

Proposition 47 Local Advisory Committee, San Diego County

Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2024

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Hosted on Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89018089225?pwd=y9SDKCTXEDw4avaKgu39vPokiuXLrB.1>

Committee Members present: Charlene Autolino, Community Representative; Jay Bowser, Community Representative; Patricia Ceballos, San Diego County Sheriff's Department; Theodore Dizon, Community Representative; Jorge Gonzalez, San Diego County Probation Department; David Moncada, Community Representative; Ana Ocampo, County of San Diego Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities; Nilanie Ramos, County of San Diego Behavioral Health Services; Natasha Robertson, San Diego City Attorney's Office; Heather Trocha, San Diego County District Attorney's Office; Nicholas Zinter, County of San Diego Public Safety Group

Committee Members absent: Lynn Carr, San Diego County Medical Care Services; Janie Regier, San Diego County Office of Equity and Racial Justice; Melissa Tralla, San Diego County Office of the Public Defender

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Nicholas Zinter welcomed participants and opened the meeting with an overview of the meeting agenda. Committee members introduced themselves and the public was invited to provide non-agenda public comment. No speaker slips were received for public comment and no participants made public comment.
2. Presentation: Progress Report on Prop 47 Cohort III, Quarter 7
 - a. Dr. Octavio Rodriguez-Ferreira from the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) provided an overview of Prop 47-funded programs during the January 1 to March 31, 2024, reporting period. The presentation included enrollment statistics, demographic information on program participants, and overall trends in services and enrollment numbers.
 - b. Questions from the Committee included clarifications on demographic numbers and behavioral health need, and questions regarding youth engagement, charge types of participants, and the Peer Reentry Leadership Academy.
3. BSCC Updates: Recidivism Tracking, Grant Progress, Cohort IV
 - a. Nicholas Zinter provided an overview of successes and challenges the grant program has encountered since the grant period began in September 2022 and since client services began in May 2023. The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) requires grantees to submit annual recidivism data, which will be coordinated by SANDAG and reported on during the August 2024 Local Advisory Committee meeting. BSCC also released a Request for Proposals (RFP)

for Cohort IV of the Prop 47 Grant Program; the Public Safety Group is not eligible to apply, as a recipient of Cohort III funds, but the County's Behavioral Health Services intends to apply as the Lead Agency for Cohort IV in San Diego.

- b. Questions from attendees included a clarification on the definition of recidivism.
4. Overview of Prop 47 Cohort IV: RFP and County Application
 - a. Megan O'Dowd and Nilanie Ramos from San Diego County Behavioral Health Services (BHS) provided an overview of the grant requirements of Cohort IV and presented on their plans to expand behavioral health and housing resources for people exiting local jails who have moderate to severe behavioral health needs. BHS is preparing an application to submit by the June 10 deadline and will present on the full application at the August 2024 Local Advisory Committee meeting. The Local Advisory Committee will be asked to oversee these additional proposed programs, if awarded the grant funding by BSCC, while Cohort III and Cohort IV overlap.
 - b. Nicholas Zinter will share a Letter of Agreement for review and signature by the committee. This will be included in BHS's application for Cohort IV grant funds.
 - c. Questions from the Committee included clarifications regarding referral pathways to the proposed program and the role of AOD counselors.
 5. Update: Alternatives to Incarceration
 - a. Nicholas Zinter provided updates on the County's Alternatives to Incarceration initiative and information on upcoming opportunities to stay involved in this project. Members of the public are encouraged to [sign up for updates on Alternatives to Incarceration](#) and to attend upcoming community events, [listed here](#).
 6. Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items
 - a. Jay Bowser provided information on [Paving Great Futures](#)' youth programs.
 - b. Charlene Autolino provided information on the [San Diego Reentry Roundtable](#)'s upcoming Employee Lunch and Learn.