



Sacramento County

Community Corrections Partnership Advisory Board

Agenda: April 11, 2022, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Meeting Location: Zoom Meeting (Open to the Public)

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Facilitator: Catherine York, Management Analyst II, Community Corrections Partnership

Invitees: CCP Advisory Board Members - Melinda Avey (Chair), Chris Baker, Amy Holliday, Robin Howland, Michelle Jeremiah, David Linden (Alternate for Howland), Kristin Markos (Alternate for Baker), Andrew Mendonsa, Jason Morgado, William B. Norwood, Bill Pieper, Brad Rose (Guest Presenter) Muriel Strand, Tiffanie Synnott
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Topic	Action Item	Presenter
1. Welcome and Announcements		Melinda Avey, Chair
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roll Call• Introduction for Andrew Mendonsa from Behavior Health Services.• Introduction for Eric Jones, the new Deputy County Executive for Public Safety and Justice. Departments overseen are the Public Defender's Office, Conflict Criminal Defender, Probation, and the Coroner's Office. Also the direct liaison for the District Attorney's Office, Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, the Office of Inspector General, and the Courts. The goal is to bring the agencies together and move forward on justice issues. A primary role is to ensure the County is reaching compliance with the Mays Consent Decree. The areas of focus are work with county staff to implement the components of the Consent Decree, work with the criminal justice system as a whole to work on racial and ethnic fairness, look at different programs to reduce the jail population and recidivism, work on the Juvenile Justice Realignment Plan, work with the Courts and criminal justice partners on diversion, deal with increased caseloads, and create efficiency across the criminal justice system. A Public Safety and Justice Agency advisory committee will be created which is intended for a cross-section of community members and organizations. It will have 15 or more members to inform the agency on issues county wide.		

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- Muriel Strand asked about the fines and fees project and was informed that staff are putting together a proposal that will be introduced in the future.

2. **ACTION ITEM:** Approve Minutes from March 14, 2022

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Melinda Avey, Chair

Tiffanie Synnott made a motion to approve the CCPAB Action Summary/Minutes from March 14, 2022. David Linden seconded the motion. Muriel Strand had a correction for “would” to “should”.

AYES: Melinda Avey, William Norwood, Bill Pieper, Muriel Strand, Amy Holliday, David Linden, Tiffanie Synnott, Jason Morgado, Michelle Jeremiah

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Andrew Mendonsa

RECUSAL: None

3. CCPAB Ad Hoc AB109 Budget and Program Committee Report Back

Bill Pieper

The Ad Hoc AB 109 Budget and Program Committee has been examining priority recommendation categories in the AB 109 Plan 2021 Update to determine what approach is most feasible for ongoing monitoring and evaluation to inform program and budget decisions. The ad hoc committee discovered the framework set by bullet items under each category does not provide a clear connection to specific programs. Additionally, it’s not clear what agencies are required for operation of programs and services for each item, where the item fits within the criminal justice continuum shown in the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM), or to what extent if at all there is AB 109 funding supporting programs and services for each bullet item. In order to develop more clarity, the ad hoc committee is looking into breaking out programs and services that align with each bullet item. Working with agencies responsible for providing the programs and services, the ad hoc committee and CCPAB can use the breakout to develop standardized metrics for ongoing monitoring and evaluation of programs and services. The findings would inform recommendations from the CCPAB and CCP, and assist with decisions at the agency and county level, about program and service changes needed. Efforts would be made to incorporate standardized metrics already available or that could be reasonably added to tracking done by agencies responsible for providing the programs and services. This will support evidence based and research informed decisions regarding operational adjustments for improvement, expansion to increase those served in successful programs and services, or termination of programs and services that are not working.

There are seven categories with one or more bullet items that represent the CCP’s priority recommendations (aka, eligible expenses) for AB 109 investments aligned with the goals of decreasing use of jail housing, reducing recidivism, and maintaining community safety. It’s important to note that Sacramento County is investing in all bullet items, but only some of the bullet items include AB 109 funding. Because AB 109 funding varies, depending on the level state sales tax revenue, the County must utilize other funding sources to support all of the priority recommendation items. The priority recommendation framework will have to be enhanced to incorporate metrics that identify how effective each item is and can be used to guide change decisions.

The ad hoc committee would like to advance work of the CCPAB through further breakout of priority recommendations as shown below for category 1. Today’s report back seeks to confirm there is consensus and direction from the CCPAB on working with appropriate agencies to complete the breakout proposed and develop recommendations for standardized metrics and reporting for ongoing monitoring and evaluation.

Questions:

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Q: This expansion will make it easier to identify where AB109 funds are being used. What services are these connected to?

A: There are additional areas being examined but the committee wanted to start as simple as possible.

Q: Will there be a mechanism in place? Is the goal to show an annual or semi-annual report? What is the use of the information?

A: Currently they are monitoring points in time of the report but the departments may want to trend the information.

- Muriel Strand recommended listing all the possible relevant kinds of data that could be gathered and then looking at what is the most important and available.
- Andrew Mendonsa supports the work the Ad Hoc Committee has completed.
- Melinda Avey also supports the direction the committee is going.
- Muriel Strand stated the group is on the right track.
- Brad Rose suggested creating standardized definitions for different data points and how the committee plans to measure the data.

