



Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Realignment Planning Workgroup

Meeting Minutes
May 26, 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

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

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)

Members Absent:

Staff and Other Attendees:

Baldueza, Julius – Probation Department

Budwani, Deepak – Public Defender's Office

Cross, Spencer – Probation Department

Cyr, Serena Dr. – Behavioral Wellness

Ellsworth, Judge Sherrill – Consultant

Fisher, Pam – Behavioral Wellness

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

Grossi, Dana – Probation Department

Grossini, Jason – SBSO

Lee, Cherylynn Dr. – SBSO

Lepore, Caitlin Dr. – Behavioral Wellness

Lipman, Rachel – County Executive Office

Meza, Ben – Probation Department

Milligan, Karyn – Probation Department

Plastino, Rob – SBSO

Ribeiro, Chris – Behavioral Wellness

Riker-Rheinschild, Megan – District Attorney's Office

Riordan, Suzanne – Families Act!

Saafir, Emir – Probation Department

Savrnock, John – District Attorney's Office

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

Sibley, Christina – Probation Department

Smedley, Julie – Workforce Development Board

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

- The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

II. **Approval of Minutes** – All

- A motion was made by Mag Nicola and seconded by Paul Clementi to approve the minutes of the April 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: 9
(Ethan Bertrand, Alice Gleghorn, Tracy Macuga, Ray McDonald, Paul Clementi, Mag Nicola, Angela Braun, Kimberly Shean, Vincent Wasilewski)
Nays: 0
Abstention: 0 (Frank Medina, arrived after the vote)

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

- The Probation Department will be undergoing a Deputy Chief rotation between the three divisions for cross-training and succession planning purposes. DCPO Shean will be moving out of the Adult Division and into Institutions; DCPO Holly Benton will be taking over the Adult Division and will replace DCPO Shean as the CCP WG chair in July.
- COVID-related jail release data analysis will be on the agenda for June. The sub-workgroup met with criminal justice data experts, who will be in attendance in June to discuss approaches and to field questions about what we would like to accomplish with the analysis.
- DCPO Shean asked the group to take a moment to celebrate the completion of the FY21-22 Realignment Plan. The plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on May 4, 2021, the BOS acknowledged the collective work done for creativity, innovation, and commitment.

IV. **New/Expanded Program Updates**

- **Neighborhood Court Pilot Program** – Chief Deputy District Attorney John Savrnoch
 - Joanne Flores from the Division of Social Services (DSS) was hired as coordinator. Implementation of a restorative program has begun, program and logo designs have been selected and scheduling and training have begun for panelists and facilitators. The program may undergo a name change as it has been found the name can be misleading, as it is not a court. The name change will not change the direction or scope of services. Advertisements will begin for volunteer panelists and facilitators with training anticipated for July.
 - Tracy Macuga asked how individuals are identified and routed into the program. John responded that cases must be identified within the geographic area, and be eligible charges without exclusions.
 - DCPO Shean asked about putting aside citations that appear to qualify and not moving them forward yet so there are some cases to start with. John responded once they have a date established for a first hearing that would be a reasonable idea to capture initial cases.
 - Judge Ellsworth suggested hosting a joint meeting to educate all partners at the same time.
- **Mental Health Rehabilitation Center** – Department of Behavioral Wellness Dr. Gleghorn
 - The Governor's updated budget in May increased the funds available to build new mental health facilities; BeWell will provide an update when applications become available. It is believed there will not be an issue applying for the funds and closing the gap in the general services estimate for the MHRC build. Two forensic beds are being included in the contract update for Crestwood, which should go into effect in July once the board letter is approved by the BOS. DCPO Shean asked about non-IST clients, as they were included in the initial plan for MHRC funds approved by the CCP. Dr. Gleghorn responded the CCP funded beds were not solely targeted to ISTs and could be a route for Jail-Based Competency Treatment (JBCT) if clients behaviorally can handle the setting but with a current limit of two beds would like to prioritize misdemeanor ISTs.
 - Lynne Gibbs commented the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) issued a proposal that would greatly affect the county as they would no longer accept long-term LPS clients, and after three years or once declared non-restorable, clients will be returned to counties. Given the legal pressure on state hospitals, more of these people would remain the responsibility

of the counties with no place to send them. This indicates a serious need to explore any avenue to secured beds. Dr. Gleghorn's proposal for a six-bed build-out is relevant and will become rarer and more difficult to secure.

V. **Expansion of Edovo Tablet Program** – Chief Custody Deputy Vincent Wasilewski

- The STP curriculum has been undergoing modification to mirror the PRRC and DRC probation programs for seamless transitions.
- CLUE raised the question of whether additional programs could be added to Edovo tablets to begin EBP treatment prior to release. Chief Heitman has told Chief Wasilewski that these programs are proprietary and not without cost; at this time Edovo does not have contracts with any of these providers so at this time these courses cannot be added.
- Edovo has provided additional tablets during the pandemic increasing usage to over 101,000 total hours in the last year with 3,130 separate inmates utilizing tablets. The top courses are more academic; math, science, social studies, decimals/fractions, and car and auto repair.

