



Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Realignment Planning Workgroup

Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2020

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

Shana Burns for **Alice Gleghorn**, Ph.D., Director – Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness

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

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

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

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:

None

Staff and Other Attendees:

Baldueza, Julius – Probation Department

Budwani, Deepak – Public Defender’s Office

Cross, Spencer – Probation Department

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

Lipman, Rachel – County Executive Office

Malesich, Todd – Probation Department

Meza, Ben – Probation Department

Milligan, Karyn – Probation Department

Ming, Racy – Racy Ming Associates

Riordan, Suzanne – Families Act!

Martha Santrizos, Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE)

Soderman, Michael – District Attorney’s Office

Talaugon, Sylvia – Probation Department

Villegas, Lea – Public Defenders Officer

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 Bernard Melekian to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2020, Community Corrections Partnership Realignment Planning Workgroup (CCP Workgroup) meeting, as submitted. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved.

III. **Public Comment – All**

- Suzanne Riordan indicated that the CCP Workgroup and associated funding exists because criminal justice was not functioning well. She also stated that it is important to help individuals get out of the cycle, and that funding needs to continue to be allocated for programs such as housing, psychological issues and drug addiction.
- Lynne Gibbs commented that supportive and transitional housing is very important to NAMI.

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

- The Realignment budget was approved at the February CCP meeting. There are two additional budget items to consider regarding other components of the budget. If those are approved by the CCP Workgroup they will be placed on the April CCP agenda.
- The selection process is back before the CCP WG based on feedback from the February meeting by the CCP members.
- There will be three Implicit Bias trainings scheduled, with the goal to train a minimum of seven of the justice partner agencies and aim to train 240 individuals. A flyer is being developed and will be shared once all the locations have been confirmed.

V. **Proposed Allocation of Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 Public Safety Realignment Ongoing Budget for Submission to the CCP – Public Defender Tracy Macuga**

- A handout was provided and reviewed with the group regarding the expansion request for 1.0 of additional MSW Staff for the Office of the Public Defender increasing the FY 2020-21 Public Safety Realignment Plan expenditures by \$100,937.
- Deepak Budwani advised that this was an original expansion request. There was a misunderstanding during the January CCP Workgroup meeting and the funding was removed from the budget approved by the CCP Workgroup and subsequently the CCP in February. Before the CCP Workgroup today is the approval of the original expansion request.
- A motion was made by Ray McDonald and seconded by Bernard Melekian to approve and forward to the CCP for consideration an expansion request for 1.0 of additional MSW Staff in the Office of the Public Defender increasing the FY 2020-21 Public Safety Realignment Plan expenditures by \$100,937 to a total of \$14,705,414.
 - A roll call vote was taken of the CCP Workgroup members present.
Ayes: 8
(Ethan Bertrand, Shana Burns, Tracy Macuga, Ray McDonald, Bernard Melekian, Mag Nicola, Kimberly Shean, Vincent Wasilewski)
Nays: 0
Abstention: 1
(Angela Braun)

VI. **Proposed Allocation of FY 2020-2021 Public Safety Realignment Fund Balance for FY 2020-21 Realignment Budget for Submission to the CCP – DCPO Kimberly Shean**

- A handout was provided and reviewed with the group regarding supportive housing utilization since inception of the pilot.
- Martha Santrizos read a letter from CLUE into the record in support of the additional funding for transitional and supportive housing for the remainder of the FY and for an additional two years.
- DCPO Shean stated that if the CCP Workgroup decided to fund supportive housing after the pilot ends it will require \$400,000 be moved from one-time funding to ongoing funding. After a year of the pilot program a presentation will be provided to the CCP regarding usage and outcomes.
- A motion was made by Vince Wasilewski and seconded by Tracy Macuga to approve and forward to the CCP for consideration a request for one-time funds to extend the Supportive Housing Pilot program end date by two (2) months to coincide with the end of the FY increasing the FY 2020-21 use of Programmatic Restricted Fund Balance by \$66,667.
 - A roll call vote was taken of the CCP Workgroup members present.
Ayes: 8

