

**Reentry Steering Committee
(RSC)**

July 20, 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:

Paloma Arnold, designee for Marsha Wright, Santa Barbara City College
S.E. Bullard, designee for Tracy Macuga, Santa Barbara County Office of the Public Defender
Carolyn Diaz, designee for Tanja Heitman, Santa Barbara County Probation Department
John Lewis, Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness
Kim Shean, Santa Barbara County Probation Department
Danielle Spain, Community Solutions, Inc.
Katie Ward, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

RSC Members Absent:

Sylvia Barnard, Good Samaritan Shelter Services
Anthony Ivanich, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
John Savrnock, Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office
Vincent Wasilewski, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

Other Attendees:

Angela Braun, Santa Barbara County Superior Court
Lynne Gibbs, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) /Families Act
Edwin Hodges, Allan Hancock College
Christina Kelley, Changes Outpatient Wellness Center
Rod Pearson, Behavioral Wellness Commission and Families Act
Alice Perez, Ph.D., Santa Barbara City College and Impact Ministries
Eddie Perez, Impact Ministries
Suzanne Riordan, Families Act

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 May 18, 2017 RSC Meeting

- The draft minutes of the May 18, 2017, Reentry Steering Committee (RSC) meeting were approved as presented.

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

- Co-Chair Shean stated that RSC meeting agendas and associated minutes are routinely posted on the Probation Department's website at <http://countyofsb.org/probation>.
- During Co-Chair Ward's discussion regarding the RSC's efforts to broaden its membership, consideration of relocation of the RSC meeting site was suggested to facilitate ease of participation countywide.
- The retirement of RSC member Marsha Wright from Santa Barbara City College was announced.

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

- Angela Braun provided an update on the PTS Program and stated that the Santa Barbara County Superior Court's PTS staff will receive training on the application of the Virginia Pretrial Risk Assessment Instrument (VPRIA) on August 22-23, 2017.
- Attempts to address PTS data collection needs and to identify an associated vendor have continued. The Court's Informational Technology (IT) staff will consider the possibility of building a customized data collection system versus purchasing a new program. A part-time analyst position will be filled by the Court for the PTS program.
- Representatives from the Court and Probation have collaborated on the creation of a protocol and associated forms that would speak to the release of inmates on pretrial supervision. Court staff will also meet with the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) to address the validation study.

V. **Jail Discharge Planning** – Katie Ward and Carolyn Diaz

- Supervising Probation Officer Carolyn Diaz delivered an overview of the discharge planning process and stressed the degree of collaboration maintained by the Discharge Planning Team to ensure that case information is appropriately exchanged to enhance efficiency and circumvent service gaps. Co-Chair Shean indicated that in an attempt to avoid duplication of efforts, each Discharge Planner has been assigned a target population to work with. The following systemic needs in discharge planning were acknowledged: a streamlined method of ordering medications for inmates upon their release; a bolstering of discharge planning and reentry services; and, a need to assist inmates with Medi-Cal/Affordable Care Act (ACA) applications, which will be facilitated with the Department of Social Services. To further reinforce discharge planning, a listing of community based organizations (CBO) will be created, which will include information regarding agency licensure and CBO credentialing specific to treatment delivery.

VI. **Day Reporting Center (DRC) Report** – Danielle Spain

- A brief overview was provided of the DRCs, which offer services to individuals being released from State prison. The facilities are subcontracted under the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office and two (2) are locally available; one (1) in Santa Barbara and one (1) in Santa Maria. Partnering agencies include Pacific Pride, United Way, and Transitions.
- DRC data reports were distributed and discussed.
- Representatives from local banking institutions have offered training to DRC clients on fiscal management issues. Staff are also working with Westmont College's mentorship program to secure computer skills' training services. DRC's employment program will be modified to one that is evidence-based using risk and responsivity principles. Upon receipt of approval from the State, the agency will also implement a neurofeedback project. The RSC will be provided with status updates as they become available.
- Community Solutions, Inc. (CSI) has explored methods to maintain client engagement beyond the 45-day mark. A maintenance goal of 90 days will be targeted, as this will positively impact overall success rates.

- It was noted that the need for transitional housing, as offered by the DRC, rose during fiscal year 2016-2017.

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

- A synopsis of the Sheriff’s Treatment Program (STP) was provided. The County’s FY 2017-2018 Realignment budget included funding to support expansion of the STP to serve an increased number of high-risk inmates. The STP program currently has three (3) Correctional Counselors and the Sheriff’s Office has initiated recruitment for an additional Counselor.
- A status update was shared regarding the Jail’s implementation of Edovo secure tablet technology. The CCP approved funding of 180 Edovo education-based tablets in the Realignment budget. The associated implementation plan will soon be presented to the Board of Supervisors.
- Co-Chair Ward indicated that she will present information on the Northern Branch Jail project to the RSC during a future meeting.

VIII. Community Engagement – Katie Ward

- The CCP’s interest in expanding community engagement was avowed via their inclusion of \$75,000 in one-time funding in the FY 2017-2018 Realignment budget to support the effort.

IX. RSC Member Expansion – Kim Shean

- There was discussion regarding the need to fill the RSC voting membership vacancy that was created as a result of Marsha Wright’s retirement from Santa Barbara City College. Paloma Arnold was introduced and she shared a brief overview of her experience.
- A motion was made by John Lewis to request that the CCP approve the appointment of Paloma Arnold as voting member of the RSC, the motion was seconded, a vote was taken, and the motion passed.
- The CCP approved expansion of RSC to include consumers and advocacy-based organizations. A solicitation for the membership opportunity was circulated and 14 applications were received and will be reviewed. An update on the selection process will be provided at the next RSC meeting.

X. Public Comment

- Suzanne Riordan, Families Act – Discussed the need to increase collaboration and cooperation as efforts are made to assist the mentally ill population and their families.

XI. Confirm Next Meeting and Adjourn – Kim Shean and Katie Ward

- The next RSC meeting will be held on September 21, 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 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Marilyn Marchbanks, Administrative Office Professional, Senior