



Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Realignment Planning Workgroup

Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2021

Zoom

CCP Realignment Planning Workgroup Members in Attendance:

Ethan Bertrand, 2nd District Representative

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)

Members Absent:

Alice Gleghorn, Ph.D., Director – Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness

Michael Cash, Chief of Police – Guadalupe Police Department

Staff and Other Attendees:

Baldueza, Julius – Probation Department

Budwani, Deepak – Public Defender’s Office

Burns, Shana – Behavioral Wellness

Callahan, Kenneth – SBSO

Cross, Spencer – Probation Department

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

Ellsworth, Sherrill – Consultant

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

Grossi, Dana – Probation Department

Grossini, Jason – SBSO

Lipman, Rachel – County Executive Office

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

Meza, Ben – Probation Department

Milligan, Karyn – Probation Department

Plastino, Rob – SBSO

Ribeiro, Chris – Behavioral Wellness

Riker-Rheinschild, Megan – District Attorney’s Office

Saafir, Emir – Probation Department

Severance, Laurence – CLUE

Sibley, Christina – Probation Department

Smedley, Julie – Workforce Development Board

Soderman, Michael – District Attorney’s Office

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 Angela Braun to approve the minutes of the March 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: 8
(Ethan Bertrand, 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

- Kimberly Shean reminded the group that the FY21-22 Realignment Plan will be taken to the Board of Supervisors on May 4, 2021, for approval.
- In February, a discussion was held regarding further research into COVID-related releases from the jail. To further discuss how to analyze the data, capacity, funding, and options will require the creation of a COVID-related Jail Release Data sub-committee. Karyn Milligan and Kimberly will be talking to the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) to bring the group a proposal to use outside help for evaluating data. A doodle poll will be sent out for sub-committee meeting dates; ideally, there will be involvement from the SBSO, DA, PD, Probation, and Court.
- In the fall, approval was received to use realignment program dollars for high-risk standard clients. Domestic Violence (DV) treatment will be provided to these clients through a combination of AB109 and SB678 funds. At the DV Core Committee meeting, there was questioning about the level of indigent clients that need to be in treatment, probation is working on a model and criteria to provide treatment to the indigent population.

IV. **BOS Special Issue Meeting Review** – DCPO Kimberly Shean

- Kimberly provided a brief overview of the BOS special issue agenda item regarding jail population and diversion. As a County how can the jail population be reduced to the highest risk, highest-need individuals that would not be suitable or qualified for diversion programs. An idea discussed is pre-filing diversion for felonies; these cases would be review by the DA’s office for candidates for pre-filing.
- The group discussed the possible use of CCP reserve funds for program services. A model would need to be developed but the concept would be to contract with CBOs to provide felony diversion programming. Overall, the discussion showed most departments would be in support of the use of CCP funds, as the biggest barrier in implementing felony diversion is a lack of funding for treatment. The use of CCP funds combined with oversight by the DA and Probation could provide the necessary structure to be successful in reducing caseloads for the DA and PD. However, the final decision will depend on the proposal, what the program will look like, what the total request will be, and what metrics will be defined for success.
- Lynne Gibbs mentioned NAMI’s report “Divert to What,” to help counties focus on gaps in their treatment systems. While NAMI is in support of diversion programs, specifically PD’s Holistic Defense, they hope as more clients are diverted the proper treatment and support for mental illness is retained.

V. **New/Expanded Program Updates**

- **Neighborhood Court Pilot Program** – Chief Deputy District Attorney Mag Nicola
 - A coordinator has been hired and has begun working on developing community contacts, volunteers, and protocols.
- **Mental Health Rehabilitation Center** – Department of Behavioral Wellness Shana Burns
 - Shana Burns and Laura Zeitz have developed a summary of the program and use of pilot beds to distribute to the court system and other partners. Angela Braun recommended allowing her to review materials first before distribution to judges and emphasized the importance of ensuring judges are aware of and educated about the program structure and criteria. Lynne Gibbs inquired about the proposal for building an additional six forensic

beds, the performance measures the CCP WG requested to justify the proposal, and if it will be part of the data drive. Lesley Stewart is to send proposed performance measures to Shana who will follow up with her research team.