VI. **Felony Diversion** – DCPO Kimberly Shean and Chief Deputy DA John Savrnach

- Pre-arraignment felony diversion was identified by DA Dudley in the BOS special item hearing. This program will be a partnership between Probation and the DA's Office. John Savrnach reported there is a grant application in process and a decision should be received soon from Center for Court Innovation (CCI) for technical assistance. The grant would allow the opportunity to hire consultants to guide decisions about which clients to refer and ensure evaluations are not overly liberal or conservative in terms of who is diverted. The DA has faith in Probation's ability to analyze and assess clients but the opportunity to obtain the grant and bring in CCI would ensure consistency and lend credibility to the program.
- DCPO Shean specified the timelines for this project is to come back in June with an update and in July have a design proposal to ask for an allocation to then take to the CCP in August. Upon CCP approval in August it will be opened up for RFP/RFIs based on the agreed-upon design. John added the grant is a best-case scenario, if not received it will not stop the partnership with Probation and CCI could still be used for advice.
- Tracy Macuga asked if there is a particular model that is most attractive and if money were being discussed it would be good to have an idea of the expectation and impact of the reach. John replied that is why he is hoping to contact CCI consultants as many existing models are out of state and charging statutes and descriptions of crimes do not match with California. DCPO Shean added Maricopa County criteria looks like a model that could be a starting point. Judge Ellsworth offered her assistance on this project at no cost as she has experience working with CCI and would love to be a part of this.

VII. **Community Diversion**

- **CREDO 47 Data Dashboard** – Department of Behavioral Wellness Dr. Caitlin Lepore and Dr. Serena Cyr
 - Dr. Cyr introduced herself as project manager for CREDO 47. Dr. Lepore discussed the CREDO 47 Data Dashboard, the data shown is live and allows for quick updates and viewing analyses in real time and makes identifying particular metrics easier with instant feedback. Some data measures are added over time so they may not be captured in earlier portions of the dashboard. A brief presentation of the online Dashboard was shared with Prop. 47 metrics.

- **Co-Response Team Metrics** – Santa Barbara Sheriff’s Office Dr. Cherylynn Lee
 - Dr. Lee shared a presentation of Co-Response Team (CRT) metrics. There are three CRT teams that operate fulltime; two funded by the Byrne JAG grant and one by Prop. 47. In 2020, there were 2,984 mental health related calls with 1,606 or 54% of these calls handled by CRT. CRT are not available 24/7, if numbers are adjusted for calls during their working hours the metric shifts to 72% of calls.
 - January 240 calls, 93 or 38% CRT response with one arrest
 - February 152 calls, 98 or 64% CRT response with two arrests
 - March 158 calls, 143 or 89% CRT response with no arrests
 - April 254 calls, 213 or 83% CRT response with three arrests
 - The data includes 911 calls as well as proactive engagement and follow-up contacts.
 - The majority of persons encountered are in need of mental health and substance abuse treatment.

VIII. Criminal Justice Funding Opportunity Submissions

- **Prison to Employment (P2E) Initiative** – Workforce Development Board Ray McDonald
 - P2E is an employment program helping clients find and retain work; due to the pandemic unemployment has risen dramatically. Due to these setbacks, we are about halfway to where we should be at this point but we have until March to serve 38 clients.
- **DSH Diversion (AB1810)** – Department of Behavioral Wellness
 - Six people are in the program with one pending referral and 35 total referrals. The annual target is six but DSH will allow an overage as long as there is the capacity to serve the clients. The overall target for the program is 18 to 22.
- **Community Court Grant** – CEO’s Office Fiscal and Policy Analyst Rachel Lipman
 - This grant was mentioned in the CEO’s annual report and accredited to the Sheriff’s Office; however, the Sheriff’s Office is unfamiliar with the grant. In the process of tracking down the actual department in charge of this grant.
- **COVID Relief Grant** – Department of Behavioral Wellness/Sheriff’s Office
 - Submitted by BeWell in partnership with SBSO and Good Sam targeting reentry from the jail. The grant still needs to be processed through accept and expend, which is the process of bringing the grant to the BOS. The grant will provide funding for discharge support, navigators, and transportation from jail to stabilization resources. Funds will be available to spend retroactively. Good Sam has already sent a discharge planner that has been embedded into intake. The grant will last through January 2022.

IX. Public Comment – All

- No public comments.

X. Confirm Next Meeting for June 23, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. and Adjourn – DCPO Kimberly Shean

Respectfully submitted by Lesley Stewart, Administrative Office Professional Senior