



## **Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Realignment Implementation Planning Workgroup**

Meeting Minutes  
May 24, 2017

Santa Barbara County Probation Department  
117 E. Carrillo St.  
Santa Barbara, CA

*Participation was held by Teleconference pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(b)  
at the following location:*

Santa Barbara County Probation Department  
2121 S. Centerpointe Parkway  
Santa Maria, CA

### **CCP Realignment Implementation Planning Workgroup Members in Attendance:**

Dennis Bozanich, designee for **Tom Alvarez**, Budget Director – County of Santa Barbara County Executive Office

Christine Voss, designee for **Giovanni Giordani**, Chief Trial Deputy – Santa Barbara County Public Defender's Office

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

**Tanja Heitman**, Deputy Chief Probation Officer – Santa Barbara County Probation Department

**Joe Mariani**, Captain – Lompoc Police Department/County Law Enforcement Chiefs Representative

Kerry Bierman, designee for **Mag Nicola**, Chief Deputy District Attorney – Santa Barbara County Office of the District Attorney

**Mary O'Gorman**, Chief of Staff – Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Office

Angela Braun, designee for **Darrel Parker**, Court Executive Officer – Santa Barbara County Superior Court

**Vincent Wasilewski**, Chief Custody Deputy – Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office

### **Members Absent:**

**Ray McDonald**, Executive Director – Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board

### **Staff and Other Attendees:**

Roger Kirk Dixon, Manager – Santa Barbara County Probation Department

Tracy Macuga, Public Defender – Santa Barbara County Public Defender's Office

Karyn Milligan, Manager – Santa Barbara County Probation Department

Rob Plastino, Lieutenant – Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office

Charles Powell, Commander – Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office

Kimberly Shean, Manager – Santa Barbara County Probation Department

Sylvia Talaugon, Manager – Santa Barbara County Probation Department

Katie Ward, Programs Supervisor – Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office

#### **I. Call to Order and Introductions – Deputy Chief Tanja Heitman**

- The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.
- Attendees provided self-introductions.

#### **II. Approval of Minutes – All**

- A proposal was made by Captain Mariani to amend the draft minutes of the April 26, 2017, Community Corrections Partnership Realignment Implementation Planning Workgroup (CCP Workgroup) meeting to reflect a correction to the attendance listing. Chief of Staff O'Gorman made a motion to approve the minutes, as amended, the motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

### III. **Public Comment** – All

- Deputy County Executive Officer (CEO) Bozanich announced that the Board of State and Community Corrections' (BSCC) Executive Steering Committee (ESC) will make the final recommendation regarding Proposition 47 funding proposals on May 30<sup>th</sup>. The BSCC will decide at its June 8 meeting whether to accept the ESC's recommendations.

### IV. **Comments from the Chair** – Tanja Heitman

- The County's Realignment Plan for fiscal year (FY) 2017-2018 was approved by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Hard copies were provided and attendees were acknowledged for their contributions to the document's development.

### V. **Compliance Response Team (CRT) Update** – Probation Manager Kimberly Shean

- Funding of the two (2) CRTs was retained in the FY 2017-2018 Realignment budget and the CCP Workgroup was directed to commence an in-depth analysis of the program's effectiveness and to consider its fit in the County's Realignment approach in advance of developing a funding plan for FY 2018-2019. The CRTs were to remain apprised of all expectations related to their mission and/or activities to enable an efficient response.
- Supervision officers have provided Manager Talaugon with "hot" sheets from their caseloads on a weekly basis for review and to facilitate each CRT's ability to check on any Realigned offenders who require an enhanced level of attention or who may present an increased risk to public safety.
- The effectiveness of the CRT's suppression efforts has been assessed by the numbers of arrests made, drugs confiscated, and weapons seized, which is reflective of a criminal justice method of measuring success. Performance measures were established for the CRTs to attain a 20% increase in compliance checks. During April 2017 there were 46 compliance checks, which targeted approximately ten [10] percent of the Realigned population in each region of the County, and those checks netted 13 warrant arrests (ten [10] were Realigned offenders and three [3] were standard probationers), the confiscation of three (3) firearms, and the seizure of illegal drugs (methamphetamine and opiates). The compliance checks have increased significantly since 2016 and continue to improve.
- It was suggested that the CCP Workgroup broaden their evaluation of the CRTs by considering the funding investment, by establishing whether or not the amount of investment in the CRT is beneficial, and, if so, by determining what the appropriate level of resources in the CRT should be. As a preliminary step in the process, it was recommended that staff of all agencies represented on the CRTs meet to review findings included in the JFA Report specific to the CRTs, to consider local operations, and to evaluate how Santa Barbara County's CRT compares to similar undertakings in other counties. Other suggestions included the following: define program success and subsequently determine the level of success attained via analysis of corresponding data, or, collaborate with researchers from the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) on the types of data that would best evaluate successful outcomes over time.
- Questions were raised regarding any potential overlap of the CRT's duties with those provided by local law enforcement in their traditional role of protecting public safety.

*Action item: Probation staff will solicit information from other counties with CRT-like programs specific to program outcomes, performance measurement criteria, and methods of defining success.*

### VI. **Alternative Sentencing Update and Planning** – Chief Custody Deputy Vincent Wasilewski

- The CCP Workgroup has been tasked with consideration of the re-allocation of funding for electronic monitoring (EM) at the current level and is to ensure maintenance of a common understanding regarding program expectations and factors that may impact the funding outcome.
- Currently there are 113 offenders who have been released from jail on EM, the sum of which represents a combination of Realigned and non-Realigned offenders.

