

**Reentry Steering Committee  
(RSC)**

September 21, 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:**

John Lewis, Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness  
Kim Shean, Santa Barbara County Probation Department  
Sylvia Talaugon, Designee for Tanja Heitman Santa Barbara Probation Department  
Danielle Spain, Community Solutions, Inc.  
Katie Ward, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

**RSC Members Absent:**

Sylvia Bernard, Good Samaritan Shelter Services  
Anthony Ivanich, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation  
Tracy Macuga, Santa Barbara County Office of the Public Defender  
John Savrnach, Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office  
Vincent Wasilewski, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office  
Marsha Wright, Santa Barbara City College

**Other Attendees:**

Carolyn Diaz, Santa Barbara County Probation Department  
Lynne Gibbs, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)/Families Act  
Christina Kelley, Changes Outpatient Wellness Center  
Laura Loes, Santa Barbara County Superior Court  
Karyn Milligan, Santa Barbara County Probation Department  
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 July 20, 2017 RSC Meeting**

- The draft minutes of the July 20, 2017, Reentry Steering Committee (RSC) meeting were approved as presented.

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

- Co-Chair Katie Ward announced her resignation with Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office.
- Co-Chair Katie Ward takes a moment to reflect her past 7.5 years working with the Sheriff's Office and Probation Department and the collaborative efforts. She states, "We are significantly ahead in some areas of evidence-based practices, programming and understanding our population's needs." She thanked everyone for this incredible privilege to work on this journey together.
- Co-Chair Katie Ward indicates recruiting is moving forward to fill various positions including 4 Correctional Counselors to meet the staffing needs with several projects pending for the Sheriff's Team and the new STP Expansion plan.
- Co-Chair Kim Shean expressed gratitude for all the work regarding transformation of implementing evidence practices, discharge planning, needs assessments and the whole spectrum.
- Co-Chair Kim Shean announced moving the RSC Meeting to the Probation Department.
- Co-Chair Kim Shean announced fundraising efforts for the Probation Report Resource Center (PRRC) through the annual bowling tournament at Rancho Bowl in Santa Maria on October 14, 2017.

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

- Laura Loes indicated the training of Own Recognizance (OR) staff which was scheduled in late August for two-days for the Virginia Pre-Trial Risk Assessment instrument which will be used to evaluate defendants has been completed. OR team continues to learn and implement a consistent process as we move forward.
- Co-Chair Kim Shean reminded the group as part of this year's changes, because of the strategic gap analysis performed last year augmentation of the PTS Program to add a pre-trial services community supervision component. Through the partnership of Courts, Sheriff's Office and Probation, Probation will be picking up the supervision component to reach the goal of allowing appropriate inmates unable to afford to post bail the ability to be released from Jail pending trial as opposed to being held pending trial.
- Co-Chair Kim Shean indicated we are in the process of getting staff positioned and fully trained with a Probation Officer selected to begin the pretrial partnership of Community Supervision.
- A discussion ensued regarding the Risk Assessment tool which will evaluate the client's likelihood they will show up to Court and the possibility that they will recidivate while pending Court.
- Co-Chair Katie Ward reminds members the Community Correction Partnership, Justice Involved, and Realignment across the State of California is working toward recidivism reduction. This process tries explicitly to identify ways to ensure we look at peoples criminogenic needs to assist in filling the gaps and target those factors which likely send them back into incarceration. PTS is the front end of the reentry process, and we look forward to keeping this topic as a standing agenda item.

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

- Supervising Probation Officer Carolyn Diaz provided a presentation of the referral process to enlighten those in attendance who possibly are unaware of the jail discharge planning process. The method includes collaborative efforts with multiple agencies creating the Jail Discharge Team. The team consists of, attorneys, Public Defender Rehabilitation Specialists, Jail Assessors, Behavioral Wellness, Correctional Forensic Medical Group (CFMG), Justice Alliance, Probation Jail Assessors and Probation Supervision.
- Supervising Probation Officer Carolyn Diaz provided detailed information outlining the discharge planning process. Referrals are received through attorneys going through the public defender's staff and the assessors who assign them to the discharge planning database. Discharge planners allocate program that meets the risk and needs level while complying with the case plan. The Public Defender's staff provides transportation to programs and report status to the Probation Officer. The team members

are collaboratively working to focus on gaps and ensure the team is aware of what is occurring in the case.

- Supervising Probation Officer Carolyn Diaz discussed the continuing weekly/monthly meetings are held with the discharge planning team to ensure we are continually working with the target population and making sure we are tracking appropriate data while providing people with a proper level of service and programming.
- Co-Chair Katie Ward informed Sheriff's Office expanded the Jail Medical contract to involve CFMG in the Jail Discharge planning process to create a partnership with Behavior Wellness and Sheriff's Office to better understand each organizations role to create a continuum client care ensuring each client's medical needs are addressed upon release.
- Co-Chair Katie Ward discussed the discharge backpack which is provided to the clients upon discharge. The bag was a result of the Whitehouse Challenge Project where a grant was received to create the informational resource pack for clients. In addition to receiving items such as DMV Identification applications, the discharge plan, medications, essential documents Behavioral Wellness is working with Public Health and Pacific Pride to distribute Narcan to those individuals who are experiencing opiate withdrawal to high-risk folks. The Public Defender Rehabilitation Specialists also have and provide the backpacks to clients.
- Co-Chair Katie Ward discussed continued efforts to sustain funding to continue providing the discharge backpacks to a specific clientele.

