

**Reentry Steering Committee / Quality Assurance Committee
(RSC/QA)**

May 16, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

Santa Barbara County Probation Department
117 E. Carrillo Street
Santa Barbara, California

Participation by Teleconference pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(b) was available at:

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

RSC Members in Attendance:

Tracy Macuga, Santa Barbara County Public Defender's Office
Ricardo Ramirez designee for Anthony Ivanich, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
Kim Shean, Santa Barbara County Probation Department
Deirdre Smith, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

RSC Members Absent:

Paloma Arnold, Santa Barbara City College
Sylvia Barnard, Good Samaritan Shelter Services
Anthony Ivanich, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
Christina Kelley, Changes Outpatient Wellness Center
John Lewis, Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness
Eddie Perez, Impact Ministries
John Savrnoch, Santa Barbara County district Attorney's Office
Vincent Wasilewski, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

Other Attendees:

Julius Baldueza, Santa Barbara County Probation
Angela Braun, Santa Barbara Superior Court
Barton Clark, Santa Barbara County Probation
Gabriela Dodson, FSA
Crystal Franco, FSA
Christina Grabowsky, Sanctuary Centers
Matt Hamlin, Coast Valley
Amy Lopez, ADP Behavior Wellness
Seth Miller, Community Action Council
Karyn Milligan, Santa Barbara County Probation
Nicole Oldendick, Community Action Council
Bret Reynolds, Good Samaritan Shelter Services

I. Call to Order/Introductions

- The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. and attendees introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes from January 17, 2019, RSC Meeting

- The draft minutes of the January 17, 2019, Reentry Steering Committee (RSC) meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was submitted by Public Defender Tracy Macuga and seconded by RSC Co-Chair Deirdre Smith. Minutes approved, via vote, as presented.

III. Comments from Co-Chairs –Kim Shean and Deirdre Smith

- Deirdre Smith, no comments
- Kim Shean will hold comments until agenda item IV, The Public Safety Realignment Plan.

IV. Holistic Defense –Tracy Macuga

- Tracy Macuga handed out a copy of a press release providing information on the Women’s Fund grant for the Family Service Agency (FSA). This will fund a social worker focused on addressing the criminogenic needs of females.
- Kim Shean stated there are ways to partner in terms of realigned women coming out of prison as there are not a lot of PRCS women with high needs. It is difficult to provide group sessions in all the regional PRRCs and discussion was had on ways to better share resources.

V. Jail Programming – Deirdre Smith

- The Access Line process is still being worked on and as it is fine-tuned, additional inmates will be added.
- Barton Clark noted that the Release of Information (ROI) process is in place. He noted that once a defendant is transferred to a supervision officer, then that officer’s name must be added to the ROI.
- Deirdre Smith stated that a new correctional counselor is starting next week is starting next week and that there is an additional one in background

VI. Prison to Employment Initiative – Ray McDonald

- As Ray McDonald was absent, Kim Shean provided an update.
- This is a four-county initiative including San Luis Obispo, Monterey, Santa Cruz, and Santa Barbara Counties. Initially, it was thought there would be more funding than what was believed to have been allocated.
- There is a financial incentive for employers to hire somebody by having the salary subsidized through this funding stream.
- Ray McDonald is interested in partnering through RSC and the CCP workgroups to make sure that the people involved are able to benefit through the program.

VII. Probation Report and Resource Center (PRRC) – Barton Clark

- Kim Shean noted Probation has two-Day Report Centers in Santa Barbara County, Probation Report and Resource Centers (PRRC) are located in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria. The PRRCs are available to any medium or high-risk individuals seeking assistance with the many services offered at the centers.
- Barton Clark noted that high and medium risk offenders are directed to report directly to the PRRC instead of the regular office when released from custody and coming from court.
- Daily, there are many first time clients that report directly from jail. Attendance has increased and there is an increase in initial enrollment.
- After release from prison, the first ninety days is very important to get clients plugged in with services and treatment.

VIII. Overview of Pre-Trial Services (PTS) Program – Angela Braun

- Handouts were provided for covering PTS statistics from July 1, 2018, through March 2019.
- Pre-Trial Services will be transitioning from the Courts to Probation in January 2020
- As of yesterday there are 126 PTS clients in the community on supervised release with the majority of them coming from South County Courts.
- Probation expanded the Department's IMPACT case management system to include a Pre-Trial module.

