



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

Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2018

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 Planning Workgroup Members in Attendance:

Joe Mariani, Captain – Lompoc Police Department/County Law Enforcement Chiefs Representative
Mag Nicola, Chief Deputy District Attorney – Santa Barbara County District Attorney’s Office
Pam Fisher, designee for **Alice Gleghorn**, Ph.D., Director – Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness
Mary O’Gorman, Chief of Staff – Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, 2nd District Office
Angela Braun, designee for **Darrel Parker**, Court Executive Officer – Santa Barbara County Superior Court
Kimberly Shean, Deputy Chief Probation Officer – Santa Barbara County Probation Department
Vincent Wasilewski, Chief Custody Deputy – Santa Barbara Sheriff’s Office (SBSO)

Members Absent:

Tracy Macuga, Public Defender – Santa Barbara County Public Defender’s Office
Ray McDonald, Executive Director – Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board
Terri Nisich, Assistant CEO – County of Santa Barbara County Executive Office

Staff and Other Attendees:

Kimberly Albers – Housing and Community Development
Deepak Budwani, Business Manager – Public Defender’s Office
Kenneth Callahan, Lieutenant - SBSO
Spencer Cross, Manager – Probation Department
Vanessa Escobar, Sr. Financial Office Professional – Probation Department
Damon Fletcher, Administrative Deputy Director – Probation Department
James Friedrich, Manager – Probation Department
Kevin Huddle, Commander - SBSO
Barney Melekian – Assistant County Executive Officer
Ben Meza, Accountant – Probation Department
Karyn Milligan, Project Manager – Probation Department
Adam Pennington - Edovo
Rob Plastino, Commander - SBSO
Suzanne Riordan - Families ACT!
Deirdre Smith - SBSO
Michael Soderman, Chief Financial & Administrative Officer - District Attorney’s Office
Sylvia Talaugon, Manager – Probation Department
Christine Voss – Public Defender’s Office

- I. **Call to Order and Introductions** –Deputy Chief Probation Officer (DCPO) Kimberly Shean
- The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. and attendees provided self-introductions.
- II. **Approval of Minutes** – All
- A motion was made by Mary O’Gorman to approve the draft minutes of the August 22, 2018, Community Corrections Partnership Realignment Planning Workgroup (CCP Workgroup) meeting, as submitted. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved.
- III. **Public Comment** – All
None
- IV. **Comments from the Chair** – DCPO Kimberly Shean
- The Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) is currently seeking letters of interest for two seats 1) community based organization (CBO) with experience in successfully providing rehabilitative services to persons who have been convicted of a criminal offense and 2) an individual who represents the interests of victims.
 - Justice partners are moving forward with a Senate Bill (SB) 10 bail reform workgroup called organized by Presiding Judge Kelly for October 5th.
 - Santa Barbara County will be participating in Assembly Bill (AB) 372 which outlines six counties to participate in reviewing batterer’s requirements, piloting alternative interventions and evaluating outcomes. A local workgroup has been scheduled on October 11th with justice partners.
 - A reminder the work plan schedule has been updated as the December CCP Workgroup meeting date has been changed to December 19th. DCPO Shean reviewed the work plan schedule with the group.
- V. **Update on Stepping Up Initiative and Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM)** – Commander Kevin Huddle
- Commander Huddle advised the group that the Stepping Up Initiative is a nationwide movement to identify people with mental illness and get them the proper help while diverting them out of the criminal justice system. This will bring together the criminal justice partners and CBOs to provide services necessary for this population.
 - In 2016, the Board of Supervisor (BOS) approved Santa Barbara County to be a Stepping Up County and the CCP funded Policy Research Associates to provide a workshop to assist in developing the SIM.
 - In November 2017, Policy Research Associates provided a day and half day workshop with 45 attendees to assist in developing the SIM, which is currently being finalized. The map shows individuals going through the model and the different intercept points individuals access the justice system and can get mental health treatment
 - A snapshot of the jail population was done and revealed that 52% of the jail population, on that day, at some point in their history had been touched by Behavioral Wellness.
 - The next Stepping Up meeting will be held on October 15th at 2:00 pm at the Sheriff’s Office Training Bureau to review next steps.
 - Significant discussion was had regarding housing barriers for justice-involved individuals. Commander Huddle stated the SBSO is in discussions with San Antonio, Texas as they received a sizeable donation and developed a one stop shop for mental illness. The SBSO are working to bring San Antonio to Santa Barbara County to provide a presentation on their program.

