

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

September 19, 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:

Noel Gomez, designee for Paloma Arnold, Santa Barbara City College

John Lewis, Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness

Tracy Macuga, Santa Barbara County Public Defender

John Savrnoch, Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office

Kimberly Shean, Santa Barbara County Probation

Vincent Wasilewski, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

RSC Members Absent:

Sylvia Barnard, Good Samaritan Shelter Services

Christina Kelly, Changes Outpatient Wellness Center

Eddie Perez, Impact Prison Ministry

Anthony Ivanich, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Deirdre Smith, 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

Christina Grabowsky, Sanctuary Centers

Amy Lopez, Behavioral Wellness

Carrie Paine, Community Solutions Inc.

Roselyne Romero, Santa Barbara County Probation

I. Call to Order/Introductions

- The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. and attendees made self-introductions.

II. Approval of Minutes from May 16, 2019 and July 18, 2019 RSC Meetings

- The draft minutes of the May 16, 2019, and July 18, 2019, Reentry Steering Committee (RSC) meetings were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Chief Deputy Vince Wasilewski and seconded by Public Defender Tracy Macuga. Minutes approved, via vote, as presented.

III. **Comments from Co-Chairs – Kim Shean**

- Deputy Chief Kim Shean discussed the background of the Reentry Steering Committee and its mission; it was started as a partnership between the Sheriff's Department and District Attorney's Office centered on State Parole Day Reporting Centers. AB109 redefined who would be sent to either Parole or Probation when coming out of prison. 65-70% of inmates coming out of State Prison are now being sent to Probation. The RSC was expanded to include Probation Report and Resource Centers. The purpose of the RSC is to talk about how to reintegrate people, how to utilize the Discharge Planning Team, and how reporting centers are working. The RSC is a Brown Act subcommittee of the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP), which requires formalities for public posting and reporting to the CCP, our mission statement along with a survey for suggestions on how to revitalize the committee will be sent out.
- Official designees for voting members were confirmed and recorded.

IV. **RSC Membership Change – Kim Shean**

- Carrie Paine was welcomed and she provided a brief background of her role with Community Solutions Inc. Carrie joined CSI in January as the Program Coordinator at the Santa Barbara Day Reporting Center; her primary focus is on programming and staff.
- A motion to nominate Carrie Paine for the open membership position on the Reentry Steering Committee was made by Chief Deputy Vincent Wasilewski and seconded by District Attorney John Savrnock; the nomination was approved, via vote.
- The motion to appoint Noel Gomez as the official representative for Santa Barbara City College on the Reentry Steering Committee will be added to the November 21, 2019, meeting.

V. **Holistic Defense – Tracy Macuga**

- Tracy Macuga mentioned her presentation of Holistic Defense to the Probation Adult Supervisors at their most recent meeting. Some had been unaware of the program and were interested in learning more about the advocates and services provided.
- Tracy Macuga will be compiling a document with photos, bios, and services offered for each of the advocates to be shared with Probation staff and meetings between Supervisors and Advocates will be arranged.

VI. **Jail Programming – Vince Wasilewski**

- Chief Vince Wasilewski reported the Jail is working on a Family Reunification Program which will provide family therapy and anger management training. The program would allow supervised visits with children and significant others in a more pleasant environment with soft furniture and a courtyard so inmates can play with their children. The program will not be for everyone, only for inmates going through programming who will be monitored for progress.
- Another program Chief Wasilewski mentioned is Rescue Dog Rehabilitation, which is going to be in both North and South County. They are currently in the process of writing Memorandums of Understanding with the Humane Societies of Santa Maria and Santa Barbara. The Santa Barbara Jail already has a Pit Bull named Tess that the staff love to have around. The Humane Society provides food and pays vet bills for the rescues.
- Edovo tablets continue to be well received by clients.

