

# MINUTES

## **Santa Barbara Criminal Justice Quality Assurance Committee**

May 18, 2017

Santa Barbara County Probation Department  
117 E. Carrillo Street, Santa Barbara, California  
and via video at:

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

### In Attendance:

Kim Shean, Probation  
Karyn Milligan, Probation  
Katie Ward, Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office  
Amy Lopez, Department of Behavioral Wellness  
Jan Capaccioli, Addiction Tree Counseling Service  
Diane Esparza, Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse  
Bret Reynolds, Good Samaritan  
Christina Grabowsky, Sanctuary Centers

- The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

### **I. Introductions – All**

- Attendees provided self-introductions.

### **II. Updates from the Chair – Kim Shean**

- It was announced that 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>. The associated contracts with local community based organizations (CBO) will become effective on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The following five (5) areas of expansion included in the Realignment Plan were addressed:
  - Pretrial Supervised Release Program
  - Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC)
  - Expanded Sheriff's Treatment Program (STP)
  - Data sharing
  - Community engagement

### **III. Review of March 16, 2017, Minutes – All**

- The minutes of the March 16, 2017, Santa Barbara Criminal Justice Quality Assurance Committee (QA Committee) meeting were approved as submitted.

### **IV. Update Regarding Brown Bag Sessions with Facilitators – Karyn Milligan**

- On April 13th, the QA Committee hosted the first in a series of brown bag discussions on local service delivery. Twenty treatment providers were in attendance and ideas for improvement were exchanged. Topics of interest for future sessions were also shared.

- Arrangements have been made for five (5) additional brown bag sessions. The next will occur at the jail on June 15<sup>th</sup> and will involve a site tour and a presentation facilitated by Katie Ward on program opportunities available to inmates.
- To further support participation, Karyn Milligan will electronically route 'save-the-date' reminders.

#### V. **Self-Assessment and Peer Review Update** – All

- The following updates were provided specific to the completion of self-assessments and peer reviews:
  - Good Samaritan: Self-assessments and peer reviews have been conducted and were forwarded to Probation. Bret Reynolds described the experience as being both positive and helpful.
  - Community Solutions Inc. (CSI): Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) and Reasoning and Rehabilitation (R&R) peer reviews have been completed.
  - Sanctuary Centers of Santa Barbara: Self-assessments were completed by staff and coordination of peer reviews with the jail remained pending. It was reported that staff enjoyed performing self-reviews and viewed them as beneficial.
  - Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (CADA): Self-assessments have been conducted, two (2) peer reviews have been set, and jail staff will arrange additional peer reviews.
  - Department of Behavioral Wellness: Encouraging all providers to conduct self-assessments.
- As the Batterers' Intervention Program (BIP) does not currently have an established and standardized curriculum, a determination has not been made regarding an agency with which BIP providers could partner for the purposes of assessment.

#### VI. **Program Inventory Update** – All

- The Program Inventory has been posted to Probation's website.
- Seeking Safety (SS) has been delivered by CADA in 12 weeks instead of 24 weeks. The need to maintain fidelity to the model was discussed. Concerns related to the small numbers of females who participate in SS at CADA were considered and potential solutions were offered. Kim Shean will review the referral protocol and seek solutions to any issues that may be identified.
- Kim Shean will ensure the addition of the post-plea Substance Abuse Treatment Court (SATC) to the Program Inventory, as well as programs offered by the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office.
- Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, CADA will offer a residential treatment program which will be mostly offered as a step-down from detox.

#### VII. **Evidence-Based Practices' (EBP) Dictionary** – Karyn Milligan

- To advance a common language across stakeholders and to promote consistent use and understanding of commonly reference terms, an EBP glossary was developed. The document was circulated and a solicitation for review and input was made.

## VIII. **Roundtable** – All

- Karyn Milligan announced details regarding a two (2) hour training session on criminogenic risk assessments that will be offered by Probation, free of charge, on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. A related flyer was distributed and will also be electronically circulated.
- Bret Reynolds relayed information regarding a forum in which representatives from the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) questioned providers about their experiences with the delivery of MRT; i.e., potential engagement barriers and ways to improve MRT completion rates. He indicated that Good Samaritan staff will continue to work with Probation and UCSB on improving MRT retention.
- Christina Grabowsky stated that Sanctuary Centers has begun to offer a group session in the jail for inmates assessed at medium risk who suffer from mental illness or co-occurring disorders. She indicated that Project BRACE (Breaking Recidivism and Creating Empowerment) follows an evidence-based practice of offering individualized levels of service based on need and responsibility.
- Martha Ortiz has been newly assigned by CADA to serve as a counselor at the Probation Report and Resource Center (PRRC).

## IX. **Agenda Items for Next Meeting** – All

- Suggested discussion topics for the next meeting included the following:
  - Brown bag session update
  - Account of the criminogenic risk assessment training
  - Status report on self-assessment/peer review process
- The next QA Committee meeting will be held on July 20, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. via videoconference at the Probation Department's Santa Barbara and Santa Maria offices.
- The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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