



Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Realignment Planning Workgroup

Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2021

Zoom

CCP Realignment Planning Workgroup Members in Attendance:

Ethan Bertrand, 2nd District Representative

Michael Cash, Chief of Police – Guadalupe Police Department

Pam Fisher, Ph.D., Acting 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 for **Holly Benton**, Deputy Chief Probation Officer – Santa Barbara County Probation Department, Chair

Vincent Wasilewski, Chief Custody Deputy – Santa Barbara Sheriff’s Office (SBSO)

Members Absent:

None

Staff and Other Attendees:

Baldueza, Julius – Probation Department

Burns, Shana – Behavioral Wellness

Callahan, Kenneth – SBSO

Cross, Spencer – Probation Department

Ellsworth, Judge Sherrill – Consultant

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

Grossini, Jason – SBSO

Lipman, Rachel – County Executive Office

Meza, Ben – Probation Department

Milligan, Karyn – Probation Department

Saafir, Emir – Probation Department

Sibley, Christina – Probation Department

Vasquez, Hope – County Executive Office

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

- II. **Approval of Minutes** – All
 - A motion was made by Paul Clementi and seconded by Tracy Macuga to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2021, Community Corrections Partnership Realignment Planning Workgroup (CCP Workgroup) meeting as submitted.
 - A roll call vote was taken of the CCP Workgroup members present.
 - Ayes: 10
(Ethan Bertrand, Michael Cash, Pam Fisher, Tracy Macuga, Ray McDonald, Paul Clementi, Mag Nicola, Angela Braun, Kimberly Shean, Vincent Wasilewski)
 - Nays: 0
 - Abstention: 0

- III. **Comments from the Chair** – DCPO Kimberly Shean

- No comments at this time.

IV. **Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 Realignment Planning Process** – DCPO Kimberly Shean

- A draft of the Realignment Planning Process was shared on screen. In September, realignment goals and objectives will be reviewed, PRCS and PSS populations will be reviewed and projected, and discussion will be held on community prioritization items. Program presentations will commence in October and continue through December. An allocated budget will be voted on in January 2022 to present to the CCP in February 2022 for approval.
- A motion was made by Mag Nicola and seconded by Angela Braun to approve the FY2022-23 planning timeline with the deletion of the Prop. 47 wrap up data under December 15, 2021.
 - A roll call vote was taken of the CCP Workgroup members present.
Ayes: 10
(Ethan Bertrand, Michael Cash, Pam Fisher, Tracy Macuga, Ray McDonald, Paul Clementi, Mag Nicola, Angela Braun, Kimberly Shean, Vincent Wasilewski)
Nays: 0
Abstention: 0

V. **COVID-Related Jail Release Data** – Research Manager Karyn Milligan

- The CCP approved moving the California Policy Lab (CPL) partnership forward. Probation has been in conversation with County Counsel and is planning to sign the data agreement this week and start conversations about specific data elements. If your agency is considering partnering and has questions, please reach out to Research Manager Karyn Milligan. If you are interested in participating, signatures will need to be obtained by the end of August prior to launch on September 1, 2021.

VI. **Crestwood MHRC Pilot Program** - DCPO Kimberly Shean

- There will be a meeting on August 26, 2021, between Probation, Behavioral Wellness, and the CEO's office to discuss the two-bed pilot further. DCPO issued a reminder for upcoming budget discussions, the original \$3.1 million allocation for the planned MHRC build is still available.

VII. **Felony Diversion** – Chief Deputy DA Mag Nicola

- A meeting was held with the Center for Court Innovation (CCI), who will be coming out to assess the County. However, this will likely not occur prior to October due to COVID.

VIII. **New/Expanded Program Updates**

- **Neighborhood Court Pilot Program** – Chief Deputy DA Mag Nicola
 - In-person training was scheduled but canceled due to COVID. Virtual training is now being scheduled with Yolo County to emulate their program for implementation in Santa Barbara County.
- **Mental Health Rehabilitation Center** – Department of Behavioral Wellness Director Dr. Fisher
 - Previously addressed in meeting.
- **Holistic Defense** – Public Defender Tracy Macuga
 - The Holistic Defense team is fully staffed, transporters are active in and sometimes out of the county. Social Workers have been embedded in the arraignment department and the intent is to embed one Social Worker in the jail but it is not currently possible due to COVID.

- **Edovo Tablet Program** – Chief Custody Deputy Vincent Wasilewski
 - More tablets were added this year and use is skyrocketing. The purchase of 40 tablets was approved through a non-CCP funding source and Edovo has loaned an additional 20 tablets. Tablets will be used in the North Branch Jail once opened. The California Public Utilities Commission began the process of putting a cap on inmate call rates; this could reduce revenue by approximately \$250 thousand per year and will impact the inmate welfare fund and the ability to provide programming.

IX. **Criminal Justice Funding Opportunities** – DCPO Kimberly Shean

- No current funding opportunities.

X. **Criminal Justice Funding Updates**

- **Prison to Employment (P2E) Initiative** – Workforce Development Board Executive Director Ray McDonald
 - Current P2E initiative will receive additional funding, it is not known how much funding will be available at this time. P2E is scheduled to end in 2022, but additional funds may augment the program through 2024 or 2025. WDB would like to discuss with Probation what is working in the current program and how best to utilize the new funds.
- **Pathway Home Grant** – Workforce Development Board Executive Director Ray McDonald
 - \$2.49 million was received in partnership with SBSO, AHC, SBCC, Freedom 4 Youth, Good Sam, and CSI. The grant award was officially accepted by the BOS with a start date of July 1, 2021. The first six months are a start-up and planning period and the program will begin serving participants in January 2022. A meeting will be held in early September to plan the next steps for launch.
- **Department of State Hospitals (DSH) Diversion (AB1810)** – Department of Behavioral Wellness Director Dr. Fisher
 - Funding is being made available to expand the IST diversion program, it will require an application and letter of intent to be submitted by September 24, 2021. Dr. Fisher will reach out to partners who were initially involved to confirm they would like to move forward with the additional funding opportunity. Behavioral Wellness will take care of the paperwork. For the new allocation, the State will require clients to be confirmed IST not at-risk of IST.
- **CREDO 47** – Public Defender Tracy Macuga
 - Program is working better than ever with data collection and dashboards. Housing is fully staffed and women’s housing will be expanded. There is anticipation that additional funding will be available.
 - Ethan Bertrand asked Chief Wasilewski about a prior mention of seeing jail intakes for minor offenses like public intoxication that would have been good candidates for CREDO 47. At the time Chief Wasilewski believed there was a need for more education with law enforcement partners and Ethan questioned if an improvement in this has been seen.
 - Follow up at the next meeting.
- **COVID Relief Grant** – Department of Behavioral Wellness/Sheriff’s Office
 - This grant allowed for hiring additional navigators through Good Sam and Behavioral Wellness, all positions have been filled.

XI. **Public Comment** – All

- Due to a microphone issue Lynne Gibbs submitted written questions after the meeting concluded, the questions below will be addressed in the September meeting.

- With the new requirement for AB10 funding of clients needing to be confirmed IST, will this apply to all persons newly entered or just the portion that the additional 20% funding will cover.
- What the roles and responsibilities of the Holistic Defense Social Workers are compared to the MHSA-funded Justice Alliance Full Service Partnership.

XII. Confirm Next Meeting for September 22, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. and Adjourn – DCPO Kimberly Shean

Respectfully submitted by Lesley Stewart, Administrative Office Professional Senior