VII. Jail Discharge Planning – Barton Clark

- Deputy Chief Kim Shean commented on the composition of the Discharge Planning Team; there are two Deputy Probation Officers, two Public Defenders, two representatives from the Sheriff's Department as well as members of Behavioral Wellness and Custody staff.
- The Discharge Planning Team meets weekly by phone conference and monthly in person at the Jail. The team discusses upcoming releases and the Access Line and troubleshoots obstacles with release. A Custody Deputy who coordinates signing up individuals for the Access Line has been added to the conference list.
- The Access Line has nine available slots every week; in the last 90 days 22 people have utilized the Access Line.

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

- Handouts were provided with PRRC statistics covering June 1, 2019, through August 31, 2019, as well as a menu of services provided at each PRRC.
- Starting July 2019, individuals released from custody were directed to report directly to the PRRCs in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria. Intake officers have been stationed at PRRCs to help with enrolling clients into programs immediately upon release.
- Lompoc clients are provided services through Coast Valley Substance Abuse Treatment Center as the population is smaller and does not necessitate a full reporting center.

IX. Overview of Pre-trial Services (PTS) Program – Angela Braun

- Judicial council offered a grant to the courts of the counties to build or expand pretrial programs. Santa Barbara County Court as well as Probation applied and were awarded \$1.6 million dollars over the next two years to expand services.
- This grant would offer the ability to interview all eligible arrestees; this currently cannot be done due to staffing. It would add administrative staff and four more officers. Currently awaiting a contract from judicial council to get started but have already begun recruitment for pretrial officers/assessors.
- This unit is also undergoing a transition from the court to probation which should be completed by December 30, 2019.

X. Day Reporting Center (DRC) Report – Carrie Paine

- Handouts were provided with DRC statistics for the fourth quarter of FY 2018-2019 covering April 2019 through June 2019 for both Santa Barbara and Santa Maria locations as well as the programming currently offered.
- Placement decisions are all based on LSI-r risk score, the focus is to drop this number, so clients are placed in programming that will help them address areas they are receiving high risk scores.
- Parole has a new 1605 form that emphasizes six months of intensive community based programming that can earn clients early release.

XI. Quality Assurance Updates

A. QA Process Review – Julius Baldueza

- The QA process is currently at the point of reviewing contracts and requiring vendors to submit summary of services worksheets. We are also working with Barton and the PRRC and

CBOs directly to provide enrollment as well as discharge numbers. CBOs are encouraged to hold peer to peer fidelity reviews and provide feedback to us so we can keep it on record for future guidance. Julius will be conducting on-site fidelity checks at Santa Barbara and Santa Maria PRRCs as well as Coast Valley Treatment Center in Lompoc to ensure facilities are in order, sessions are well attended, and curriculum is being followed.

B. 211 Update – Julius Baldueza

- 211 is a website and call center to be used as a reentry tool for clients to access information for resources available to them such as detox, shelters, food pantries, employment services, and more. Flyers and business cards are available to post in offices and hand out to clients.
- For anyone who has the opportunity to review the website, please feel free to provide feedback on how to streamline the website or make it more user friendly.

C. Brown Bag Update – Julius Baldueza

- The next Brown Bag meeting will be in October at the DRC in Santa Maria covering interactive journaling. There will also be a meeting in December focused on discussing intimate partner violence at the Santa Maria PRRC. Information will be sent out ahead of the meeting, please forward to anyone who may be interested in attending.

XII. Public Comment

- Noel Gomez shared that in January 2019, SBCC applied for a grant with the State Chancellor's Office for Community Colleges and was awarded \$120,000 to continue providing education programs for formerly incarcerated students. Prior to the grant, SBCC was only able to offer their program for six weeks in the summer and now they will be able to offer it throughout the entire year. The grant will last two and a half years.

XIII. Confirm Next Meeting, November 21, 2019, and Adjourn – Kim Shean

- The next RSC meeting will be held on November 21, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at the Santa Barbara County Probation Department, 117 E. Carrillo 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 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Lesley Stewart, Administrative Office Professional, Senior