

**Reentry Steering Committee  
(RSC)**

May 18, 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  
Tracy Macuga, Santa Barbara County Public Defender's Office  
Kim Shean, Co-Chair, Santa Barbara County Probation Department  
Michael Heck, designee for Danielle Spain, Community Solutions, Inc.  
Sylvia Talaugon, designee for Tanja Heitman, Santa Barbara County Probation Department  
Katie Ward, Co-Chair, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office  
Mark Mahurin, designee for Vincent Wasilewski, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office  
Marsha Wright, Santa Barbara City College

**RSC Absent Attendees:**

Anthony Ivanich, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation  
John Lewis, Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness  
John Savrnoch, Santa Barbara County Office of the District Attorney

**Other Attendees:**

Joseph A. Adams, Allan Hancock College  
Emily Allen, United Way Northern Santa Barbara County (NSBC)  
Angela Braun, Santa Barbara Superior Court  
Ron Bobo, Santa Barbara County Public Defender's Office  
Maureen Earls, Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE) Santa Barbara  
Edwin Hodges, Alan Hancock College  
Cristina Kelly, Casa Serena  
Laura Loes, Santa Barbara County Superior Court  
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

**I. Call to Order/Introductions**

- The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. and attendees provided self-introductions.

**II. Approval of Minutes from March 16, 2017 RSC Meeting**

- The draft minutes of the March 16, 2017, Reentry Steering Committee (RSC) meeting were approved as presented.

**III. Comments from Co-Chairs – Kim Shean and Katie Ward**

- Co-Chair Shean reported the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the County's Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2018 Realignment Plan on May 16, 2017. A copy of the document was provided for review and Co-Chair Shean announced that it will be electronically accessible on the Probation Department's website.
- The Realignment Plan includes the following five (5) areas of program expansion:
  1. Expansion of Pretrial Services Program to include a community supervision component.
  2. Jail Programming
  3. A one-time allocation for a feasibility study associated to an inmate Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC), which would serve as an additional housing component for the County's mentally ill population.
  4. Enhanced intra-agency data sharing.
  5. Community engagement enhancement, which will expand participation in reentry efforts.

**IV. Jail Discharge Planning – Katie Ward**

- The Jail Discharge Planning Team has continued to focus their efforts on the identification of any gaps that may exist in services provided to the reentry population.
- Transportation was identified as a service need. The Clean Air Express is currently being utilized to assist released inmates return to Santa Maria; however, the bus schedule is not always conducive to the timing of release.
- Co-Chair Ward expressed appreciation for the Public Defender's Office and their rehabilitation specialists who are assigned as part of the Discharge Planning Team. The transportation services they provide, both in- and out-of-County, have proven extremely beneficial.
- Information was shared regarding the Customer Centered Design Challenge, which was described as a collaborative effort involving various County entities including the Probation Department (Kim Shean), Community Solutions, Inc. (Daniele Spain), the Department of Social Services, Workforce Development Board, and Department of Labor. The group has joined forces to develop a wish list for inmates who are reentering the community. The list is inclusive of items such as the "Re-boot Kickstart Kit," which is a reentry backpack that will be given to eligible clients as a resource to assist them in reentry organization. The associated funding will support the availability of approximately 1,000 kits.

**V. Update Regarding Current Jail Programming and North County Jail Project – Katie Ward**

- An announcement was made regarding the impending retirement of Tona Wakefield, Jail Discharge Planner. A recruitment is underway and it was anticipated that her position will soon be filled. The Jail Discharge Planning Team currently consists of six (6) members; two (2) staff from the Santa Barbara County Jail, two (2) Release Service Coordinator positions from the Public Defender's Office, and two (2) Deputy Probation Officers.
- Details were provided regarding the jail's implementation of Edovo secure tablet technology, which was described as an educational, interactive programming tool with high security and appropriate firewalls utilized in correctional settings. The tablet will allow inmates to work towards incentives and be involved in a host of vocational and cognitive behavioral trainings. The Edovo tablet is very interactive with over 10,000 hours of content.

- The Sheriff's Treatment Program (STP) services will expand and serve an additional 40 inmates at any given time. Running a quarterly cycle, STP has six (6) curricula and 120 hours of intensive programming delivered in a classroom setting. Supplemental funding will result in two (2) added counselors and the delivery of services to an additional 40 male, high risk inmates from the general jail population; these will include Realigned individuals.

**VI. Community Engagement and RSC Membership Expansion – Katie Ward**

- An overview was provided of the steps being taken to enhance community engagement and expand the RSC voting membership.
- Second District Office Chief of Staff Mary O'Goman explained the alignment of the community involvement efforts with the findings contained in the JFA Report, as issued to the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) in 2016. A request for proposal (RFP) is being developed for an organization or a person to provide leadership to the community engagement endeavor. Updates will be routinely delivered to the RSC.
- The CCP has approved expansion of RSC membership via the inclusion of consumers and advocacy-based organizations. A draft application for membership was circulated and discussed. A status update will be delivered to the RSC on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

**VII. Public Comment**

- Marsha Wright announced her upcoming retirement, which will be effective in July 2017. She commended the RSC for their collaboration, and shared her appreciation for Santa Barbara City College's ability to partner with the Probation Department on the Transitions Program and the work performed with the Sheriff's Office on the credit classes now being taught in the Jail.
- Gratitude was expressed for Ms. Wright's commitment, ideas, and the abundant energy she brought to the RSC.
- On behalf of the Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE), Maureen Earls expressed support of the reentry efforts occurring in Santa Barbara County and the continued interest in securing additional resources to further efforts to reduce homelessness.

**VIII. Confirm Next Meeting July 20, 2017 and Adjourn – Kim Shean and Katie Ward**

- The next RSC meeting will be held on July 20, 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 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Marchbanks, Administrative Office Professional, Senior