

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

November 21, 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

Amy Lopez, designee for John Lewis, Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness

Carrie Paine, Community Solutions Inc.

Deirdre Smith, 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

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

Other Attendees:

Amy Adargo, D&J's Counseling and Support Services

Emily Allen, United Way

Julius Baldueza, Santa Barbara County Probation

Jennifer Barretto, Community Solutions Inc./Probation Report and Resource Center

Angela Braun, Santa Barbara Superior Court

Cyndi Cabacungan, Good Samaritan Shelters

Barton Clark, Santa Barbara County Probation

Gabriela Dodson, Family Services Agency

Diane Esparza, Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

James Friedrich, Santa Barbara County Probation

Manuel Garcia, Allan Hancock College/ Beyond Incarceration Greater Education

Michael Heck, Community Solutions Inc.

Edwin Hodges, Allan Hancock College

Karyn Milligan, Santa Barbara County Probation

Cheech Raygoza, Allan Hancock College/Beyond Incarceration Greater Education

Bret Reynolds, Good Samaritan Shelters

Peggy Still, Community Solutions Inc.

I. Call to Order/Introductions

- The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. and attendees made self-introductions.

II. Approval of Minutes from September 19, 2019 RSC Meeting

- The draft minutes of the September 19, 2019, Reentry Steering Committee (RSC) meeting were reviewed. A quorum was not present at this time; the approval will be carried over to the meeting on January 16, 2020.

III. Comments from Co-Chairs – Deirdre Smith

- No Comments

IV. Holistic Defense – Gabriela Dodson

- Gabriela Dodson, with Family Service Agency (FSA), a partner of the Public Defender's office, provided an overview of Holistic Defense. Holistic Defense combines a client's needs along with unique personal circumstances each individual may have. Holistic Defense will address issues such as mental health, trauma, and family systems to implement a plan to reduce recidivism by treating criminal behavior as a symptom of larger complications.
- Clients can receive Holistic Defense services at any time they feel they need the extra support, whether they have relapsed years down the road or if they need assistance with getting back on their feet, getting IDs, writing resumes, any building blocks to becoming successful in their recovery.
- The majority of referrals to Holistic Defense come from the Public Defender's Post Arraignment Unit that interviews clients to determine candidates who will benefit from extra support.

V. Jail Programming – Deirdre Smith

- A goal over the next six months is to have jail programs match what is available at the PPRCs and DRCs so treatment can be immediately continued and completed upon release.
- The jail will be introducing Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) as soon as training is complete; they are currently working with the Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CADA) to provide training in January. Interactive journaling will also be introduced, especially for inmates that cannot be placed into the traditional Sheriff's Treatment Program (STP) due to classification or behavioral reasons.
- The anticipated completion date for the jail is targeted for March 14, 2020. The jail must be populated within 90 days per state law. Population of the jail will be determined by classification, 80% of the jail will be direct supervision with a deputy embedded in the housing unit. This will allow deputies to get to know inmates better and potentially reduce problems with drugs and fighting. It will also reduce problems with security around programs as inmates will not need to be moved around, each housing unit will also have a classroom embedded in it.
- Background checks have been completed on humane shelter staff who will be coming in to the jail for a dog-training program covering basic commands and facilitation. This program will start small in our medium security unit with up to ten dogs a few times a week but will hopefully transition into having dogs 24/7 living in the jail with inmates.

VI. Jail Discharge Planning – Barton Clark

- A memo was shared detailing the Discharge Planning Team (DPT). The team is composed of one Community Release Specialist, one Discharge Planner, two DPOs assigned as Jail Assessors, and two social workers from the Public Defender's Office. The multidisciplinary approach allows greater collaboration in assessing inmates' needs for their discharge plan. A successful reentry from custody back into the community can dramatically impact long term success. The DPT focuses on service delivery to achieve successful reentry, closing the gap in time between release and programming by serving as a connector to necessary services such as housing assistance and substance abuse treatment.
- The DPT targets unique populations that are most susceptible to recidivate, those with mental health issues, substance abuse problems, chronic homelessness, etc. In FY2018-19, 1552 requests for discharge planning were processed. Of those requests, there were 662 reports of homelessness and 309 requests for mental health services. Out of the clients released 141 were sent to residential treatment, 34 to sober living, and 45 to local shelters.
- The team meets weekly by phone conference to discuss upcoming releases and monthly in person. Since implementation in March 2019, the DPT also works with the Drug Medi-Cal Access Line weekly. They assess the next two weeks of releases to connect those who have a desire or need to call the Access Line to find out what services are available to them upon release.

