



# County of San Diego

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## **SB678 Community Corrections Partnership Meeting Minutes April 19, 2011**

**Attendees:** Honorable David Danielsen (SD Superior Court); Mack Jenkins (Chief Probation Officer); Lorraine Fernandez (Probation SB678 Supervisor); Lisa Rodriguez (Deputy District Attorney); Ray Fernandez (PSG Deputy Chief Administrative Officer); Caroline Smith (HHSA, Project Coordinator); Patti Colston (Executive Director, The Crime Victims Fund); Robert Vander Kamp (Sheriff's Office Manager, Inmate Services Division); David Conn (Mental Health Systems); Debbie Patag (Probation Fiscal & Info Services Manager); John Oldenkamp (HHSA, Program Manager, Alcohol & Drug Services); Dorothy Thrush (PSG, Finance Director); Frank McCoy (Chief, Oceanside Police Department); Michelle Bush (DA, Chief Administrative Officer); Angela Bartosik (Chief Deputy Public Defender); Susan Bower (HHSA, Deputy Director, Alcohol & Drug Services); Scott Brown ((SD Superior Court, Special Projects Manager); Mallory Waters (SD Superior Court, Special Projects Manager, Public Affairs & Community Outreach); Dr. Cynthia Burke (Director, SANDAG); Karna Lau (AFS Supervising Probation Officer); Dolores Diaz (Department of Housing and Community Development)

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Chief Jenkins welcomed the attendees to the fourth meeting of the SB678 Community Corrections Partnership. The attendees introduced themselves around the table.

### **Public Comment**

There were no requests for public comment.

### **Review of Last Meeting Minutes**

Chief Jenkins reviewed the minutes from last quarter's meeting. He commented that Dolores Diaz from the Department of Housing and Community Development was a new member of the partnership. Her participation will help the CCP learn about potential housing sources for the target population.

*Protect community safety, reduce crime and assist victims through offender accountability and rehabilitation.*

### **SB678 Plan and Timeline**

A fact sheet describing the San Diego SB 678 plan, along with an implementation timeline was distributed to the committee. Supervising Probation Officer Lorraine Fernandez explained the plan's three areas:

1. The creation and implementation of the Probation EBP leadership academy for Adult Field Services Managers and Supervisors. The Participants will complete the academy in June 2011.
2. Increasing accountability on high risk probationers through the incorporation of an administrative incentive and sanctions continuum. Through the continuum probation officers will be able to reinforce positive progress and more immediately sanction non compliant behavior. Probation officers will also receive training on a case management model that incorporates motivational interviewing skills and cognitive behavioral interventions in the fall of 2011.
3. The delivery of enhanced treatment services to address the criminogenic needs of probationers. The services will include substance abuse treatment, cognitive behavioral interventions, vocational training and work readiness preparation. Probationers will also receive physical and mental health assessments. Referrals for treatment will begin in July 2011.

### **CCP Sub-Committee Reports**

The CCP subcommittees formed to implement the SB678 plan reported on their progress and accomplishments:

- **Treatment**

Supervising Probation Officer Karna Lau reported on the effort to provide enhanced treatment services. Probation has entered into a sub contract with HHSA to provide the services referenced in part #2 of the SB678 plan, to probationers in the South Bay and East County areas. The providers are McAllister and Mental Health Services. (As previously noted the services are substance abuse treatment, cognitive behavioral therapy, and vocational training). Supervisor Lau also advised the probationers would receive assistance in obtaining birth certificates, drivers' licenses, social security cards and GED testing. The committee has indentified treatment gaps in the areas of housing, and employment assistance.

Scott Brown commented that the target population would likely have significant housing and homelessness issues. Dolores Diaz reported Housing and Community Development (HCD) has a pilot program involving a regional continuum of care to work with homeless in finding beds and services. She advised that in the program HCD meets with the participants on a monthly basis and will work with them for 24 months. She also indicated a criminal conviction does not preclude participation.

