Reentry Steering Committee  
(RSC)  
March 16, 2017  
MEETING MINUTES  
Santa Barbara County District Attorney’s Office  
1112 Santa Barbara Street  
Santa Barbara, California  

Participation by Teleconference pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(b) was available at:  
Santa Barbara County District Attorney’s Office  
312-D East Cook Street  
Santa Maria, California  

RSC Members in Attendance:  
Sylvia Barnard, Good Samaritan Shelter Services  
Tanja Heitman, Santa Barbara County Probation Department  
Tracy Macuga, Santa Barbara County Public Defender’s Office  
Jimmy Reyes, designee for Anthony Ivanich, California Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation  
John Savrnoch, Santa Barbara County Office of the District Attorney  
Kim Shean, Co-Chair - Santa Barbara County Probation Department  
Danielle Spain, Community Solutions, Inc.  
Katie Ward, Co-Chair - Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Office  
Vincent Wasilewski, Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Office  
Marsha Wright, Santa Barbara City College  

RSC Absent Attendees:  
Vacant - Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness  

Other Attendees:  
Joseph A. Adams, Allan Hancock College  
Emily Allen, United Way AmeriCorps  
Ed Cue, Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse  
Carolyn Diaz, Santa Barbara County Probation Department  
Lynne Gibbs, National Alliance on Mental Illness  
Michael Heck, Community Solutions, Inc.  
Edwin Hodges, Alan Hancock College  
Cristina Kelly, Casa Serena  
Elizabeth Krene, Santa Barbara County Probation Department  
John Lewis, Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness  
Laura Loes, Santa Barbara County Superior Court  
Mark Mahurin, Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Office  
Tim McWilliams, Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Office  
Mary O’Gorman, Board of Supervisors, District 2  
Rod Pearson, Families Act, Behavioral Wellness Commission  
Alice Perez, Ph.D., Santa Barbara City College  
Eddie Perez, Impact Prison Ministry  
Charles Powell, Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Office  
Kevin Warwick, Alternative Solutions, Inc.
I. **Call to Order/Introductions**
   - The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. and attendees provided self-introductions.

II. **Approval of Minutes from January 19, 2017 RSC Meeting**
   - The draft minutes of the January 19, 2017, Reentry Steering Committee (RSC) meeting were approved as presented.

III. **Comments from Co-Chairs** – Kim Shean and Katie Ward
   - Co-Chair Shean provided a Realignment planning update. In response to a proposal made by the County Executive Office, a consultant was retained to evaluate the Realignment efforts in Santa Barbara County and to provide a strategic planning gap analysis report. Through these efforts, the following areas of focus were identified:
     1. Expansion of Pretrial Services to include a supervision and accountability component, which will allow for community supervision of offenders who meet criteria pending sentencing.
     2. Expansion of jail programming, which will result in service delivery to additional inmates. The expansion will include adding counselor positions and the implementation of the EDOVO, a tablet-based technology solution for education and programming. The associated curriculum will allow inmates the ability to earn incentives and work on prosocial skill building.
     3. Design and construction of a 15-bed Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) at the former Santa Barbara Juvenile Hall site. Prior to renovations commencing, additional feasibility planning and budget development will be required.
     4. Community Engagement to expand the membership of the RSC and potentially create a “Community Advisory Board.”

IV. **Community Engagement Brainstorming Discussion** – Kim Shean and Katie Ward
   - Through the strategic planning and gap analysis efforts led by the CEO’s office and the office of 2nd District Supervisor Janet Wolf, community involvement and engagement has been identified as an area of expansion for FY17/18
   - Extensive discussion was had surrounding strategies to improve community engagement and to expand participation of community-based organizations (CBO) in the reentry efforts. Those present representing formerly incarcerated individuals, community advocacy groups, and others who have a vested interest in the reentry consumer, discussed their desire to have offenders return to their local communities upon release from State and local jail facilities with the most appropriate type of reentry service and associated evidence-based programming.
   - Further discussion included the need for increased community involvement in the RSC; i.e., more CBOs, community activists, and consumers of current programming. RSC efforts could be enhanced through the involvement of people who have received substance abuse services, were formerly incarcerated, ex-offenders, etc.
   - Key points were discussed to ensure awareness of the current discharge planning efforts and what is needed to enhance the community involvement component.
   - It was suggested that the addition of focus groups or sub-committees to link the RSC with a larger community involvement group may enhance the efforts of the RSC. The focus group could include male and female ex-offenders for a different perspective, as well as other CBOs. The focus groups could provide 20-minute presentations from the community.
   - Co-Chair Kim Shean extended her appreciation for the involvement of meeting attendees and encouraged continued participation.
• Next steps identified included presenting to the CCP a recommendation of initial RSC expansion to include formerly incarcerated individuals, with consideration of a second tier expansion to include additional advocacy organizations.

V. Public Comment
• Emily Allen, of United Way, announced AmeriCorps is currently recruiting for new members/employees to work in various fields as advocates

VI. Confirm Next Meeting and Adjourn – Kim Shean and Katie Ward
• The next RSC meeting will be held on May 18, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. at the Santa Barbara County District Attorney’s (DA) Office, 112 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara, California. Participation via teleconference will be available at the Santa Barbara County DA’s Office, 312-D East Cook Street, Santa Maria, California.
• The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Marchbanks, Administrative Office Professional, Senior