Reentry Steering Committee
(RSC)
July 19, 2018
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:
S.E Ballard, designee for Tracy Macuga, Santa Barbara County Office of the Public Defender
Don Deming, designee for Sylvia Barnard, Good Samaritan Shelter Services
John Lewis, Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness
Kimberly Shean, Santa Barbara County Probation Department
Deirdre Smith, Community Solutions, Inc.
Vincent Wasilewski, Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Office
Don Deming, designee for Sylvia Barnard, Good Samaritan Shelter Services

RSC Members Absent:
Paloma Arnold, Santa Barbara City College
Anthony Ivanich, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
Christina Kelly, Changes Outpatient Wellness Center
Eddie Perez, Impact Prison Ministries
John Savrnoch, Santa Barbara County District Attorney’s Office
Katie Ward, Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Office

Other Attendees:
Joseph A. Adams, Allan Hancock College
Barton Clark, Santa Barbara County Probation
Gabriela Dodson, Family Services Agency
James Friedrich, Santa Barbara County Probation
Robert Garnica, Santa Barbara Sheriff’s Office
Lynne Gibbs, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) /Families Act
Michael Heck, Community Solutions, Inc.
Edwin Hodges, Allan Hancock College
Karyn Milligan, Santa Barbara County Probation
Kristianne Schell, Aspire Counseling Services
Tona Wakefield, Santa Barbara County Office of the Public Defender

1. Call to Order/Introductions
   • The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. and attendees provided self-introductions.
II. Approval of Minutes from May 17, 2018 RSC Meeting
   • The draft minutes of the May 17, 2018, Reentry Steering Committee (RSC) meeting were present with a motion to approve submitted by John Lewis and seconded by Michael Heck. Minutes approved as presented.

III. Comments from Chair – Kimberly Shean
   • Deputy Chief Kimberly Shean discussed the history and purpose of the Reentry Steering Committee (RSC). Initially, as a Sheriff’s led effort, with a focus on State Parole Day Reporting Centers, the mission was later expanded to include all aspects of reentry throughout the county. RSC is part of a subcommittee of the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) as a result of realignment in California. RSC consists of voting members and designees appointed and voted by CCP.
   • Deputy Chief Shean announced Realignment resources had been allocated to fund a part-time position to enhance community engagement between government agencies and community based organizations to better collaborate when working with justice-involved individuals. Information about the position can be located on the provider, Community Solutions, Inc.’s website, the County Facebook, and the Probation Department’s Facebook page. RSC attendees were asked to share the information about the position to anyone they believed would be a qualifying candidate.

IV. Prison to Employment Initiative – Karyn Milligan, Probation Manager
   • Manager Karyn Milligan distributed information regarding the State of California Employment Development Department, explaining the initiative. The Governor’s 2018 budget proposal includes $37 million over three budget years to fund the integration of workforce and reentry services in the state’s fourteen regions. Eligibility for the grant will be available to both adults and juveniles.

V. Jail Discharge Planning – James Friedrich, Probation Manager
   • Manager Friedrich briefly discussed the process of discharge planning assistance for eligible inmates exiting the jail. Referrals for discharge planning assistance must go through the Jail Assessor. The level of discharge planning a client receives is determined by the assigned Discharge Planner and ROVAR assessment results. Mr. Friedrich announced a survey request would be sent to members of the jail discharge planning team for input on discharge planning.

