



Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Realignment Planning Workgroup

Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2021

Zoom

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

Paul Clementi, Principal Analyst – County of Santa Barbara County Executive Office

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)

Staff and Other Attendees:

Baldueza, Julius – Probation Department

Budwani, Deepak – Public Defender's Office

Burns, Shana – Behavioral Wellness

Cross, Spencer – Probation Department

Davis, Melanie – Probation Department

Earls, Maureen – Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE)

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

Grossi, Dana – Probation Department

Grossini, Jason – SBSO

Lipman, Rachel – County Executive Office

Meza, Ben – Probation Department

Milligan, Karyn – Probation Department

Nisich, Terri – County Executive Office

Plastino, Rob – SBSO

Ribeiro, Chris – Behavioral Wellness

Riker-Rheinschild, Megan – District Attorney's Office

Riordan, Suzanne – Families Act!

Severance, Laurence – CLUE

Sibley, Christina – Probation Department

Smedley, Julie – Workforce Development Board

Soderman, Michael – District Attorney's Office

Vasquez, Hope – Santa Barbara County CFO

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 to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2021, Community Corrections Partnership Realignment Planning Workgroup (CCP Workgroup) meeting as submitted. Angela Braun seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

III. **Public Comment** – All

- No public comment.

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

- The order of agenda items were modified to allow additional time for priority discussion.
- The Reentry Steering Committee is expanding its voting membership; recommendations will be taken to the CCP in April for approval of six additional members from community-based organizations.

V. **Racial and Ethnic Equity and Inclusion (REEI) Sub-committee** – 2nd District Representative Ethan Bertrand

- Ethan Bertrand shared a presentation on REEI efforts. The FY19-20 Realignment Plan adopted a goal to “support a systemic approach to studying and addressing racial and ethnic disparities in the justice system.” A preliminary data report was created to identify disparities in numbers for arrest, incarceration, and community supervision. Findings show Black and Hispanic adults are disproportionately represented throughout the justice system in Santa Barbara County.
- For the FY21-22 Realignment Plan, the CCP approved an objective to use county-specific findings on racial and ethnic disparities to inform decision-making. Probation is working to determine the Relative Rate Index (RRI) related to arrest, incarceration, and supervision as well as coordinating additional implicit bias trainings.
- Dr. Gleghorn mentioned all behavioral services are required to comply with Class Standards, defined as federal standards for culturally and linguistically appropriate services, and suggested CCP funded entities look into Class Standards training.

VI. **Community Engagement** – Research Manager Karyn Milligan

- In FY19-20, Racy Ming Associates (RMA) was contracted to lead our community engagement efforts. After conducting discussions with 12 organizations and one focus group with justice-involved individuals, RMA noted there were no services identified as non-existent in the community; however, there is a need for greater coordination in the system. Housing and the availability of psychiatric medications were noted as having insufficient resources.
- Discussion was held regarding recommendations made by RMA.
- Lynne Gibbs, who was interviewed by RMA, commented that funding for these studies could be utilized for more productive items like peer navigation for reentry and recommended not funding these evaluations in future years. DCPO Shean responded that funds have not been allocated for this in the coming year and CCP is looking at other uses.

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

- Dr. Gleghorn provided a presentation outlining adjustments to the utilization of previously approved funding for the new MHRC in Santa Barbara. There has been a setback to the original MHRC as the cost estimate firm shows a \$2.1 million gap over the secured funding. A possible solution to the gap in funding is that the State will be providing \$1 billion in competitive grants to counties for expansion of mental health continuums of services, specifically naming MHRC beds in the proposal. Applying for these funds may be an avenue to closing the \$2.1 million gap, but will require time for a competitive grant process and will require a 25% match.
- The first proposal is to redirect ongoing operational funds to purchase two available beds for forensic use at the recently opened Crestwood Champion Center in Lompoc. The second proposal would be the creation of a pod of six beds that are currently unfinished rooms at the Crestwood Champion Center in Lompoc, which could be funded while applying for grant money to complete the full MHRC.
- The group discussed proposal options for the majority of the discussion.

