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## **Community Corrections Partnership Meeting Minutes October 22, 2013**

**CCP Executive Committee Members Present:** Mack Jenkins (Chief Probation Officer); Commander Will Brown on behalf of William Gore, (Sheriff); Alfredo Aguirre on behalf of Nick Macchione (Director, Health and Human Services Agency); Captain Tom Aguigui on behalf of Frank McCoy, (Oceanside Chief of Police).

**CCP Committee Members Present:** Dr. Cynthia Burke (Director, SANDAG)

### **Welcome and Introductions**

All of the Executive and Committee CCP members in attendance introduced themselves.

### **Report from the Chair**

Chief Probation Officer, Mack Jenkins opened the meeting and announced the following:

- Oceanside Police Chief and executive member of the CCP, Frank McCoy, is retiring. Chief McCoy has served on the CCP since 2009. It is hoped that a new chief of police will be selected and participating on the executive board of the CCP in early 2014.
- The State of California had not yet reduced its prison population to 137.5% of design capacity. The state has been ordered by the Three-Judge Court and affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court to comply with the population reduction by February 24, 2014.
- CPOC's latest issue brief has been published. The report entitled, "Assessing Risks and Needs of Realigned Populations: Post-Release Community Supervision and Services." can be found on the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) website at: <http://www.cpoc.org/issue-briefs>
- A survey was distributed by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to the Chief Probation Officers of California in their capacity as the CCP chair. Responses to the survey on the implementation of county Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) plans are due to BSCC by December 15, 2013. San Diego will be completing a collaborative survey response. Counties providing

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a complete response to all survey questions will be eligible to receive funding. BSCC will distribute the funds by January 31, 2014, as follows: (1) \$100,000 to each county with a population of 0 to 200,000, (2) \$150,000 to each county with a population of 200,001 to 749,999, and (3) \$200,000 to each county with a population of 750,000 and above. Allocations will be determined based on the most recent county population data published by the Department of Finance.

- More than 200 probation officers and departmental staff met representatives from more than 65 community-based treatment agencies at the Probation Department's first Community Resource Directory Expo on October 2, 2013. Probation officers learned about 200 programs in the Probation Department's Community Resource Directory (CRD). The CRD is a Web-based catalogue of approved providers launched earlier this year. Officers use it to refer probationers to appropriate programs and services.
- Dr. Geoffrey R. Twitchell joins the San Diego County Probation Department as its new Treatment Director. Dr. Twitchell is a licensed clinical psychologist with over 20 years of experience in clinical assessments and the treatment of mentally ill patients. In his new assignment with San Diego Probation, Dr. Twitchell will oversee the procurement and delivery of evidence based treatment services for all the populations for which the Department is responsible. He will also serve as an advisor to Chief, Mack Jenkins and his executive staff on the efficacy of interventions.
- The Community Transition Center (CTC) was highlighted in a video produced by the California State Association of Counties, or CSAC, and can be viewed on the CCP website or at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BXPqaFwU9Es>

**SB678 Update**

Probation Director, Jason Druxman presented the San Diego County SB678 update. The dollars allocated to the County and funding formula were reviewed:

SAN DIEGO COUNTY ALLOCATIONS				
Year	Felony Probationers	Prison Commitments	Failure Rate	Funding amount
2006-2008 (baseline)	20,168	1,606	8.0%	\$3,396,452 (ARRA funds)
2010	19,396	1,401	7.2%	\$2,439,108
2011	17,961	1,206*	6.7%	\$2,455,991
2012	16,800	1,446**	8.6%	\$77,000

\*This does not include 80 Local Prison commitments under PC1170(h)(5)  
 \*\*Reporting requirements changed to include those sentenced to both state and local prison. This number represents 789 State and 657 Local Prison commits 5

Director Druxman then discussed the SB678 proposed spending plan for fiscal years 13/14 and 14/15:

SB678 PROPOSED SPENDING PLAN		
	FY 13/14	FY 14/15
1. Salaries and benefits	\$487,377	\$187,256
2. Treatment Services	\$1,900,000	\$1,800,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,387,377	\$1,987,256
3. Evaluation of Effectiveness (5%)	\$110,000	TBD
GRAND TOTAL:	\$2,497,377	\$1,987,256

Director Druxman also shared next steps for Probation’s SB678 program. They include a revision of the goals as outlined in the SB678 Plan; a continued focus on the use of EBP to reduce offender recidivism and the use of a Risk-Need Responsivity Tool to improve quality in programs.