VI. Day Reporting Center (DRC) Report – Deirdre Smith, Community Solutions, Inc. (CSI)
   • Deirdre Smith announced Michael Heck’s promotion from SB DRC Coordinator to State Director at Community Solutions, Inc.
   • Ms. Smith shared data regarding the number of clients served in both Santa Barbara and Santa Maria regions for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. In Santa Barbara 156 clients were served, 193 referrals were received, ninety-three (93) individuals were admitted, ninety-one (91) were a no-show, 106 individuals were discharged, and twenty-one (21) successfully graduated. In Santa Maria 257 clients were served, 313 referrals were received, 185 individuals were admitted, 105 were a no-show, 192 individuals were discharged, and thirty-one (31) successfully graduated.
   • Santa Barbara DRC is involved in a Neurofeedback research project that will potentially improve the active participation of parolees with cognitive behavioral therapy in an effort to reduce in recidivism. More information about Neurofeedback in Santa Barbara, CA https://www.csi-online.org/neurofeedback/
Michael Heck from Community Solutions, Inc. discussed a Hayward Lumber project out of Santa Maria DRC. Hayward Lumber in Santa Maria holds two manufacturing plants that manufacture floor joists and roof truss. Hayward Lumber has agreed to turn the manufacturing plant to a one year paid apprenticeship program for qualifying parolees. The apprenticeship program is offered to both men and women who would pass a medical and background screening. Within the first two weeks, the participants will receive certification in forklift driving and on the use of an electronic computerized saw. The participants will also be receiving tools according to their assignment, and if they graduate successfully from the program, they will keep the tools upon hire in the construction field. Currently, the program has two participants that are expected to graduate in October. California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation funded the project, and a private party donated the tools.

VII. Overview of Pre-Trial Services (PTS) Program – Kim Shean

- Deputy Chief Kimberly Shean provided a memo from Angela Braun, the Judicial Services Manager for the Santa Barbara County Superior Court, who wasn’t able to attend the meeting. The court recently hired an Administrative Analyst to review and establish the protocol for proper data collection of the Pretrial population. The CCP funds the position. The data collection will allow the Court to provide meaningful data within the coming months to its justice partners and committees similar to the Reentry Steering Committee regarding the Pretrial population.
- Deputy Chief Shean briefly discussed the history of the PTS Program. The program has been in operation since October 2017. The program uses the Virginia Pretrial Risk Assessment Instrument (VPRAI) for Pre-Trial Services releases, which predicts the risk of reoffending, and the probability of appearance to the next court hearing. Subsequently, the Superior Court, Own Recognizance (OR) Unit makes a recommendation to the Court to either release the client from jail on their own recognizance or release with a supervision component.
- The Probation Department provides the supervision component. Currently staffed with three Probation Officers pending a fourth DPO, they currently supervise seventy-seven (77) clients with a goal of a 1/20 ratio.
- S.E. Ballard from the Public Defender’s office suggested a point of contact in her department to receive the PTS memo for offenders that have been under PTS supervision for 90 days. Ms. Ballard will contact Probation Manager Sylvia Talagon who is overseeing the PTS project.

VIII. Reentry Steering Committee (RSC) FY 18/19 Meeting Schedule and Survey Results – Kimberly Shean

- The Fiscal Year 2018/2019 RSC meeting calendar was provided with a motion to approve submitted by John Lewis and seconded by Deirdre Smith. The RSC meeting calendar was approved as presented.
- Deputy Chief Shean discussed the survey results. Results indicated an interest in more justice involved individuals to be added to the committee.
- Ms. Shean suggested a representative from the Public Defender’s office make a presentation at September’s meeting to discuss what Social Workers are doing for their department.
- Ms. Shean requested members to forward agenda topics for future meetings.
- Probation Manager Milligan suggested adding 211 to the next meeting agenda. Karyn informed staff the Community Action Commission (CAC) and their 211 group are looking to create a Probation Portal on their website for adult probationers to access resources available to them in the county.

IX. Housing Subcommittee – Kimberly Shean
• Deputy Chief Shean briefly discussed that the CCP has authorized a housing subcommittee that will focus on allocating housing for high to medium risk offenders that require supportive services to be successful. She is working with the county’s Housing and Community Development Department to research available models.

X. Public Comment

• Lynne Gibbs, NAMI – Discussed the need to increase collaboration and cooperation between mentally ill population and their families with Probation Officers as there are times family member are afraid to engage with probation officers.

XI. Confirm Next Meeting, September 20, 2018 and Adjourn – Kim Shean

• The next RSC meeting will be held on September 20, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at the Santa Barbara County Probation Department, 117 E. Carrillo Street, Santa Barbara 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 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Nancy Valdez, Administrative Office Professional, Senior