



Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Realignment Planning Workgroup

Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2021

Zoom

CCP Realignment Planning Workgroup Members in Attendance:

Ethan Bertrand, 2nd District Representative

Pam Fisher, Ph.D., Interim 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

Members Absent:

Michael Cash, Chief of Police – Guadalupe Police Department

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

Staff and Other Attendees:

Baldueza, Julius – Probation Department

Bird, Mia – California Policy Lab

Budwani, Deepak – Public Defender’s Office

Burns, Shana – Behavioral Wellness

Cross, Spencer – Probation Department

Ellsworth, Judge Sherrill – Consultant

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

Grossi, Dana – Probation Department

Lepore, Caitlin Dr. – Behavioral Wellness

Lipman, Rachel – County Executive Office

Lozada, Eduardo - SBSO

Mallow, Divine - SBSO

Meza, Ben – Probation Department

Milligan, Karyn – Probation Department

Ribeiro, Chris – Behavioral Wellness

Saafir, Emir – Probation Department

Savrnock, John – District Attorney’s Office

Soderman, Michael – District Attorney’s Office

Wilson, Mike – Consultant

- I. **Call to Order** – Deputy Chief Probation Officer (DCPO) Kimberly Shean
 - The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. and attendees provided self-introductions and roll call was taken.

- II. **Approval of Minutes** – All
 - A motion was made by Mag Nicola and seconded by Ray McDonald to approve the minutes of the May 26, 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: 8
(Ethan Bertrand, Pam Fisher, Tracy Macuga, Ray McDonald, Paul Clementi, Mag Nicola, Angela Braun, Kimberly Shean)

Nays: 0
Abstention: 0

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

- DCPO Shean commented on the positive experience she has had chairing this group for the last three years, including the robust and progressive items added to the Realignment Plans; she also thanked everyone for their perspectives and openness.

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

- Karyn Milligan provided an outline of the proposed partnership with the California Policy Lab (CPL). The proposal involves a phased approach, initially looking at local data over ten years from 2010 to 2020. This would capture policy reforms and include a descriptive analysis of the changes, characteristics, and outcomes of the criminal justice population. After looking at broad trends in the initial phase, CPL would assess recent changes in the population concerning COVID-related releases.
- Mia Bird gave an overview of the CPL; it is a collaboration between Berkeley and UCLA to create a place for the State of California to aggregate administrative data for researchers to run studies and analyses. CPL has created the most secure data structure feasible, providing the opportunity to gather data from county agencies, the Department of Justice (DOJ), and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). This partnership would provide an opportunity to conduct more causal work leveraging state criminal history and recidivism data.
 - Angela Braun asked if a written data sharing agreement will be provided and if the data will be anonymized. Karyn replied that a data use agreement has been shared and will be sent to partners to review the language.
 - Lynne Gibbs asked if mental health data would be included in analyses. Mia replied there are more restrictions on mental health data for anything of a clinical nature and it would not be a part of these analyses at this time.
 - Judge Ellsworth asked what the data uses are and what the goal or next step would be. Mia responded motivation is in understanding how population compositions and outcomes have changed in reaction to Realignment and legislation like Prop. 47. Populations have moved to the county level, but there has not been integrated data available at that level. A County specific goal would be to assess how risk levels and needs are changing, do programs match needs levels, and how effective programs are at reducing recidivism.
- A motion was made by Ray McDonald and seconded by Tracy Macuga, to move forward a proposed partnership with California Policy Lab (CPL) to the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) for consideration.
 - 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, Angela Braun, Kimberly Shean)

Nays: 0
Abstention: 0

V. **Felony Diversion** – Chief Deputy DA John Savrnoch

- A meeting was held with National Training Assistance and the Center for Court Innovation (CCI). There is a strong likelihood that a technical assistance grant will be received from CCI.

This grant would help in designing a program utilizing best practices identified by CCI after conducting a complete system needs assessment.