4. Overview of Training for Sheriff's Reentry Programs

Brad Rose, Former
Reentry Commander

Chris Baker is taking over Brad Rose's position for Reentry Commander. COVID and statute changes have impacted programs. The Sheriff's Office is currently working on getting the staff up to speed on how they can continue to get people into the programs using risk assessed sentencing and continue to have a self-admit population. Props 47 and 57 have impacted sentences. The average sentence has changed to a little under one year, which has impacted the ability to provide custody-based programming due to losing over a year of sentence time. COVID has also had a huge effect and the team has worked on ways to continue a reasonable level of programming while adhering to orders of the County Health Officer and CDC on recommendations for spacing and group size. In order to be in compliance, group sizes have been reduced and additional trainings have been added. The welding program, culinary arts, barista program, engraving and graphic design program, and the custodial program are all operating. The job readiness services have been expanded to provide job prep and identify vocations that are appropriate based on job skills, background, and personality. The plan is to continue to work with local businesses to continue the pool of felon friendly employers throughout the Sacramento region. This is one of the only jails in the nation that has had businesses enter the jail to complete interviews while offenders are in custody to see if they are an appropriate fit. A number of people have been successful in the interviews and have a job immediately from release. This allows the offenders to immediately become self-reliant. Education programs were significantly impacted by COVID to where they had to learn utilizing work books and other materials. Due to changes in policy, the programs have been able to go back to in person education. Los Rios Community College District is also coming back to the facility.

Q: What definition for recidivism are you using?

A: The Board of State and Community Correction Standardized Definition that came out in 2014.

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Q: Can you tell how they bridge the gap of first and last month's rent? Do they work with the employer?

A: It is left up to the employer and the offender. A number of individuals have received a signing bonus and work on a pro-rated hourly rate until the money is recouped. Homelessness is always a concern but hasn't been an issue like it once was.

People are leaving the facility using housing providers or their own support system. Lastly, the treatment side has been impacted by the work force shortages. There are vacancies for credentialed counselors. As the re-entry population grows this could become an issue. All indications state the population will grow. There is still a huge focus on substance abuse disorder and how to engage people in a healthy lifestyle.

Q: How can the Ad Hoc committee approach incorporating the stats? Is this a semiannual report?

A: Yes, it is completed in October and May every year. When the data is captured it is broken down into 3 years and a 3 year average. This provides them the ability to look and see where the highest levels of recidivism is.

Q: Can you define two acronyms, HALT-RSAT and SLF?

A: SLF is the Sandra Larson Facility which is where the female population is housed. HALT stands for Housing for Accountable Living Transition which is a comprehensive program that works with offenders that don't fall into the Residential Substance Abuse and Treatment.

Q: In terms of historical data, is this 2021 3 year average and is there a 2020 3 year average that can be compared over time?

A: Yes, all final reports are kept in the system to see what is trending down/up.

Q: Are people with substance abuse and mental illness needs housed together or separate?

A: Any one that is receiving in-patient or out-patient mental health services are often housed separate from the standard population. People who suffer from substance use disorder are not usually separated unless enrolled in the reentry program. They subscribe to the treatment model of having all the offenders participating in programs housed together so the support systems occur beyond their time in the class.

Q: One of the goals was to better publicize the programs we offer. This would be a good one, but the story doesn't get out.

A: Something that would benefit the advisory board is a more comprehensive annual report that captures all county services and interventions working as one to provide ongoing support services to our justice involved population.

Q: Do you think using the sequential intercept model and inventory of services posting annual updates on those services would do?

A: Yes, I do.

Muriel Strand stated the media environment isn't what it used to be and people don't often differentiate between people and groups. This information has the potential to help the public understand.

One of the victims in the shooting was a graduate in the reentry program. The individual was engaged in the work force and engaged with family. The impacts of violent incidents have people questioning why people aren't housed in jail longer. Violent offenders could be housed longer based on their crime but we can also be smarter on how individuals are

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housed. Every year the state weakens gang enhancement laws and what is found is gangs are some of the most violent individuals and are responsible for many violent acts. Incarceration has its purpose but may not always be appropriate.

5. Information About Use of Algorithms

Muriel Strand

Most of the information in the document is from the book, Weapons of Math Destruction. It is critiquing the assumption just because it comes out of a computer and is a number doesn't mean it is gospel. The information about proxies is very important. It is important to focus on the positive outcome and empower people to change. If you have a great idea and try to make it wrong (disprove hypothesis) but can't, then there is a reasonable possibility that you might be right. Many resources are provided within the document.

6. Discuss Public Involvement

William Norwood

Our responsibility is to engage community stakeholders in the public. We should reach out through social media. Tiffanie Synnott agrees and a concern stated before is the time being during the day and it is not accessible to community members that work. The advertisement of the meetings could improve as well. William Norwood agrees that the time of the meeting is an important factor.

Melinda Avey suggest the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee for ways to better reach out to the community. Tiffanie Synnott, William Norwood, and Muriel Strand will be part of this committee. If anyone else would like to join, please send Catherine York an email.

7. Member Reports and Future Agenda Items

CCPAB Members

Melinda Avey suggested a presentation on the sequential intercept model for a future agenda item.

Tiffanie Synnott stated the Board of Supervisors is having a presentation with the Public Defender's Office and Probation Department on pre-trial support on May 10th, 2022.

8. Public Comment on Off Agenda Items

Melinda Avey, Chair

No public comments

Adjournment

Melinda Avey, Chair

Next meeting: May 9, 2022, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

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