VI. Presentations by the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office (SBSO) and the Probation Department (Probation) – DCPO Kimberly Shean

Alternative Sentencing - SBSO

- Presentation and handout was reviewed with the group regarding the Edovo Tablets that are utilized by inmates in the jail.
- A presentation was reviewed with the group regarding the 2011 Public Safety Realignment Act Public Safety Partnership FY 2019-20 Budget Workshop.
- DCPO Shean advised that the expansion request would be included in the overview that will be provided to the group once all presentation are made for the CCP Workgroup to make a recommendation for the budget for next fiscal year.

Jail Population Management - SBSO

- The budget has not been finalized as such the SBSO will present this item at the November CCP Workgroup meeting.
- Mary O’Gorman stated to the extent possible if Departments can provide an estimate distinguishing realigned clients it would be helpful for evaluation purposes.

Assessment - Probation

- A handout was provided and reviewed with the group.

VII. Holistic Defense – Christine Voss, Public Defender

- Holistic Defense is a change in the way the Public Defender (PD) attorneys speak to their clients. This is a cultural shift to not act in silos but to make full assessments of clients.
- The PD Office has partnered with Family Service Agency and a grant was received to have social workers imbedded in the PD’s office. The funding ended and data is being gathered to be analyzed.
- There are three social worker interns working approximately 16 hours a week, which is not sufficient, but is a the beginning of their program development. Currently, the interns are out in the community meeting partner agencies and networking to make connections for client referrals.
- The PD’s office is creating teams to assist high risk/high need clients in areas that are not attorney’s areas of expertise.
- Probation and PD will be meeting to ensure efforts are not duplicative with holistic defense and discharge planners.

VIII. Housing Subcommittee – DCPO Kimberly Shean

- A memo was provided and reviewed with the group.
- Kimberly Albers advised that the proposed population would likely be excluded from housing choice vouchers due to criminal offenses. There are very little restrictions for housing assistance as long as we do not eliminate their homelessness status and they will need to have served less than 90 days in custody.
- Kimberly Albers reviewed two studies that showed that supportive housing models are very successful with similar populations.
- Mag Nicola advised that District Attorney (DA) Joyce Dudley had asked the housing subcommittee to look at what other jurisdictions in California are doing in respect to this issue. Kimberly Albers reported that they did outreach to other counties who indicated they were providing services to justice involved individuals but no one had a specific CCP funded program. DCPO Shean advised that Kern and Contra Costa Counties do use

realignment funding for sober living but not to the level that we are looking at. Mag Nicola stated that the DA Dudley wanted to know what other counties were doing related to housing for this population.

- Mary O’Gorman stated she was concerned the proposal presented today to utilize the former Santa Barbara Juvenile Hall location. There have been studies conducted as to what would work at that site and to not change the use of the site as that may not be supported by the community. The change of use for a site is a major California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process, and requires notification to the community as to how the space will be utilized. The recommendation was to avoid being specific in the location recommendation. DCPO Shean stated that the information presented is a proposal, providing all options and she appreciated Mary’s feedback.
- Mary O’Gorman stated if there was somewhere else to bring individuals and divert them from the jail and provide services like a day program that does not include overnight that would be more palatable for the former juvenile hall site.
- A question was asked how the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) funding could be utilized for this population. Kimberly Albers advised there are limitations with the HEAP funding for individuals with substance abuse. HEAP funding has three requirements 1) proposal has to address an immediate homeless challenge; 2) person being served has to meet the federal definition of homelessness which precludes someone coming out of incarceration unless incarcerated for less than 90 days and were homeless prior to incarceration; and 3) aligns with housing first as defined by Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) 8255b.
- Mary O’Gorman made a motion to move the proposal forward with \$800,000 for supportive housing and \$1.5 million for the brick and motor proposal without specification as to location but include public or private property for Housing and Community Development to include in the super Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), seconded by Vincent Wasilewski with members approving. Nicola Mag and Angela Braun abstained from the vote.

IX. Criminal Justice Funding Opportunity Submissions – DCPO Kimberly Shean

- Prison to Employment Initiative, Ray McDonald and Jessica McLernon did not provide any updated information.
- Chief Custody Deputy Wasilewski advised that there is nothing new to report on the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in the County Criminal Justice Setting.
- Assembly Bill (AB) 1810 Mental Health Diversion. Pam Fisher advised that AB 1810 has been passed into law provides for new opportunities for individuals with non-violent misdemeanors due to mental health instability. In the past these individuals would have to enter a plea prior to beginning treatment and this bill allows for treatment for entering a plea or conviction. It also allows for 18 months of treatment. The State is sending out a Request for Proposal (RFP) which is pending the outcome of the No Place Like Home bill which is on the November ballot.

X. Confirm Next Meeting for October 31, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.– DCPO Kimberly Shean

- The meeting will be held 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.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Davis, Administrative Professional