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

- Co-Chair Kim Shean provided a brief introduction of Danielle Spain, Director of Community Solutions who oversees the DRC. The DRCs is managed by the Sheriff's Department and available for people coming out of the State prison for services at the day reporting center. The DRC is a local option for intervention for folks who are coming out of jail not associated with probation through realignment and are going to State Parole.
- Danielle Spain indicates there are two-day reporting facilities, North County in Santa Maria and South County in Santa Barbara. The Santa Maria DRC works closely with the Parole Office out of San Luis Obispo, and the Santa Barbara DRC works closely with Parole Office in Oxnard because there is not a Parole Office in Santa Barbra County.
- Danielle Spain indicates the DRC is running at approximately 110% capacity and have been consistently for about the last 7-8 months. Specifically, Santa Maria is quite busy. Observations indicate with Prop57 that these numbers will likely increase. Even though that was not the understanding of how that legislation reflected through discussions with State Parole we are seeing increases for October and November with folks getting out under Prop 57.
- Danielle Spain indicates there are two-day reporting facilities, North County in Santa Maria and South County in Santa Barbara, s which are subcontracted under the Santa Barbara County Sheriff. She Sheriff's Office. An external audit by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) was performed with results of 100% in compliance and no area of concern.
- Danielle Spain indicates the program provides 90 days of housing to clients and begins to titrate the client into becoming self-sufficient by asking them to start paying a portion of the sober living funding. Housing efforts are on a case by case basis with extended efforts for clients who are engaged and having difficulty obtaining employment, or if the prison incarnation period is extended to 10-15 years, the client will receive six months as opposed to 90 days.
- Danielle Spain announces exciting projects in both Santa Maria Office and Santa Barbara Office assisting clients in leadership development type programs. Currently, South County Santa Barbara through a partnership with Santa Barbara City College eight clients have enrolled over the summer successfully passed classes receiving high grades and are currently enrolled in school full-time at the Community College.

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

- Co-Chair Katie Ward announced the mail jail is currently trying to pilot programs with the expansion of jail programming which we plan to provide in the Northern Branch Jail. Adovo Tablet is on the cusp of going live with 180 educational based, offering 15,000 hours of content ranging from cognitive behavior interventions to vocational training programs, GED, legal services, etc. Such a wide array of programming residents in the County Jail will be able to access allowing programming to a larger population.

**VIII. Community Engagement – Katie Ward**

- Co-Chair Kim Shean reminds the group of the gap analysis and subsequent need to enhance community engagement through partnering with organizations or an individual to move community efforts forward. The Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) has allocated \$75,000 to the appropriate entity.
- Co-Chair Kim Shean indicates a committee has been working to identify what actions the organization or individual will be responsible for with interests in groups to focus on mobilizing community members, families, faith-based organizations, and advocates formally involved individuals, treatment providers in this large-scale collaborative effort in providing educational information about realignment and the broader issues of restorative justice. We have identified what we want done and now we are working on the best fit, organization or individual that has experience County wide that maybe already has some exposure interest in this area. Discussing to be generated at the CCP workgroup this coming week. Further updates to be provided at future meetings.

**IX. RSC Member Expansion – Katie Ward**

- Co-Chair Katie Ward recapped the expansion the CCPs interest in expanding the membership of the RSC to include consumers. The application process was exciting with 11 applications submitted. A subcommittee met to review the applications and made recommendations to the Reentry Steering Committee to recommend Christina Kelly and Eddie Perez to be added as voting members of the RSC.
- Each applicant, Christina Kelly, and Eddie Perez provided a short bio and introduction to the RSC Group and was asked to attend the October 2017 CCP meeting.
- A motion to approve both the recommendation of Christina Kelly and Eddie Perez as RSC voting members were submitted by Danielle Spain and seconded by John Lewis. The recommendation will be forwarded to the CCP for review and added to the next meeting agenda. Both applicants were invited to attend the CCP meeting scheduled October 6, 2017, in Buellton.

**X. Public Comment**

- Lynn Gibbs, NAMI provided information on Treat or Repeat State Survey a treatment advocacy center and Laura's Law statistics.  
<http://www.treatmentadvocacycenter.org/treat-or-repeat>
- Lynn Gibbs, NAMI discusses the De-escalation Intervention Training indicating success for various organizations are sharing success in this program.
- Suzanne Riordan, Families Act shared positive outcomes resulting increased communications with the Public Defender's Office.

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

- The next RSC meeting will be held on November 16, 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 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Marilyn Marchbanks, Administrative Office Professional, Senior