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

- Handouts were provided with PRRC programming guides for both Santa Maria and Santa Barbara locations. Since the start of the new fiscal year, Probation has taken over job readiness training from CSI with WAGE\$, helping clients work towards economic self-sufficiency. CSI added a case management component that includes journaling to help clients navigate the process to be successful. An individual does not need to be enrolled in CSI classes to be involved with case management. A reminder, and note to new attendees, all courses are free to clients.

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

- This unit is continuing to work on transitioning from the Court to Probation, which should be completed by December 30, 2019.
- Probation has completed a round of interviews for additional pre-trial assessors, to expand the pretrial risk-assessment interview process for those who are arrested.
- The PTS program is part of a grant from the Judicial Council in partnership with Probation; the Judicial Council will be conducting a site visit on December 4, 2019, to view our pretrial program. The Judicial Council will also offer IT and technical assistance to build our data collection properly for reporting at the State level.

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

- Handouts were provided with DRC statistics for the first quarter of FY 2019-2020 covering July 2019 through September 2019 for both Santa Barbara and Santa Maria locations as well as the programming currently offered.
- Michael Heck commented that the DRC contract with CSI will be concluding. The DRC service provider is a reimbursement contract from California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), and therefore it must go out for a Request for Proposal (RFP). Given

that, it is not a guarantee that CSI will continue with the DRC.

X. Quality Assurance Updates

A. QA Process Review – Julius Baldueza

- A handout was provided outlining the projected timeline of the QA process. Since the beginning of the FY19-20, Community Based Organizations (CBOs) have been turning in monthly summary of service worksheets with performance measures. Four months of data has been collected for analysis so far. Fidelity visits have been conducted at both Santa Barbara and Santa Maria PRRCs as well as Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Community Solutions Inc, and the Good Samaritan Shelter Moral Reconciliation Therapy program; future visits are scheduled for Coast Valley Substance Abuse Treatment Center and the Good Sam Recovery-Oriented System of Care program.
- Reminder for CBOs to conduct peer to peer fidelity checks; one per curriculum is required this year. Please let Probation know who you are partnering with and when the visit is scheduled. Share your findings with both Probation and your partner agency.
- On-site fidelity visits are being expanded to include sober living, shelter homes, detox, transitional housing, and residential drug and alcohol treatment sites. Julius will be working with a DPO to ensure services provided match with what is contracted. Juvenile service provider visits will also be conducted towards the end of the fiscal year.

B. 211 Update – Julius Baldueza

- A handout with the 2-1-1 quarterly report was provided. 2-1-1 is a resource for probationary clients to provide information on housing, shelters, foodbanks, employment, and more. Calls and unique page views have dropped slightly since the last quarter. We would like to continue to increase awareness of this resource, if more signage or business cards are needed please contact Julius Baldueza, Roselyne Romero, or Karyn Milligan so we can increase visibility of this resource.

C. Brown Bag Update – Karyn Milligan

- The brown bag program is a series of informal informational opportunities to learn and connect with different resources and programs available in the county. The next meeting will cover Intimate Partner Violence at the Santa Maria PRRC and will provide an overview of the pilot program Santa Barbara County is taking part in to test alternatives to Batterer Intervention programming, as there is currently no evidence based curriculum for the subject.

XI. Roundtable and Public Comments - All

- Michael Heck shared that in December CSI and D&J are collaborating for “Getting it Right” training for journaling, specifically for short-term incarceration.
- Amy Lopez commented that ADP will also be conducting QA reviews and clinical group visits to verify program materials are appropriate. As part of the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System consumer surveys, required by the Department of Healthcare Services (DHS), are being sent out. The DHS will be also be visiting in the spring for a two to three day external quality review site visit. FSA in Santa Maria is no longer providing adolescent alcohol and drug treatment. John Lewis of Behavioral Wellness’s ADP has moved to a different position, effective Nov 4th, Shana Burns has assumed the role of Forensic Services Manager. The DHS has naloxone distribution projects still available; organizations can apply and receive

distribution kits for free, law enforcement and criminal justice partners are eligible to apply. BeWell obtains their kits from this grant project, and would gladly assist with training the administration of Narcan. Upcoming training through BeWell's ADP includes Harm Reduction in March, Motivational Interviewing in January, and Cognitive Behavioral Treatment in February; all training is free to attend, anyone may enroll.

- Amy Adargo shared that D&J's is currently under renovation for their day program and have applied for a Drug Medi-Cal license. An 18 bed intensive facility is under construction, hoping to open by January. In the process of opening a six bed sober living graduate house in Nipomo and expanding to a fifth house in Santa Maria. D&J's will also be starting a temp agency called the tradesman where residents can work for six months, includes auto detailing, handyman work, mobile mechanic, welding, landscaping, food service, and more.

XII. Confirm Next Meeting, January 16, 2020, and Adjourn – Deirdre Smith

- The next RSC meeting will be held on January 16, 2020, 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 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Lesley Stewart, Administrative Office Professional, Senior