for submitting the application and bringing the grant to our County.

#### VIII. **Selection Process for Recommendation to the CCP – DCPO Kimberly Shean & ACEO Bernard Melekian**

- A handout was provided and reviewed with the group regarding sample applications and processes that other bodies use to recruit members. The Clerk of the Board has a standardized application that Ethan Bertrand can share with DCPO Shean.
- Applicants would provide a one page cover letter and complete a standardized application when seats are open. The applications would be reviewed by the CCP Workgroup. The applicants would be invited to the CCP Workgroup meeting. We need to determine if they would like a

presentation by all applicants or if they answer standardized questions. As well as to determine if the discussion/decision would be done in the room or at a later date.

- The CCP Workgroup will make a recommendation, with candidate profiles, to the CCP membership.
- A flow chart could be developed as to process.
- This will be brought back to the November CCP Workgroup as it needs to be presented at the December CCP meeting.

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

- Prison to Employment Initiative – Ray McDonald
  - This is still in the implementation part of the grant. It is scheduled to start in January 2020. The State is sending out individuals to train locally to work with this population.
  - The contract will be provided to Probation for review before going before the Board of Supervisors (BOS) in January.
- DSH Diversion – ACEO Bernard Melekian
  - The contract is still with Behavioral Wellness, County Counsel and State Hospitals attorneys regarding the data sharing and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) issues.
  - The funds will not be released until the contract is approved by the BOS and signed.
  - Thank you to the PD Office for their work in applying for this grant.
  - ACEO Melekian announced that the SBSO received the Byrne JAG funding which will provide two additional
- Community Diversion – Public Defender Tracy Macuga
  - PD Macuga announced that partners now available with a final budget developed.
  - Thank you to Behavioral Wellness and Deepak Budwani for all the work they did on this grant.
  - The final budget will be reviewed and will be approved by the BOS.
  - This program centers around the sobering center and diversion. This is a pre-arrest model, pre-booking component and pre-arraignment component diverting individuals into services.
  - There are discussion still pending between the DA and PD.

**IX. Confirm Next Meeting for November 20, 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