Dr. Natalie Pearl, Research Director for the San Diego Probation Department, provided a description of the Risk-Need-Responsivity Tool (RNR). The RNR examines the content, quality, dosage and other factors of treatment services. It provides a rating of the program’s overall quality according to the RNR principles and core correctional practice. It also provides recommendations for how program administrators can refine the program. The RNR would allow for San Diego County Probation to understand the extent to which services are consistent with Evidence Based Practices (EBPs). This information can be used by the department to collaborate with partners and providers to understand how well EBPs are being followed.

**AB109: Public Safety Realignment Update**

Dorothy Thrush, Public Safety Group Finance Director and member of the Steering Committee, presented the AB109 statewide resource estimates. It was noted that the base allocation for FY14-15 and future years is not yet known.

AB 109 RESOURCE ESTIMATES		
Fiscal Year	Actual Ongoing Receipts (\$ in Millions)	Estimated Ongoing Receipts (\$ in Millions)
2011-12	\$25.1	
2012-13	\$59.1	
2013-14		\$70
2014-15		Unknown

- Resources depend on sales tax revenues
- In FY 14-15
  - ✓ Statewide "Base" estimates decline for one year
  - ✓ County Base allocation formulas for FY 14-15 and future years are not yet known

Dorothy Thrush also discussed the community corrections growth allocation for FY12-13. California counties receive one time funds based on actual sales tax revenues. The funds are distributed to counties using a funding formula recommended to the Department of Finance by a committee of county Chief Administrative Officers.

Future funding risks were also identified and include an increase in mandated costs; the identification of new programs costs and the uncertainty of state funding levels.

Probation Director of the Post Release Offender Division, Scott Huizar, presented the Probation update. On September 30, 2013 there were more than 2,300 realigned offenders under supervision. The realigned population is a higher risk to reoffend than those traditionally seen on probation caseloads. In San Diego County, 74% of PRCS offenders and 63% of those under mandatory supervision were assessed as high risk to reoffend. This compares with 28% of those under traditional probation supervision. The populations' assessed-needs include education, anti-social attitudes and cognition, employability, mental health, substance abuse and homelessness.

In the last quarter (July 2013-September 2013), there were 46 Post Release Community Supervision offenders discharged after six months. These are offenders who have achieved case plan goals; had no arrest or violation; drug tested clean and are employed or enrolled in school. In addition, 125 individuals were discharged after one year as they had no custodial violations in 12 consecutive months of supervision.

Director Huizar reported that in the last quarter, 486 realigned offenders were assessed at the Community Transition Center (CTC). Of these, 26% tested positive for illegal substances and were referred to onsite detox. Of those assessed, 49% utilized transitional housing for an average length of stay of five days. In addition, 68% of offenders screened in the quarter were referred to behavioral health services (mental health, 15%, alcohol and drug treatment 60%, co-occurring 25%).

Director Huizar also reported that the CTC is being used as an alternative sanction to jail custody. Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) offenders who violate the conditions of their probation and are in need of treatment can be held at the CTC while awaiting availability at a residential treatment program. From June 1

through September 30, 2013 there were 173 offenders diverted to the CTC in lieu of flash incarceration for violating the conditions of their probation saving more than 1,300 jail days.

Offenders under mandatory supervision, or MSOs, were also discussed by Director Huizar. The San Diego Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) developed a "Blueprint for Success". The plan leverages collaborative justice principles and includes assessment and case planning, reentry services, court hearing, supervision in the community, regular status hearings, and incentive-based supervision.

Finally, Director Huizar informed that the Probation department was working with the San Diego Police Department to supervise the realigned population and ensure offender compliance with court orders, conditions and rehabilitation program. All nine SDPD substations are now proactively contacting AB109 offenders and sharing data and information with Probation.

Karna Lau, Supervising Probation Officer of the Community Transition Center provided an update on the transition housing plan for the realigned population. She noted that 20% of the PRCS population was reporting as transient. To meet the immediate housing need, Probation modified its existing housing contracts to allow use by realigned individuals. Through contractual modifications approximately 60 beds are now available. In addition, Probation is in the process of accessing housing services that formerly served parole populations to determine whether the county can "piggyback" on existing state contracts. Shortly, Probation expects to finalize a contract to serve females at the National Crossroads program. Housing resources are also accessible to those in selected mental health programs.

#### **Public Comment/Non-Agenda Items**

There were no requests for public comment.

#### **Meeting Wrap-Up**

There being no other comments, Chief Probation Officer Mack Jenkins adjourned the meeting.