IX. Fiscal Year (FY) 19/20 Public Safety Realignment Plan – Kim Shean

- This Tuesday, on behalf of the CCP, Kim will present next year's Realignment Plan to the Board of Supervisors.
- The four main goals include reducing recidivism, enhancing the use of alternative detention, successful reentry, and coordination to eliminate duplication and enhance efficiencies.
- A fifth goal was added that was led by Supervisor Hart's office to support a systemic approach to study and addressing racial and ethnic disparities in the adult justice system. Many law enforcement agencies have Implicit Bias Training as part of their CORE training curriculum. Probation's goal is to provide 70% of justice partner agencies training on Implicit Bias training.
- Realignment population is trending up in the past couple of months. Legislation that affected credits created an increase in population.
- Supportive and transitional housing went live May 1, 2019 with \$800,000 being allocated for a two-year pilot. Twelve beds in Santa Barbara and 16 in Santa Maria are available.
- The length of stay in this housing was not set since each client must be looked at on an individual basis. The goal is to move clients on to permanent housing. Due to felony convictions, many individuals do not qualify for other types of subsidized housing.
- Plan revisions and expansions include EDOVO tablets and programming for North County Jail.
- Additional reentry services for the Public Defender's office to add on to the Holistic Defense Unit.
- Victim Services for the District Attorney's office currently has a .5 FTE and will be funded for a full-time FTE.
- Some items that were allocated approved for allocation like the Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) are being held in reserves. There is some funding from the Court that was held to transition Pre-Trial Services to Probation. There is also funding for the final year of data mining for Prop 47.
- The PRRC is no longer open on Saturdays. The contractor CSI will be providing reentry case management and the PRRC will increase the WAGE\$\$ class.
- Goodwill Employment Services will manage the subsidized employment for medium and high-risk clients. Goodwill then partners with employers to assist clients in gaining full-time employment.

X. Housing Subcommittee – Kim Shean

- Through CCP funding and to increase housing capacity discussions are being held with Sanctuary to break ground on a new facility 1136 De la Vina St. It would be a five story building with one level underground and Probation clients would be allocated between 14-16 supportive housing beds.

XI. Quality Assurance Updates

A. Approval of Minutes from the January 17, 2019 AQA Meeting – Karyn Milligan

- The QA and RSC meetings have been merged into one meeting as many of those attending RSC also attend the QA meeting.
- Those in attendance at the January meeting reviewed and approved the minutes.

B. Curriculum Specific Fidelity Review – Karyn Milligan & Julius Baldueza

- Initially self-assessments were completed of the curriculum delivery and then peer-assessments. Currently, curriculum specific fidelity check lists are being completed.
- Barton Clark has heard from a number of CBOs, including CADA, Good Sam, CSI that this was a very positive experience.
- Kim Shean recommended that there be a peer review of the WAGE\$\$ class at Probation to provide feedback.

C. Contract Process – Julius Baldueza

- Contracts are under review for FY 19/20. The intent is to provide an Excel sheet to provide lists of who is attending programs and who exits.

D. Brown Bag Update – Karyn Milligan

- Every other month ‘Brown Bags’ will be offered through different organizations in the community, the next ‘Brown Bag’ meeting will be held at PATH from noon to one on June 4th here in Santa Barbara.

XII. Public Comment – All

- The Santa Barbara Sheriff’s Day Reporting Center – (DRC) will have graduation June 25th at 12:00 at the Hyatt Centric in Santa Barbara. To RSVP contact Carolyn Payne at 805-560-0919. That same day the Santa Maria DRC will have a graduation at the Radisson Hotel from 5:00 to 7:00, same RSVP contact information.

I. Confirm Next Meeting, July 18, 2019 and Adjourn – Kim Shean

- The next RSC meeting will be held on July 18, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at the Santa Barbara County Probation Department, 117 E. Carrillo Street, Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara, California. Participation via teleconference will be available at the Santa Barbara County Probation Department, 2121 S. Centerpointe Parkway, Santa Maria, California.
- The meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Don Heath, Administrative Office Professional, Senior