- DCPO Shean asked for clarification on what the plan would look like for the two forensic beds. The original proposal included Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) and those who had open criminal proceedings, so there is a need to re-propose the usage of the two beds, determining who can use them and what performance measures would be utilized. Terri Nisich added that it would be helpful to have insight from the group on outcome measures and specifics that Dr. Gleghorn would provide to inform everyone's vote for CCP in April. DCPO Shean proposed performance measures for consideration: jail bed days saved, days to restoration, numbers served, decreased level of care, and recidivism reduction following restoration.
- Christina Sibley asked if there could be negotiation of the bed rates with Crestwood. Dr. Gleghorn and Chris Ribeiro responded that the lower bed rates seen in existing contracts are for non-forensic beds and forensic beds would require a higher rate for additional staff and services. However, a deal was negotiated with Crestwood where BeWell provided \$1 million for construction of the facility and is being "paid back" through uncharged use of the beds until reaching the \$1 million cost of services. It may be possible to negotiate something similar for the pod of six forensic beds if funding was provided for the construction.
- Tracy Macuga asked about the possibility of contracting with the jail to provide treatment services for the misdemeanants using space that is set aside for the Jail Based Competency Treatment (JBCT) Program as that program is currently under capacity. Chief Wasilewski responded that while there is facility space for housing 20, they are currently only able to provide programming for 10 people at a time and there is a waiting list.

VIII. Jail Data Analysis – Research Manager Karyn Milligan

- This analysis was an effort to measure the recidivism rate of individuals released under Zero Bail orders during the initial days of COVID-19. Typical recidivism data is tracked over three to five years, due to this and the small sample size provided this data is to be considered more of a starting point than something to be analyzed in depth at this time.
- This data has driven interest in the creation of a crime data analysis sub-committee to better align interpretations and sharing of data. The next steps would be to create a workgroup to discuss how to approach the effects of COVID-19 on the justice system looking at the impact to victims, and how clients are recidivating.

IX. Public Safety Realignment Plan FY2021-2022 – DCPO Kimberly Shean and Probation Manager Spencer Cross

- The FY21-22 Realignment Plan, driven by the budget approved at the last CCP meeting on February 5, 2021, is currently in draft mode. After feedback is received following this meeting, the plan will be updated and brought back in March for final review and vote to be moved to CCP in April for final approval.
- Input was received from CLUE with multiple recommendations; many of the items have been woven throughout the goals for the plan.
- Manager Cross presented the draft of the realignment plan, detailing updates to the goals, objectives, and outcomes for FY21-22. If there are any suggested edits or changes, please submit to Managers Cross or Milligan by March 5, 2021.
- Laurence Severance of CLUE re-addressed the recommendation letter, specifically the addition of a Goal 6 to "Improve jail conditions to emphasize humane treatment that will materially contribute to reducing recidivism." Chief Wasilewski responded that while he agrees with the recommendations, the CCP would not be the correct forum for these types of changes and suggested taking it to a broader level, which would potentially use general fund money for items of this nature.

X. FY2020-2021 Programs

- a. **Neighborhood Courts Pilot Program** – Chief Deputy District Attorney Mag Nicola
 - Mag Nicola provided an update on the Neighbor Courts Pilot. Goleta City Council has been receptive to the proposal and has offered city space for meetings. Hiring is being conducted for a coordinator and discussions are being held on how success and failure will be defined in this program.
- a. **Expansion of Edovo Tablet Program** – Chief Custody Deputy Vincent Wasilewski
 - Tabled to the next meeting.

XI. **Criminal Justice Funding Opportunity Submissions**

- a. **Prison to Employment Initiative** – Workforce Development Board Executive Director Ray McDonald
 - Tabled to the next meeting.
- a. **DSH Diversion (AB1810)** – Behavioral Wellness Director Dr. Alice Gleghorn
 - Tabled to the next meeting.
- a. **Community Court Grant - TBD**
 - Tabled to the next meeting.

XII. **Confirm Next Meeting for March 24, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. and Adjourn** – DCPO Kimberly Shean

Respectfully submitted by Lesley Stewart, Administrative Office Professional Senior