- DCPO Shean asked for clarification of the assessment. John replied it would assess the needs of the program, not the need for a program, what needs to be addressed, what providers would be involved, what types of criminogenic behaviors are prevalent, and what could be addressed in a diversion program.
- Ethan asked when there would be a framework for the program; John replied parameters should be better defined by the August meeting.

VI. **New/Expanded Program Updates**

- **Neighborhood Court Pilot Program** – Chief Deputy District Attorney John Savrnoch
 - The program coordinator has made contact with Yolo County personnel and the entities that administer their program to discuss timelines. The training budget is being discussed with the business office to determine how many people can be trained remotely. The majority of training for personnel is scheduled for July and August. At this time, the program needs to find community participants and volunteers and to coordinate with Ethan Bertrand and the City of Goleta for use of facility space. September is anticipated to have all personnel and volunteers trained and a location ready to go.
- **Mental Health Rehabilitation Center** – Department of Behavioral Wellness Dr. Fisher
 - At this time, no details have been released for the application process for Governor’s budget funding. The request for adding two forensic beds to Crestwood’s Lompoc MHRC was taken to the board and approved; beds will be available July 1, 2021. Options are being discussed with Crestwood for additional MHRC beds but in a preliminary exploratory phase.
- **Edovo Tablet Program** – Chief Custody Deputy Vincent Wasilewski
 - Tabled to the next meeting.

VII. **Criminal Justice Funding Opportunity Submissions**

- **BJA Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program and BJA Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Responses** – CEO’s Office Fiscal and Policy Analyst Rachel Lipman
 - Grant periods are 36 months including an implementation year, for a maximum of \$550,000 and the deadline to apply is July 6, 2021. Both grants would involve collaboration between many partners including the Public Defender, SBSO, and Behavioral Wellness. Grants can be used to augment existing programs or to start new programs.
 - The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program is to target strategies to benefit individuals suffering from mental illness who are already involved in or preparing to transition out of the criminal justice system.
 - The Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response grant is to target mental illness from a law enforcement perspective like a co-response team.
 - The challenge is finding the resources to apply for these grants within the July 6, 2021, deadline. A discussion was held regarding proposed priorities to focus on if grant money were to be received.
- **Prison to Employment (P2E) Initiative** – Workforce Development Board Ray McDonald
 - Current funding expires at the end of March 2022, and there is hope state funding will be renewed to continue the program. There may be a gap if funding is continued, as it would begin July 1, 2022. Due to the pandemic and a slow start, the current program may have the capacity to serve more people than anticipated due to budget savings. DCPO Shean

suggested the potential use of CCP funds to bridge the gap if funding is renewed for July 1, 2022, this will be discussed later in the year if it appears the extension will happen.

- **DSH Diversion (AB1810)** – Department of Behavioral Wellness Dr. Caitlin Lepore
 - Six clients have been accepted with five currently active; there has been talk about a proposed 20% funding expansion, which would allow four more clients for 22 total. However, in the proposal instead of being IST or likely to be IST, funding would be for IST only. Out of our six clients, only one was IST, but diagnoses would be expanded outside of just bipolar, schizophrenic, and schizoaffective.
- **CREDO 47** – Public Defender Tracy Macuga (Dr. Lepore gave the update)
 - Now that COVID restrictions are loosening, more referrals are being received. Recidivism data is currently the most pressing issue for this grant, it was supposed to be provided by the end of March and now it is targeted for August. The external evaluators have reached out to the court to find out what if anything can be done to move the data use agreement forward.
- **COVID Relief Grant** – Department of Behavioral Wellness/Sheriff's Office
 - Grant that runs through the end of the calendar year providing additional staff for SBSO to help with discharge planning. Updates are tabled to the next meeting.

VIII. **Public Comment** – All

- No public comments.

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

Respectfully submitted by Lesley Stewart, Administrative Office Professional Senior