



## Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Realignment Planning Workgroup

Meeting Minutes  
May 27, 2020

Zoom

### **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

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

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

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:**

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

### **Staff and Other Attendees:**

Baldueza, Julius – Probation Department

Burns, Shana – Behavioral Wellness

Cross, Spencer – Probation Department

Grossi, Dana – Probation Department

Grossini, Jason - SBSO

Lipman, Rachel – County Executive Office

Meza, Ben – Probation Department

Plastino, Rob - SBSO

Sibley, Christina – Probation Department

Vasquez, Hope - SBSO

Villegas, Lea – Public Defenders Officer

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

- The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

### **II. Approval of Minutes** – All

- A motion was made by Tracy Macuga and seconded by Ray McDonald to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2020, Community Corrections Partnership Realignment Planning Workgroup (CCP Workgroup) meeting, as submitted.
  - A roll call vote was taken of the CCP Workgroup members present:
    - Ayes: 8  
(Ethan Bertrand, Alice Gleghorn, Tracy Macuga, Ray McDonald, Michael Soderman, Angela Braun, Kimberly Shean, Vincent Wasilewski)
    - Nays: 0
    - Abstention: 0

### III. **Public Comment** – All

- None

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

- The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 Realignment Plan was approved by the Board of Supervisor (BOS) on May 12<sup>th</sup>. This year the item was heard as an administrative item to be mindful of the Supervisors time. The FY 2020-21 Plan is posted on the Probation Department website and hard copies are being printed and will be distributed to the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) and CCP workgroup members. The associated service contracts will be before the BOS on June 16<sup>th</sup> for services to begin on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The group discussed ways to capture data due to changes in the system due to COVID-19 because of Court closures, jail releases, or individuals not being booked into the jail.
- Rob Plastino announced that Jason Grossi will be serving as Special Enforcement Manger for the SBSO and will have oversight of the Community Response Team (CRT).
- Angela Braun stated there was a new emergency order signed by the Chief Justice regarding jury trials as courts are not set up for social distancing requirements. The Courts are dealing with in custody defendants via Zoom if there is consent and working with defense and District Attorney for settlement agreements to work towards resolution. This is a slow going process working to determine what works best and what doesn't regarding court hearings. Probation is obtaining signatures from those in jail for plea agreements to assist cases to move through the court process.
- Individuals that are being released early from custody or on pretrial being provided food and housing to address their needs. The employment portion is challenging during the closure.
- Dr. Gleghorn stated that Behavioral Wellness (BW) doesn't get a lot of General Fund dollars and their budget relies heavily on personal income tax and vehicle license fee. This really limits the funding available for matching MediCal but the need to serve more people with significantly less resources. BW continues to provide telehealth services and crisis services.

### V. **Budget Update** – Administrative Deputy Director Damon Fletcher

- A presentation was provided and reviewed with the group regarding funding changes on the FY 2019- 20 and FY 2020-21 budget due to COVID-19.
- If all projections are correct for FY 2020-21, there will be a \$2 million short fall from the budget that was approved.
- As we begin to build the FY 2021-22, the beginning allocation with be \$3 million short to maintain the same programs that was approved for FY 2020-21.
- There is funding in reserves which could be utilized for the shortage for a rollover budget but there is not additional funding for new programs or expansions.
- This presentation will be provided to the CCP voting members at the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- PD Macuga stated there are responses done during COVID and it would be valuable for the CCP members to be mindful of those adjustments that could result in cost savings going forward.

### VI. **Selection Process for Recommendations to the CCP** – ACEO Bernard Melekian and DCPO Kimberly Shean

- Workgroup members were going to get feedback from their CCP member that voiced strong views as to process.
- Vince Wasilewski checked in with the Sheriff and his concerns were that he wanted the decision to be made by the CCP members and not the workgroup members.
- A suggestion was made previously that rankings and all applicants would be provided to the CCP.
- The flowchart was provided to the workgroup as to the last review of process.
- The mini workgroup will get together to develop a ranking system and a list for those that are qualified for review by the workgroup at the July meeting to be presented at the August CCP meeting.

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

- Prison to Employment Initiative – Ray McDonald
  - It is anticipated that the Workforce Board will be very active addressing unemployment due to COVID.
  - It was determined to give the funding for Prison to Employment Initiative to Probation to work with Goodwill as Probation has a current contract and can augment and extend employment services with this grant. .
  - A planning meeting is being today with Goodwill to determine how to expand to subsidize employment.
  
- DSH Diversion – Rachel Lipman
  - The State has signed the contract. Now waiting for the program implementation plan to be approved.
  
- Community Diversion – Tracy Macuga
  - Program began and meetings are being held to review the enrolled clients.
  - Due to COVID-19 the client population in the jail are no longer in custody.

**VIII. Approve FY 20/21 Meeting Calendar, Confirm Next Meeting for July 22, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.– DCPO Kimberly Shean**

- A motion was made by Ray McDonald and seconded by Tracy Macuga to approve the FY 2020-21 meeting calendar.
  - A roll call vote was taken of the CCP Workgroup members present.
    - Ayes: 8  
(Ethan Bertrand, Shana Burns, Tracy Macuga, Ray McDonald, Michael Soderman, Angela Braun, Kimberly Shean, Vincent Wasilewski)
    - Nays: 0
    - Abstention: 0
  
- The July 22<sup>nd</sup> 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