- **Incentives and Sanctions**

Supervisor Fernandez provided an update on the incentives and sanctions continuum. The continuum has been completed and is currently being reviewed by Probation Adult Directors and Supervisors. The next step will involve the sub-committee addressing and developing forms and procedures to operationalize the continuum. Representatives from probation, the Sheriff's department and court will work on that step. Supervisor Fernandez advised that the final step before implementation would be training for probation staff and stakeholders (Defense bar, DA).

Chief Jenkins commented on the need to share the continuum proposal with the bench in order to familiarize Judges and obtain their support. Judge Danielsen reported on an EBP educational program which will be presented to the Judges on May 13 2011. He indicated there would also be one hour training for the PD and DA.

- **Performance Measures/Outcomes**

Dr. Cindy Burke provided an update from the Performance Measures-Outcomes sub-committee. She advised that a goal of the committee is to design an evaluation to assess the impact of the systems change approach. The proposed study would evaluate the efforts to improve the success rate of felony probationers. In addition to outcomes, a process evaluation will also be considered. Potential areas of inquiry may include: 1) has there been systems change? 2) the cost effectiveness of EBP implementation in probation supervision? and 3) which sanctions and incentives are being used and what factors influence effectiveness?

### **CCP Operational Agreement**

Chief Jenkins suggested formalizing the operation of the CCP through an operational agreement which would be signed by all of the participating agencies. A draft operational agreement crafted from the "CCP Roles Document" was distributed to the group. Probation Deputy Chief Kim Broderick reviewed the draft and highlighted several points. CCP participants were requested to review and provide feedback. Chief Jenkins commented that the looming implementation of AB109 could change provisions of the proposed operational agreement.

### **AB109 /State Realignment**

Chief Jenkins provided an overview of AB109, the criminal justice realignment bill. Under the bill a number of correctional services currently performed by the state, would be shifted to the counties. The Chief highlighted the main points of the realignment:

- Non violent, non serious and non high risk sex offenders, sentenced to more than one year in custody, will serve their sentences in local custody. Only serious, violent and high risk sex offenders will be sentenced to prison.

- Non serious, non violent, and non high risk sex offenders (N3s) released from prison, will no longer be supervised by state parole agents as parolees and will instead be supervised a “local supervision agency”. They will be called “post release community supervision” (PRSC) offenders.
- The court will assume responsibility for conducting all parole and PRCS revocation hearings.
- All parole revocations will be served in local custody.

AB 109 has been signed by the Governor; however, he has indicated the bill will not be implemented until it is funded. The changes are scheduled to go into effect on July 1 2011. Counties are to receive an allocation from the state in order to implement the provisions of the bill. According to information from the state Department of Finance, San Diego County will receive approximately 2000 PRCS offenders, and also 2000 N3s who will have to be housed locally.

The Chief further explained that AB 109 makes changes to the CCP in Penal Code section 1230.1. The CCP is now charged with developing an AB109 implementation plan and presenting it to the Board of Supervisors for approval. An executive committee is created from the CCP members, and given voting authority to develop the AB109 plan. As currently written, the executive committee is made up of the Chief Probation Officer, The Sheriff, a Police Chief, the head of the department of Social Services, and the county CAO or a member of the board of supervisors. Chief Jenkins indicated the makeup of the executive committee may change.

The Chief reported that probation; the Sheriff and DA already have a group working on developing an implementation plan for AB109. He indicated he will likely call a special meeting of the CCP before July 1, to discuss the bill in more detail and to talk about the implementation plan.

### **Roundtable/General Comments**

Judge Danielsen commented on AB109, and indicated one of the areas the county should look to do things differently is pretrial detention.

Commander Richard Miller commented the Sheriff will be focused on looking at options for increasing detention capacity.

Chief Jenkins noted that the May revise could bring changes to AB 109.

Supervisor Fernandez will send an electronic version of the draft operational agreement to the CCP participants. Comments and changes should be submitted to her.