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Community Corrections Partnership

Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2011

Attendees: Raymond Fernandez (PSG Deputy Chief Administrative Officer); Debbie Patag (PSG Assistant Group Finance Director); Mack Jenkins (Chief Probation Officer); Kim Broderick (AFS Deputy Chief); Dr. Natalie Pearl (Research Probation Director); Margie DeLeon (AFS Probation Director); Lorraine Fernandez (SB678 Supervisor); Randy Mize (Chief Deputy Public Defender); Frank McCoy (Chief of Police, Oceanside PD); Jennifer Schaffer (HHSa Deputy Director); Dr. Cynthia Burke (Director, SANDAG); Karna Lau (SPO, Probation); Jeffery (JJ) Anderson, (Public Affairs Officer, District Attorney's Office); Ken Worthington, (AFS Probation Director); Patti Colston (Crime Victims Fund Representative); Robert Vander Kamp (Sheriff's Office, Manager, Inmate Services Division); John Oldenkamp (HHSa, Alcohol & Drug Services); Elena Lepule, (Finance Officer, Probation); Dorothy Thrush (Finance Director, Public Safety Group); Seth Johnson, (Volunteer, DA's Office); Deme Hill, (Home Builders Institute); Aaron Fleisher, (SCRAM CA); Dana Begley, (Deputy County Counsel); Deborah McCarthy, (Asst. County Counsel); Bessy Glaske, (Correctional Alternatives); Mike Van Mouwerik, (Executive Finance Director, HHSa); Andrew Pease, (Asst. Group Finance Director, HHSa); Dean Arabatzis, (Chief Operations Officer, HHSa); Caroline Smith, (Health Services Project Coordinator, HHSa); Lindsey Wade, (HASD&IC); Michelle Aguinaldo, (Sheriff's Program Coordinator); David Estrella, (Director, Housing & Community Development); Robert Coloma, (Second Chance); Jack Micklos, (Second Chance); David Greenberg, (Chief Deputy District Attorney); Susan Bower, (Deputy Director, Alcohol & Drug Services); Henry Coker, (Public Defender); Nick Macchione, (Director, HHSa); Bill Gore, (Sheriff); Charles Rogers, (Judge, Superior Court); Bonnie Dumanis, (District Attorney); Jim Cooke, (Undersheriff); Jill Serrano, (Chief Finance Officer, Sheriff); Greg Thompson, (Senior Policy Advisor, Sheriff); Mark Day, (Deputy County Counsel); Gretchen Bergman, (A New Path); Scott Brown, (Special Projects Manager, Superior Court);

Welcome and Introductions

Chief Jenkins welcomed everyone to the seventh meeting of the San Diego Community Corrections Partnership and all attendees introduced themselves.

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

Announcements

On September 21st CPOC, CSAC, and CSSA will host a one day conference in Sacramento on AB109. The conference is titled “Solving the Crisis; Innovations in Corrections in California”. All of the CCP Executive Committee Members in the state are invited to attend.

A one day training will be held in Los Angeles on September 6th for Sheriff and Probation staff. The training is designed to address implementation issues involving the release of post release offenders.

There will be a statewide symposium for probation departments in Sacramento on October 14th and 15th dealing with both SB678 and AB109.

Work Group Reports on Implementation Plan Recommendations

At the CCP meeting on June 27th a presentation was made on the initial outline of an implementation plan for San Diego County. The plan identified five areas of focus. Work groups were formed to develop strategies and details in each of the areas. Representatives from the workgroups gave the following report and recommendations:

Workgroup 1

Probation Director Ken Worthington reported on recommendations from the first workgroup. The workgroup addressed three areas, 1) pre-trial options, 2) improving and streamlining felony case settlement, and 3) sentencing options.

- In the area of pre trial options, Director Worthington reported the group suggested options such as lowering bail schedules for lower risk offenders, early resolution of PC1210 and PC1000 cases and at arraignment and short set readiness hearings. The group also suggested the jail population could be reduced by identifying pretrial inmates who could be released on electronic monitoring, home supervision, GPS, work furlough or residential drug treatment.
- To expedite case settlements, the group suggested the introduction of risk assessments into the process of plea negotiations to identify suitable offenders for early pleas and sentencing.
- In the area of sentencing, the group recommended risk/need information is provided to the court to assist in determining appropriate dispositional alternatives, such as probation to the court, collaborative courts, 1170(h) (split sentences).

Workgroup 2

Robert Vander Kamp from the Sheriff's department reported on recommendations from the work group that was tasked with exploring custody alternatives, as well as supervision/ intervention practices with post release offenders. The group recommended the CCP consider:

- Jail alternatives such as electronic monitoring, GPS and the increased use of Work Projects and Work Release. Other recommendations included expanding the use of county parole, and evaluating the suitability contracting back with the state to send some offenders to CDCR fire camps.
- Expanding the existing local reentry program (LRP) at East Mesa jail facility and adapting it to accommodate higher risk offenders. The sheriff's department is interested in a 400 bed expansion at East Mesa which would allow LRP to accommodate 500 offenders. While in LRP, offenders will participate in intervention services to address their criminogenic needs. The supervision of post release offenders will follow evidenced based principles including risk based supervision, incentives and sanctions, and or providing intervention services to address criminogenic needs.

Workgroup 3

Dr. Cindy Burke, of SANDAG, reported on the recommendations of the third workgroup which was tasked with developing process and outcome measures. Dr. Burke indicated an evaluation should include a process analysis and a cost benefit analysis as well. Recidivism rates should also be tracked.

Fiscal Allocation Recommendation

Probation Deputy Chief Kim Broderick presented proposed initial funding allocations, developed by the fiscal managers from Probation, the DA and Sheriff, for San Diego's realignment plan. The county is projected to receive \$25.1M during the first year of realignment which is to fund custody, supervision, and treatment services. Deputy Chief Broderick reported the CCP will recommend to executive committee approves a six month spending plan of \$11M to be distributed in the following manner;

- \$3M to Sheriff's department for food, and medical costs
- \$5M to probation to fund 75FTE to build a post release division to supervise the post release offenders.
- \$3M to probation to pay for treatment and intervention services

It will also be recommended that the fiscal managers in each agency track actual costs and report back to the CCP and executive committee.

Deputy Chief Broderick also reported one time funding in the amount of \$200K is also available to support the work of the CCP. Additional one time funding in the amount of \$1.7M is available for start up costs. Those funds could support hiring, training and/or IT infrastructure.

Public Comments

Gretchen Burns, Co-founder and Executive Director of A New Path, Parents for Addiction Treatment and Healing, addressed the CCP. Ms. Burns advised the A New Path, is a non-profit organization which advocates for therapeutic rather than drug policies. She asked the CCP to consider drug treatment, mental health treatment, electronic monitoring, counseling and community service work programs. She indicated she was pleased to hear those elements included in the recommendation from the workgroups. She recommended the allocations for treatment services be higher.

Next Steps

There will be an executive committee meeting on August 31st. The agenda for the meeting will be to vote on the San Diego County Re-Alignment Plan in order to present the plan to the Board of Supervisors on September 27th.

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