



Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Realignment Planning Workgroup

Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2021

Zoom

CCP Realignment Planning Workgroup Members in Attendance:

Ethan Bertrand, 2nd District Representative

Pam Fisher for **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, Chair

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

Frank Medina for **Michael Cash**, Chief of Police – Guadalupe Police Department

Members Absent:

None

Staff and Other Attendees:

Baldueza, Julius – Probation Department

Budwani, Deepak – Public Defender’s Office

Burns, Shana – Behavioral Wellness

Callahan, Kenneth – SBSO

Coulson, William – SBSO

Ellsworth, Sherrill – Consultant

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

Grossi, Dana – Probation Department

Lipman, Rachel – County Executive Office

Lyons-Pruitt, Lawanda – National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

Meza, Ben – Probation Department

Milligan, Karyn – Probation Department

Ribeiro, Chris – Behavioral Wellness

Riker-Rheinschild, Megan – District Attorney’s Office

Saafir, Emir – Probation Department

Severance, Laurence – Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE)

Smedley, Julie – Workforce Development Board

Zeitz, Laura – Behavioral Wellness

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 Mag Nicola and seconded by Tracy Macuga to approve the minutes of the February 24, 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, Pam Fisher, Tracy Macuga, Ray McDonald, Paul Clementi, Mag Nicola, Angela Braun, Kimberly Shean, Vincent Wasilewski, Frank Medina)

Nayes: 0
Abstention: 0

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

- A reminder, the CCP meeting is next Friday, April 2, 2021. The FY21-22 Realignment Plan will be presented for approval along with a request to amend the budget for MHRC. If the CCP approves the Realignment Plan, it will be taken to the BOS on May 4, 2021. A reminder will be sent out for those who wish to join the BOS presentation.

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

- A document was shared outlining the proposed amendments to the MHRC budget allocation. A brief overview of the proposed motions was given and discussion was held regarding any further questions or comments there might be prior to voting.
- Tracy Macuga asked for numbers on how many misdemeanants are treated in the community and what distinguishes misdemeanants that would be referred to the locked facility. Laura Zeitz replied that the first priority is community treatment, which requires court and judge permission to serve clients at the lowest level of care outside of a locked facility. Presently for 50% or more of cases, the courts prefer to have locked facility due just to the nature of offenses; the Champions facility would satisfy that while also providing a lower level of care than would currently be available at the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF).
- Tracy also asked about the efforts to educate the courts on this issue about the safety of release of the misdemeanant population for community-based services and is there a number of what the capacity is to serve these misdemeanants in the community. Laura responded that beds are not the sole limiting factor and it also involves the availability of safe and stable housing and ability to stay engaged in treatment. The forensic facility currently has a capacity of six beds, clients could be placed in congregate living facilities and shelters if they are able to meaningfully participate in treatment. Angela Braun also asked about educating the courts and Laura responded that justice alliance team will conduct outreach to the court officers through a one-page document outlining the opportunity, the option, what it provides, limitations, and services available.
- Tracy then asked for an estimate of times BeWell has recommended community-based treatment where the court has said no. Laura responded that generally when recommendations are made there are questions about how engagements happen and specificity of planning but in general the court trusts BeWell's assessment. However, BeWell is conservative in how often that recommendation is made.
- Kimberly Shean asked for clarification on the initial purpose of the MHRC which was IST restoration and a facility for those who are not IST but may not meet the acuity needed for the PHF. She questioned whether the new proposal included the same population for court referral purposes. Laura replied that initially the limited term two-bed pilot would focus on IST but longer term and upon expansion, it could include the initial proposed population. Kimberly also restated performance measures for this pilot that were proposed in the previous CCP WG meeting: jail bed days saved, days to restoration, number served, decreased level of care, and recidivism reduction following restoration.
- Kim asked how the referral process from the court would occur. Laura responded that BeWell makes placement recommendations following assessments done by a licensed clinician and review by a psychiatrist. The recommendations will always look to the lowest level of care needed to handle the needs identified through the assessment, focused on a lower level of care outside of the PHF.
- Chief Wasilewski asked who pays for this treatment currently and how does CCP end up supplanting the cost. Laura indicated clients court ordered to PHF unit is the most expensive beds for the county as a whole. Often times clients do not need that level of care, and cannot be moved without court permission making beds unavailable to those waiting in ERs that may need the higher level of care, shifting to the MHRC would be a lower cost and open up beds to those who need the highest level of care.