- **Expansion of Edovo Tablet Program** – Chief Custody Deputy Vincent Wasilewski
 - Discussion was held regarding the use of Edovo tablets in jail to begin EBP programs and interventions before release. Currently, Edovo tablets primarily cover psychoeducational material with pre-loaded programs that are not necessarily evidence-based. Chief Wasilewski responded that Edovo can be customized to create modules that are specific to our site but he is hesitant to begin trying to replicate materials that may be copyrighted. There is also a fidelity aspect to the delivery of evidence-based programs where group work or specific elements are required, which could be difficult to ensure in tablet-based programming.
 - Laurence Severance recommended looking into online learning opportunities that would tie into Probation requirements to give clients a leg up on their treatment before release. Kimberly commented that Probation has pared down its requirements to evidence-based programs which require group work and specific curricula, there may not be opportunities to start these programs online but there may be pre-work that can be done to get clients ready for treatment upon release.

VI. **Criminal Justice Funding Opportunity Submissions**

- **Prison to Employment (P2E) Initiative** – Workforce Development Board Ray McDonald
 - P2E is a very small grant received by the WDB to serve a total of 38 clients by the end of June 2022. At this time, 12 clients are being served with five receiving work experience or subsidized employment. WDB is competing for a national grant in partnership with SBSO, SBCC, and AHC. If funded, the program will serve incarcerated clients and continue after release.
- **Community Court Grant** – Fiscal and Policy Analyst Rachel Lipman
 - Carry over to next meeting.
- **Community Diversion** – Public Defender’s Office Tracy Macuga
 - Diversion programs will becoming increasingly necessary as backlogs of cases are coming through the court system. Prop. 47 and AB1810 have shown success within the limited population served, the key component to these programs is recidivism data.
 - A grant-funded multi-disciplinary team under the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) is working with the most vulnerable and hard to reach population of the homeless community. There has been tremendous success finding placements and stability for this population who often suffer from mental health as well as substance abuse issues. This team has been a partnership with Public Health, PD, Probation, law enforcement, and BeWell,
 - COVID Relief Grant – PD, SBSO, Court, and Probation are collaborating to address the gap population that are being released quickly and then returning to the justice system. The team will be working on plans to help with discharge planning and diversions. This grant is a short-term funding stream through the end of the calendar year.

VII. **Public Comment** – All

- Ray McDonald announced a webinar that will take place on May 19, 2021. The webinar will be hosted by the Workforce Development Boards of SB and SLO Counties as well as the REACH organization. The webinar will include a presentation on new localism as well as

economic COVID impact reports from both counties. The focus now is on recovery, getting jobs back, and helping the business community rebound. The Chair of the SLO BOS will provide a welcome; Ray is reaching out to Supervisor Nelson to see if he can provide a welcome at the event as well.

- Maureen Earls acknowledged the FY21-22 Realignment Plan and the new client surveys that will be introduced to gather feedback on programming. She also mentioned CLUE's request to Chief Heitman to look at the Edovo tablets was driven by hearing criticism that Edovo courses do not match what is required by Probation.

VIII. Approve FY21/22 Meeting Calendar, Confirm Next Meeting for May 26, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. and Adjourn – DCPO Kimberly Shean

- A motion was made by Mag Nicola and seconded by Paul Clementi to approve the FY21/22 Meeting Calendar as submitted.
 - A roll call vote was taken of the CCP Workgroup members present.
 - Ayes: 8
(Ethan Bertrand, Tracy Macuga, Ray McDonald, Paul Clementi, Mag Nicola, Angela Braun, Kimberly Shean, Vincent Wasilewski)
 - Nays: 0
 - Abstention: 0

Respectfully submitted by Lesley Stewart, Administrative Office Professional Senior