- It was noted that the FY 2017-2018 Realignment Plan included a Pre-trial Supervised Release Program through the Superior Court and involves a Probation community supervision component. This was designed to safely maintain in the community those individuals deemed appropriate for pre-trial release both pre- and post-arraignment.
- The SBSO has begun to focus on a method that would facilitate consideration of EM for inmates who have a sentenced case, but who also have open/pending cases. It was acknowledged that this would require Court approval and collaboration between the SBSO and Pre-Trial Services. It was suggested that representatives from the Court, the Offices of the District Attorney and Public Defender, the SBSO, and the Probation Department meet to address related issues and to develop a plan for implementation by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- SBSO representatives were encouraged to substantiate the need for increased Alternative Sentencing Bureau (ASB) staffing resources via a comparison of the staff-to-EM candidate ratio pre-Realignment to what the needs are perceived to be post-Realignment.
- There was discussion about the multiple pieces of the County's FY 2017-2018 Realignment Plan that do not place sole focus on Realigned offenders.

*Action item: Chief Custody Deputy Wasilewski will complete the pre- and post-Realignment ASB staffing comparison and provide a report of his findings to the CCP Workgroup at the next meeting.*

**VII. Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) Update** – Chief of Staff Mary O’Gorman and Dr. Alice Gleghorn

- The Santa Barbara County BOS approved the use of \$50,000 in Realignment funds for the feasibility study related to the re-purposing of the former Santa Barbara Juvenile Hall for a 15-bed MHRC and an associated request for quotation (RFQ) to select a consultant for the study was issued. A deadline of June 19<sup>th</sup> was established for responses to the RFQ and they will subsequently be scored by representatives from General Services, the Department of Behavioral Wellness (DBW), and the Probation Department. It was estimated that it may take two (2) months beyond the date of selection for the results of the feasibility study to be available and although it is expected refine remodeling costs, the study will not take into account other facility outfitting and programmatic costs.
- Dr. Gleghorn provided an overview of components that are to be considered when appraising a facility’s structural capacity to serve as a MHRC, as well as the associated certification/accreditation requirements. She stressed the need to expedite the release of a request for proposal (RFP) for the service level so that programmatic advice related to a facility could be secured.
- Approximately two (2) months of budgeted ongoing operational service funding were included in the FY 2017-2018 Realignment budget. Dr. Gleghorn explained that the \$750,000 allocation would cover not only the two (2) months of service, but would also include start-up costs. Identification of ongoing revenue for operations from future Realignment budgets, other sources, or a combination of both is to occur prior to any capital investments.
- The CCP will meet on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at which time a report will be delivered on efforts regarding MHRC planning and the status of the facility feasibility study. Deputy CEO Bozanich requested that Dr. Gleghorn be prepared to provide the CCP with a cost for the MHRC’s annual operating budget.

**VIII. Stepping Up Initiative and Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM)** – Lieutenant Rob Plastino

- The Stepping Up Initiative was described as a national endeavor intended to reduce the numbers of mentally ill individuals in the jails. The County’s BOS have given their support to the Stepping Up Initiative and a group of stakeholders from different County departments has been formed.
- A SIM is to be developed of the sites in the County where mentally ill individuals come in contact with County and city personnel, towards the goal of intercepting and diverting these individuals to treatment programs as opposed to incarceration. A proposal from Policy Research Associates (PRA) for budgets specific to two (2) SIM workshops was circulated. Lieutenant Plastino indicated that PRA will assist in the

development of the County's SIM and he shared his intent to officially request that the CCP allocate \$21,000 in Realignment planning funds for a 1.5-day workshop entitled, "Sequential Intercept Mapping and Taking Action for Change." He explained that the workshop will yield a design for the County's SIM. The matter will be included as a voting item on the June 2<sup>nd</sup> CCP agenda.

- IX. **Holistic Defense Program** – Public Defender Tracy Macuga and Deputy Public Defender Christine Voss
- An operational status report was delivered on the Adult Holistic Defense Case Management (AHDCM) Program, which was described as a partnership between the Office of the Public Defender, Family Service Agency (FSA), and the University of California Berkeley intended to stabilize offender lives and reduce recidivism. Although many other holistic defense programs operate within the State, Santa Barbara's is atypical in that it is research-based.
  - Due to restrictive access to rap sheet information, data gathering efforts have been challenging for program staff; however, creative solutions will continue to be considered.
  - Forty-eight individuals are in varying stages of the AHDCM Program and all underwent a two (2) hour assessment with a social worker. The age range of participants has been from 19 to 91 years.
  - Manager Shean expressed interest in arranging a meeting between Probation staff, jail discharge planners, and AHDCM Program representatives to consider any collaborative opportunities specific to case planning and other service efforts.
- X. **Criminal Justice Funding Opportunity Submissions** – Probation Manager Kimberly Shean  
*No submissions were provided or addressed.*
- XI. **Confirm Next Meeting and Adjourn** – Deputy Chief Tanja Heitman
- The next CCP Workgroup meeting will be on June 28, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. at the Santa Barbara County Probation Department, 117 East Carrillo Street, Santa Barbara, California. Participation via teleconference will be available at the Santa Barbara County Probation Department, 2121 South Centerpointe Parkway, Santa Maria, California.
- A. **Approve Meeting Calendar**
- A draft CCP Workgroup meeting calendar for the time period of July 26, 2017, through June 27, 2018, was circulated. It was proposed that the December 27, 2017, meeting be rescheduled to January 3, 2018. A motion was made by Chief Custody Deputy Wasilewski to approve the calendar, as amended, the motion was seconded, a vote was taken, and the motion carried.
  - Voting members were asked to ensure that meeting dates are reflected on designees' calendars.
  - Dr. Gleghorn re-affirmed the appointment of Dr. Pamela Fisher as her designee.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Patti Stadler, Administrative Office Professional Senior