

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY**  
**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
November 13, 2019

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chief Probation Officer Fernando Giraldo called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. A quorum was established, with 7 of 7 Executive Committee Members present [Giraldo, Hall, Biggam, Calvo, Clark, George, and Sims].

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

\*Fernando Giraldo\*; Mimi Hall\*; Larry Biggam\*; Alex Calvo\* (on behalf of Superior Court); Chris Clark\* (on behalf of Jim Hart); Tara George\* (on behalf of Jeff Rosell); Thomas Sims (on behalf of Chief David Honda); Karen Delaney; Shaina Zurlin; Sylvia Nieto; Andrew Stone

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ellen Timberlake; Faris Sabbah; John Leopold

\* Indicates Executive Committee Member

**II. REVIEW OF AGENDA**

Chief Giraldo provided an overview of the agenda.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Alex Calvo made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on August 7, 2019. The motion was seconded by Thomas Sims. There was no discussion.

**MOTION: (M) Calvo (S) Sims All in favor Motion carried unanimously**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**V. REPORT AND ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Report on the Probation Service Center**

Chief Giraldo announced two research projects that the Probation Department is participating in: the Probation Revocation Challenge through the Arnold Ventures Foundation; and the MDRC Pretrial Justice Study. Findings from these studies will further develop and refine department practices and policies. He then presented highlights from the first ninety days of operation of the new Probation Service Center. The Center saw over nine hundred client contacts with an unduplicated count of 173 individuals. Already, twelve clients received their high school diploma or equivalent and fifteen gained and retained employment. Approximately sixteen percent of Center clients were women. First quarter results indicate that some service providers are already exceeding service and outcome expectations. Staff are developing strategies to increase utilization for those services that are not on track to meet their objectives.

**B. Update from Community Education and Engagement Workgroup**

Sarah Emmert, United Way Director of Community Impact, provided an update on the workgroup's efforts to implement the *Blueprint for Shared Safety*, an initiative that promotes the adoption of a public health framework within the criminal justice system in order to break the cycle of harm. Results from local focus groups and interviews are being combined with national data and research to develop a series of recommendations, expected to be completed by the end of December. Some of these recommendations will include: increase implementation of restorative justice programs and practices; develop strategies to encourage victims to report crimes and witnesses to come forward; create a local Trauma Recovery Center to provide wrap-around services to crime survivors; strengthen trust between

the criminal justice system and survivors; and establish a peer-led Survivor Chapter Network to reduce isolation among crime survivors and provide them a community voice. The workgroup will finalize a draft report with recommendations by the end of December and present it for approval by the CCP Executive Committee. Following this the group will begin to prioritize recommendations and plan for implementation.

**C. Report on Proposition 47 (CAFES) Program**

Sarah Fletcher briefly discussed the startup of the Coordinated Access for Empowering Services (CAFES) Program, funded by the competitive Proposition 47 funds from the State. The program includes support for mental health diversion and restorative justice programs including a neighborhood court; an expansion of housing, mental health and substance use disorder treatment services coordinated through the Probation Service Center (PSC); and system-wide training and technical assistance. Program services will start in January 2020 with staff hiring, approval of service agreements processes to utilize housing and treatment support dollars in line with grant expectations. An update will be provided at the next CCP meeting.

**D. Report on ODS and RFP for In-Custody Case Management**

Shaina Zurlin, Senior Behavioral Health Manager, provided an update on coordination between the Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (ODS) and the criminal justice systems regarding assessments and placements. Since the ODS system went live two years ago, case coordination was handled by Sheriff's Jail Case Managers. During the past year these Jail Case Manager positions were vacated and not refilled. This made it challenging to schedule in-custody assessments and link individuals with treatment services upon jail release. A short-term solution was developed by ODS providers working with county staff from corrections, probation, HSD and HSA. This workflow, which depended on non-billable provider efforts, will end in January 2020. HAS and the Sheriff initiated an informal selection process to identify community providers interested in picking up the coordination component of in-custody assessments. Proposals will be reviewed this month, and HSA will support the Sheriff's Department in determining the next steps.

**E. Update regarding the Public Defender Organizational Review**

Nicole Coburn, Assistant CAO, provided information about a review by the CAO's Office of the current organizational structure of the Public Defender's office. The CAO's office is working on this review with Larry Biggam and two other conflict firms and has contracted with the non-profit firm Sixth Amendment Center to assess current indigent legal services. The goal of the review is to examine all costs, benefits, and alternatives of continuing to contract out for the Public Defender's services compared to the possibility of operating the office within the County structure. The review group plans to provide information and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors by the end of the fiscal year.

**F. Santa Cruz County AB109 Annual Plan**

Chief Giraldo presented the AB109 Annual Plan for approval.

**MOTION: (M) Calvo (S) Hall All in favor Motion carried unanimously**

**G. Recommendation for Reauthorization of CCP and Appointment of Representatives**

Chief Giraldo presented the Reauthorization of CCP and Appointment of Representatives for approval. Alex Calvo addressed an error with current appointee for the Head of County Office of Education. He moved approval of a corrected version and it was seconded by Larry Biggam.

**MOTION: (M) Calvo (S) Biggam All in favor Motion carried unanimously**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Next CCP Meeting: TBD, location TBD