

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP
MEETING MINUTES**
May 28, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chief Probation Officer Fernando Giraldo called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

A quorum was established, with 6 of 7 Executive Committee Members present [Giraldo, Biggam, Judge Burdick, Hart, Honda, and Rosell].

MEMBERS PRESENT:

*Fernando Giraldo	*Larry Biggam	*Judge Paul Burdick
*Jim Hart	* David Honda	*Jeff Rosell
Karen Delaney	John Leopold	Andrew Stone
Faris Sabbah		

MEMBERS ABSENT:

*Mimi Hall Sylvia Nieto Randy Morris Shaina Zurlin

* Notes Executive Committee Member

II. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Chief Giraldo provided an overview of the agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jim Hart made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on November 13, 2019. The motion was seconded by David Honda. There was no discussion.

MOTION: (M) Hart (S) Honda All in favor Motion carried unanimously

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

None.

V. REPORT AND ACTION ITEMS

A. State Budget Realignment Funding Update and Local Impact Actions

The California State Budget, presented by the Governor Newsom on May 14, 2020, includes a reduction of 22% in the FY19-20 and FY20-21 realignment allocation for our county. Chief Giraldo presented recommendations for the CCP to consider approval of the use of unspent treatment funds from previous years as needed in order to retain treatment services at their original level in the current fiscal year, and to approve the use of additional unspent treatment funds to support treatment services in the 2020-21 fiscal year.

MOTION: (M) Honda (S) Hart All in favor Motion carried unanimously

B. Report on Probation Service Center

Alphonse Arretz, Deputy Probation Officer Supervisor described the services the Probation Service Center (PSC) from the opening in May 2019 to the onset of COVID-19 pandemic. Even though the PSC doors were eventually closed, services continue to be offered by service providers via a blended service delivery such as telephone, written work, and internet-based classes and meetings. PSC reopening will follow a multilevel approach that will reflect State and County Methodology with a high priority on client and staff safety. Will Basler, with Leaders in Community Alternatives (LCA), discussed

how he is continuing to provide employment services to clients, assisting them to engage with employers that are still hiring during COVID-19 pandemic and focusing clients' time on career development while the job market stabilizes. PSC service provider staff continue to work as a team to ensure service continuity. Services are provided one-on-one via zoom, teams, and other online methods to assist clients filling out paperwork for unemployment, and ensure their educational, housing, and food needs are being met. Yolanda James-Sevilla, Adult Assistant Division Director outlined the three levels of the PSC Remobilization Plan, which will begin on June 1st. Each level is subject to change based on Public Health Orders and County guidelines. Finally, Deutron Kebebew coordinator of the MENTors parenting program, discussed how they learned to pivot and be responsive to their client's needs by being flexible and the online option has been a great tool. The pandemic has revealed digital gaps that can be addressed for a more comprehensive blended approach to providing services to clients

C. Community Education and Engagement Workgroup (CEEW)

Sarah Emmert, Director of Community Impact with the United Way of Santa Cruz, introduced the Santa Cruz County Blueprint for Shared Safety: Crime Survivors at the Center report produced by the CEEW. The five goals of the report include: prioritize healing and restoration for crime survivors; ensure access to trauma recovery services; engage crime survivors to prioritize and elevate their voices, strengthen community trust and confidence in the criminal justice system; and recognize who is most vulnerable to crime. Julie Macecevic, Executive Director of the Walnut Avenue Family & Women's Center, presented the methodology that the group used to gather data and noted that the data collected showed barriers and gaps similar to those found throughout the State and Nation. The report (available online at http://www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/Portals/0/County/prb/pdfs/SCC_Blueprint%20for%20Shared%20Safety%20FINAL.pdf) includes eleven recommendation based upon this data, evidence-based best practice, and local community strengths and service gaps. Ana Rubalcava from the Santa Cruz County District Attorney's Office described some of the progress already made towards these objectives during the process of developing this report. This has included: a community-wide Restorative Justice Forum; Prop 47 grant funding for a new Neighborhood Courts Model; crime survivor objectives added to the Santa Cruz County Strategic Plan; service provider feedback convenings; and the expansion of survivor services in the 211 database. Next steps will include prioritizing short- and long-term recommendations and engaging individuals and group with a role to play in implementation. The Community Education and Engagement Work Group requests that the CCP approve and adopt the Santa Cruz County Blueprint for Shared Safety Phase 1: Survivors at the Center.

MOTION: (M) Rosell (S) Honda All in favor Motion carried unanimously

D. Report on Proposition 47 (CAFES) Program

Sarah Fletcher, Adult Probation Division Director, provided an update on the Proposition 47, Coordinated Access for Empowering Services (CAFES) Program, which just submitted its second progress report to the BSCC. Grant funding began in August of 2019, with a project start-up period from August to December of 2019. Full funding began in January 2020. Before COVID-19, the project had just started to identify clients to refer for direct services. Successes have included: the development of protocols and written outreach materials for the Neighborhood Courts component; started client services through the Encompass Discharge Planners and New Life treatment services; started staff and community trainings through the Encompass Community Trainers; and developed local data collection and analysis systems.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Next CCP Meeting: TBD, location TBD