(Ethan Bertrand, Shana Burns, Tracy Macuga, Ray McDonald, Bernard Melekian, Mag Nicola, Kimberly Shean, Vincent Wasilewski)

Nays: 0

Abstention: 1

(Angela Braun)

VII. Selection Process for Recommendations to the CCP – ACEO Bernard Melekian & DCPO Kimberly Shean

- Ethan Bertrand provided the group with a review of the discussion at the February CCP meeting. Some of the voting members indicated they wanted more of an active role in the selection process and some had concerns about the applicants being in the room during discussions. They had a similar concerns that were discussed by the workgroup. Ultimately, the CCP Members wanted more of a say than what was proposed by the workgroup. .
- Ray McDonald indicated that CCP Members wanted to know the criteria that the workgroup would be using to put forward a recommendation and requested clarification from the workgroup. One member wanted to have more involvement in the selection process of new CCP members.
- Kimberly Shean stated that Chief reminded the CCP that after an uncomfortable selection process at a past CCP meeting, it was requested that the workgroup make a recommendation, which is how we got to this place.
- Bernard Melekian stated we could provide the list of applicants and advise the CCP of the workgroup recommendation and why.
- It was suggested that the subcommittee speak with the most recently selected community members to get feedback as to how the process went from their view point.
- Vince Wasilewski stated that the Sheriff is very interested in having the CCP make the selection and was ok to have the workgroup vet the applicants. We need to fix the first person nominated gets the seat situation. The workgroup needs to help the CCP come up with a process.
- Mag Nicole stated the workgroup should provide a ranking to the CCP. The Brown Act does not allow for a private vote if the applicants it they want to attend they can. He suggested the workgroup do a document review and minimum qualifications to use for a ranking to the CCP.
- Tracy Macuga stated we do need a vetting process, minimum qualifications, and an interview process as you don't always get a full view from an application review.
- Discussion was had as to whether the workgroup wanted to interview individual applicants or just review resumes. For the CBO position, the workgroup would be vetting the organization, and not the individual. For clarification, the victim seat is an individual and the other seat is a community based organization.
- Kimberly Shean recommended the workgroup develop a ranking system and provide the application/bio for the CCP to make their final selection. The workgroup needs to develop the ranking process.
- It was requested to have workgroup representatives go back and discuss with CCP members that had voiced concerns if that would be an acceptable process, for finalization at the next workgroup meeting.

VIII. Public Safety Realignment Plan FY 2020-21 – DCPO Kimberly Shean

- A draft of the FY 2020-21 Public Safety Realignment Plan was provided to the group for review. There are some areas that have notations that they are still under construction. The final draft of the plan will be provided prior to the March workgroup meeting for review and approval, to then be placed on the April CCP agenda for approval.

IX. Criminal Justice Funding Opportunity Submissions – DCPO Kimberly Shean

- Prison to Employment Initiative
 - Currently in start-up mode to go live in April. Working on the referral process with Probation and the discharge planners.
- DSH Diversion
 - The first clients have been moved into housing and others have been identified to be screened. The sobering center is open.
 - Individuals should be placed in housing/sobering center pre-arrest as law enforcement is still taking them to jail. This is going to be a change in how we deal with those with severe mental illness and substance issues so they can be redirected. Internal meetings with stakeholders will be scheduled to ensure individuals are redirect and services are utilized.
 - Tracy Macuga stated there were 36 individuals booked into jail instead of the sobering center, understanding that some of them would not have been appropriate. Vince Wasilewski stated the SBSO went through each of the 36 cases and many were not appropriate for the sobering center.
- Community Diversion
 - The Board of Supervisors (BOS) accepted the funds with the salary revision for FY 2020-21. The last piece before going live is to develop an implementation plan and have it approved by the State prior to serving clients.
 - Working with the provider of the crisis residential location in Santa Maria to make it more home like setting. This is a 12-bed crisis residential forensic facility but will go live with six beds.
 - This will be starting nine months later than expected as such it will be extended an additional 8-9 months.

X. Confirm Next Meeting for March 19, 2020, 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