



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

Meeting Minutes
September 25, 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

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:

Budwani, Deepak – Public Defender’s Office

Callahan, Ken - SBSO

Celmeta, Selim - SBSO

Clark, Barton – Probation Department

Fletcher, Damon – Probation Department

Friedrich, James – Probation Department

Greene, Jeff - SBSO

Hess, Julie – Families ACT!

Lewis, John – Behavioral Wellness

Malesich, Todd – Probation Department

Meza, Ben – Probation Department

Rheinschild, Megan – District Attorney’s Office

Schmidt, Joe - SBSO

Sibley, Christina - SBSO

Smith, Deirdre – SBSO

Talaugon, Sylvia – Probation Department

- I. **Call to Order and Introductions** –Deputy Chief Probation Officer (DCPO) Kimberly Shean
- The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. and attendees provided self-introductions.

II. Approval of Minutes – All

- A motion was made by ACEO Bernard Melekian to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2019, Community Corrections Partnership Realignment Planning Workgroup (CCP Workgroup) meeting, as submitted. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved.
- A motion was made by 2nd District Representative Ethan Bertrand to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2019, 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

- DCPO Shean reviewed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 Realignment Work Plan schedule. A reminder was given to the departments that presentation are to include data and outcome information from the last year as well as anticipated modifications and the budget for FY 2020-21. The information needs to be provided a week before the meeting to ensure it goes out with the meeting agenda for review by the voting members prior to the meeting.
- A flyer from the Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health (CCJBH) was forwarded to the workgroup members regarding dates and locations of upcoming community engagement activities.
- Three letters of interest were received regarding the Community Engagement Initiative. CCP workgroup members interested in being part of the rating process advise DCPO Shean by October 4th.

V. 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.
 - Since January 277 males and 113 females have gone through the full scope STP program.
 - Since January 184 males and 201 females have gone through the partial STP program.
 - PD Macuga requested information regarding individuals that transition from the jail program to the community via the Probation Report and Resource Center (PRRCs) so they can be captured when they successfully complete.
- Alternative Sentencing – SBSO
 - A handout was distributed and reviewed with the group regarding the SBSO items.
 - Ethan Bertrand asked what the total staffing is for the alternative sentencing program. The alternative sentencing unit is comprised of Electronic Monitoring (EM) and SWAP. There are four Custody Deputies and one Sergeant assigned to the Alternative Sentencing Bureau (ASB) division. The Sergeant position is not currently filled. Only one Custody Deputy position is funded by Realignment. The totally cost is for the program is \$493,000 which does not include the Sergeant position.
 - Ethan requested at the October meeting to have the data regarding the number individuals served for the FY as well as a percentage breakdown between each program. SBSO advised that the monthly average is approximately 83 individuals in the program; with 89% on EM and 11% enrolled in SWAP. This average monthly number is from January -

August 2019. Last year there were 1,249 inmates in the program totaling 36,116 inmate days in the program.

- DCPO Shean requested an update of the chart that is in last year's Realignment Plan for ASB.
- Ethan Bertrand asked for those individuals that are going into the pretrial supervision program if convicted at the end of the court proceedings do they go into alternative programs or do they go in the jail. SBSO advised that it depends on charges and court instructions.
- SBSO reported that almost all individuals in jail are screened to determine if they qualify for the alternative sentencing program.

- Edovo Tablets – SBSO
 - A handout was distributed and reviewed with the group regarding the SBSO items.
 - There have been 2,700 individual inmates that have used the tablets and 11,560 certificates have been earned since January 2019. As a reminder individuals participating in the STP program do not get to utilize the tablets. The tablets are strictly for those individuals not eligible for other programming.
 - There will be a new program launched in the next couple months that will allow inmates to request legal documents through the tablets.
 - PD Macuga asked in the future if the tablets could allow clients to get information on voting or registering to vote via the Edovo Tablets.
 - DCPO Shean reminded the group that the tablets were originally funded in FY 2017-18 as a purchase out of one-time funding, but they were leased which has been roughly \$90,000 each year for the lease. A question was posed as to whether Realignment would continue to fund out of one-time each year or will SBSO fund from an alternate source. Chief Deputy Wasilewski stated the tablets are going to be an ongoing expense. DCPO Shean stated this request will be moved to ongoing in the final spreadsheet that will be reviewed by the membership at the January 2020 meetings.
 - ACEO Melekian asked if there is data available for those individuals that use the tablets and those that have not regarding recidivism. SBSO reports they are working on getting recidivism data from the Attorney General's Office.
 - PD Macuga and ACEO Melekian voiced their support of the request for additional ongoing funds to support the Tablets.

- It was requested that the SBSO items be added to the October 23rd meeting agenda as data for the programs needs to be provided. A reminder was made to provide the documents no later than October 17th so they can be provided to the membership prior to the next meeting.

- Damon Fletcher advised that the Realignment allocations are currently an estimate by utilizing the FY 2019-20's actual allocation and adding the growth from last FY. The State has not released the allocation or growth, typically that information is released the beginning of October. The realignment allocation will be added to the October agenda.

- Assessment – Probation
 - A handout was distributed and reviewed with the group.

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

- The focus of the overall mission is to provide a report to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on the state of criminal justice in the county in late February or early March, highlighting diversion points out of the system, specifically for the mentally ill.
- There are a number of committees reviewing similar data in a variety of environments and ACEO Melekian is trying to focus on information that can be consolidated. Many of the

reports have value in different venues and workload can be reduced when we are asking for the same data.

- There is a planning call with the Center for Court Innovation tomorrow with a planned site visit for October 29th – 31st. All stakeholders will be involved in the site visit and there will be a recap meeting on October 31st to develop the work plan.
- Yesterday the CEOs office held their all staff meeting at northern brand jail and toured the facility and Sergeant Wolf did a great job fielding questions.

VII. Compliance Response Team (CRT) Classification Modification – Lieutenant Jeff Greene

- A memo was provided and reviewed with the group. The target date for the transition of Deputy classification to Special Duty Deputy classification is October 7th.
- DCPO Shean stated Probation staff assigned to CRT have always been able to adjust their schedules to work holidays when necessary.
- These positions are a flex promotion so those currently assigned to SBSO CRT positions can just be moved into these new positions.
- The CRTs are working at least one weekend a month which will continue.
- A motion by made by Ray McDonald for a classification modification for SBSO staff assigned to CRT, the motion was second and all approved.

VIII. Criminal Justice Funding Opportunity Submissions – DCPO Kimberly Shean

- Prison to Employment Initiative – Ray McDonald
 - The contract will be before the BOS in October. October to December 2019 is the start-up period. After approved by BOS then a timeline will be developed to serve 40 individuals.
- DSH Diversion – ACEO Bernard Melekian
 - Work is continuing to be done with the State regarding the budget and county attorneys. If everything is ready it will be before the BOS on October 15th.
 - The SBSO announced they received the Byrne JAG funding which will provide two additional co-response teams. The SBSO is also in discussion with Santa Maria Police Department to develop a co-response team in the north county.
 - DSH Diversion will divert 18 individuals that were Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) into the community and out of custody.
- Community Diversion – Public Defender Tracy Macuga
 - A meeting was held on September 6th in Sacramento.
 - They are in the stage of figuring out the financial nuances with the sobering center regarding logistics and personnel adjustments with Behavior Wellness and Good Samaritan. There is a meeting scheduled today to finalize decisions and then submit the plan to the State to move line items within the community based organizations' budgets. Once approved by the State it will be heard by the BOS.

IX. Confirm Next Meeting for October 23, 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