- A letter from Lynne Gibbs of NAMI was shared with their recommendation to approve the MHRC proposals.
- A motion was made by Paul Clementi to request use of \$91,000 of FY20-21 Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) MHRC annual operating budget allocation to establish a pilot of court referred Forensic Focused MHRC Services at Champions Healing Center in Lompoc, starting program development and implementation on April 1, 2021, with two beds, and seconded by Ray McDonald.
 - A roll call vote was taken of the CCP Workgroup members present.
 - Ayes: 9
(Ethan Bertrand, Pam Fisher, Tracy Macuga, Ray McDonald, Paul Clementi, Mag Nicola, Kimberly Shean, Vincent Wasilewski, Frank Medina)
 - Nays: 0
 - Abstention: 1
(Angela Braun)
- A motion was made by Ethan Bertrand to request use of \$365,000 of FY21-22 CCP MHRC annual operating budget allocation to continue the two-bed pilot of court referred Forensic Focused MHRC services at Champions Healing Center in FY21-22, and seconded by Mag Nicola.
 - A roll call vote was taken of the CCP Workgroup members present.
 - Ayes: 8
(Ethan Bertrand, Pam Fisher, Tracy Macuga, Ray McDonald, Paul Clementi, Mag Nicola, Kimberly Shean, Vincent Wasilewski, Frank Medina)
 - Nays: 0
 - Abstention: 1
(Angela Braun)

V. **Public Safety Realignment Plan FY2021-2022** – DCPO Kimberly Shean

- In August 2020, meetings began with each department to provide outcomes and data from the previous year to compile a budget and program proposals for the coming year. This has been an ongoing process throughout the fall; the budget was approved by the CCP in February and now it is time to submit the yearly Public Safety Realignment Plan to the CCP for approval.
- DCPO Shean provided an overview of the final draft of the Realignment Plan that will be submitted for approval.
- A motion was made by Vincent Wasilewski to forward to the CCP for consideration the draft FY21-22 Realignment Plan, and seconded by Mag Nicola.
 - A roll call vote was taken of the CCP Workgroup members present.
 - Ayes: 10
(Ethan Bertrand, Pam Fisher, Tracy Macuga, Julie Smedley, Paul Clementi, Mag Nicola, Angela Braun, Kimberly Shean, Vincent Wasilewski, Frank Medina)
 - Nays: 0
 - Abstention: 0

VI. **Relative Rate Index** – Research Manager Karyn Milligan

- Karyn Milligan provided a presentation on the Relative Rate Index (RRI), which is a new proposed outcome added to the FY21-22 Realignment Plan. RRI is a way to compare the experiences of different groups within the justice system measuring disproportionality. It should be noted this calculation cannot address the potential causes of disproportionality, specifically whether it resulted from different offending or different treatment of communities of color. Initial data points for 2019 and 2020 were shared. Mag Nicola asked if the charge and severity could be included in this type of study and would they be valuable to the assessment. Karyn believes these measures could be looked at if additional resources were

available to conduct the analysis, as that is an important piece that is missing at this point.

VII. **FY2020-2021 Programs**

- **Neighborhood Court Pilot Program** – Chief Deputy District Attorney Mag Nicola
 - Offers have been sent for the coordinator position and at this point working to build a relationship with Goleta, otherwise the project is status quo.
- **Expansion of Edovo Tablet Program** – Chief Custody Deputy Vincent Wasilewski
 - Chief Wasilewski introduced Commander Kenneth Callahan who has taken over Commander Ryan Sullivan’s place as the Support Services Commander. There are no new Edovo updates at this time but updates will be brought to the next meeting.

VIII. **Criminal Justice Funding Opportunity Submissions**

- **Prison to Employment (P2E) Initiative** – Workforce Development Board Julie Smedley
 - The P2E program provides employment and training services to justice-involved individuals. Services include classroom training, vocational training, supportive services, and paid work experience. The goal of the program is not just obtaining but maintaining employment. The program target is 38 individuals through the end date of June 30, 2022. There currently are 11 participants, a few are in work experience and the rest are completing job readiness training. At this time, it appears the target will be met if not exceeded.
- **DSH Diversion (AB1810)** – Behavioral Wellness Shana Burns
 - One client has completed the program, four clients are active, two clients are pending court approval, and there are two new referrals in screening. DSH has allotted six clients per year for three years; however, they are flexible and would allow us to serve as many clients as possible so funding and capacity will be revisited on a regular basis.
- **Community Diversion (CREDO 47)** – Public Defender’s Office Deepak Budwani
 - RDA will be conducting audits in the next six months as part of their normal grant process. In the first year, costs for reimbursement are lower than originally budgeted, it is anticipated that these costs will catch up over the next years of the grant. Working with RDA and BeWell to provide stronger data points. The goal with cohort two is use data to show the work that agencies are doing.
- **Community Court Grant** – Fiscal and Policy Analyst Rachel Lipman
 - Tabled to the next meeting.

IX. **Public Comment** – All

- No public comment.

X. **Confirm Next Meeting for April 28, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. and Adjourn** – DCPO Kimberly Shean

Respectfully submitted by Lesley Stewart, Administrative Office Professional Senior