



**SAN DIEGO COUNTY
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP
PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT
WORKGROUP 1**

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Enhance Pre-Trial Processes to More Effectively Utilize Current Jail Capacity for New Population

Objective: Increase jail capacity for new populations by reducing the number of low risk offenders who await trial in jail

Strategies 1:

Court to consider modifying bail schedules.

Update:

The workgroup recommends pursuing this strategy. The court reviews bail schedules on an annual basis and the next review is scheduled in December of 2012. At this time, no bail schedules have been lowered. The workgroup will pursue discussions with the superior court in anticipation of an opportunity to review bail schedules later this calendar year.

Strategy 2:

Consider reducing bail for low risk offenders by utilizing a risk assessment tool.

Update:

The workgroup recommends pursuing this strategy. The workgroup has discussed Probation providing evidence based actuarial assessments to sentencing parties for consideration of reduced bail for lower risk offenders.

The workgroup recommends that the CCP meet with judges and other sentencing partners on use of actuarial assessments in sentencing.

Strategy 3:

Use of home detention and electronic monitoring for the pretrial population in lieu of jail.

Update:

The Workgroup members recommend pursuing this strategy and will collaborate with CCP Workgroup 2. The focus population of this strategy is being discussed at the alternative custody workgroup (CCP Workgroup 2). However, work group members recommend implementation of a pilot project at Central Court that will utilize the Probation Department's existing Electronic Surveillance Program. The project is anticipated to last for 60 days from implementation. Once the electronic monitoring pilot is completed, the effectiveness as a custody alternative will be evaluated and the information provided to the sentencing parties.

Strategy 4:

Use Work Furlough (WF) as a new custody option for employed pre-trial inmates where they can maintain their employment.

Update:

The Workgroup members recommend pursuing this strategy and will collaborate with CCP Workgroup 2. The focus population of this strategy is being discussed at the alternative custody workgroup (CCP Workgroup 2).

Strategy 5:

Increase the use of residential treatment beds in lieu of pre-trial custody for those offenders with significant substance abuse issues.

Update:

Workgroup members recommend pursuing this strategy and will collaborate with CCP Workgroup 3. Workgroup members view this strategy from a rehabilitation perspective rather than a custody alternative. CCP Workgroup 3 is focused on intervention and treatment services for offenders and is a more appropriate venue to consider this strategy

Improve and Streamline Felony Settlement

Objective: *To maximize the efficient use of jail capacity and minimize the number of court hearings by using actuarial assessments to identify low risk offenders to facilitate early disposition.*

Strategies 1 & 2:

Probation will provide staff to conduct assessments and assist with early disposition of cases. By providing additional resources, early in the adjudication process, the number of court hearings for low risk offenders will be reduced.

Update:

The work group recommends pursuing these strategies. A pilot is underway in Central Court in which probation officers assist with settlement hearings. This has increased the number of sentencings at the time of case settlement (immediate sentencing at the change of plea), and has increased the number of low risk offenders immediately sentenced to probation to the court. The workgroup will monitor this project to determine the number of offenders that are impacted by implementation of this strategy. Additionally, the workgroup recommends discussion with the court and sentencing parties to incorporate the use of risk assessments to facilitate early resolution of cases.

Strategy 3:

Expedite resolution of drug diversion and proposition 36 cases

Update:

The work group recommends pursuing this strategy. A pilot project is currently being developed at Central Court to conduct sentencing at an earlier point in the court process, thus reducing the number of days a person awaits sentencing on these types of cases by approximately seven days. It is anticipated that the project will be implemented by spring 2012. The workgroup will monitor the number of people impacted.

Strategy 4:

Expand the use of existing collaborative courts, i.e., drug, reentry, behavioral health, and veterans.

Update:

The work group recommends pursuing this strategy. The workgroup is discussing methods to increase the numbers of PROs involved in collaborative courts. Currently, there is one PRO participating in re-entry court.

Encourage the use of Evidence-based Practices in Sentencing for Felony Offenders

Objective: *To enhance the impact of sentencing and reduce reliance on custodial sanctions by utilizing the offender's risk and need information.*

Strategy 1:

Probation will provide evidence based actuarial assessments to all sentencing parties to facilitate the formation of appropriate dispositions and supervision conditions.

Update:

The work group recommends pursuing this strategy. The probation department currently uses evidence based actuarial risk assessments at the pre-sentence stage to determine the appropriate level of supervision should an offender be placed on probation. The workgroup has discussed probation providing assessments to sentencing parties for consideration at sentencing. The workgroup recommends that the CCP meet with the court and other sentencing partners on use of actuarial assessments at sentencing.

Strategy 2:

The district attorney, defense bar and probation will organize staff trainings on alternative sentencing and best practices for recidivism reduction.

Update:

The work group recommends pursuing this strategy. Group trainings have already occurred and the workgroup will continue to collaborate to schedule trainings for all agencies involved in sentencing process, with a target completion of the summer of 2012.

Strategy 3:

Sentencing parties would advocate to judges to use actuarial assessments, existing court rules, the new legislative provisions, and the aforementioned trainings.

Update:

The work group recommends pursuing this strategy. The work group identified that elements of this strategy are being addressed in strategies 1 and 2.

Next Steps:

CCP Workgroup 1 has met twice since the last CCP meeting in December 2011. It is noteworthy that there are a number of subcommittees that routinely meet and complete action items in order pursue the strategies noted above. CCP Workgroup 1 will meet again on February 7, 2012.