



Sacramento County

Community Corrections Partnership Advisory Board

Minutes from the Meeting of: October 3, 2022, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Meeting Location: County Administration Center (Open to the Public)
 Board of Supervisors Hearing Room 1
 700 H Street, 1st Floor
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Members Present: Melinda Avey (Chair - Community Member), Nina Acosta (Vice Chair - Social Services), Amy Holliday (District Attorney's Office), Robyn Howland (Probation Department), Michelle Jeremiah (Superior Court), Sameer Sood (Sacramento Police Department), William B. Norwood (Community Member), Bill Pieper (Community Member), Muriel Strand (Community Member), Tiffanie Synnott (Public Defender's Office)

Members Absent: Chris Baker (Sheriff's Office)

County Staff Present: Laura Foster (CCP Analyst), Rick Heyer (County Counsel – Present for Items 1-3 and 7), Eric Jones (Deputy County Executive, Public Safety and Justice Agency – Present for Items 1-3)

Topic	Action Item	Presenter
1. Welcome, Announcements, And Introductions		Melinda Avey, Chair
The meeting was called to order and a quorum was established. An informative announcement was made stating the month of October is Domestic Violence Awareness month and resources were provided in the meeting packet. A roll call was completed and public comment procedures were reviewed.		
2. ACTION ITEM: Approve Minutes from September 12, 2022	✓	Melinda Avey, Chair
Muriel Strand made a motion to approve the CCPAB Action Summary/Minutes from September 12, 2022. Nina Acosta seconded the motion. AYES: Melinda Avey, Nina Acosta, Amy Holliday, Robyn Howland, Bill Pieper, Muriel Strand, Tiffanie Synnott NOES: None ABSTAIN: Michelle Jeremiah, Sameer Sood RECUSAL: William Norwood		
3. Jail Population Reduction / Alternatives To Incarceration Discussion		Laura Foster, Analyst / Eric Jones, Deputy County Executive
The Public Safety and Justice Agency sought the CCPAB's input on the Kevin O'Connell recommendations, programs that should be expanded, and any additional efforts that should be considered to reduce jail population. Comments provided by CCPAB members included the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The justice system could best serve the jail population by educating them on the justice system. 		

- During COVID, a mass release was completed. Organizations collaborated with providing necessities and transportation. This could potentially be completed on a larger scale.
- SB1223 was signed into law last week allowing more applications to be processed for Mental Health Diversion.
- Individuals need family support and community support. If communities were provided tools and training, they would be able to identify issues that arise, deescalate, and contact a community based organization to assist.
- Mental Health Diversion is in need of additional resources. Individuals are waiting approximately 9 months for assessments and 2 months for in custody individuals.
- Elements of Seattle’s LEAD model are already present and could be expanded by adding access to Public Defender and community-based organization(s).
- Law enforcement could drop off qualified misdemeanor stops to 711 G Street for the individuals to receive services immediately rather than losing a minimum of 3 months engagement. Currently, the infrastructure isn’t set up for this process and would need work done.
- Defendants with warrants have a difficult time getting to the new Sheriff’s location compared to when it was easily located at 711 G St.

Public Comment: A public presentation on the O’Connell report could be beneficial as it is a lengthy report. There are 10 monitoring reports on the Mays Consent Decree. The O’Connell report states 40% of the population are for warrant violations and these individuals could be reviewed to reduce the jail population. Also, 30% of individuals are released unhoused and funding could be utilized better to provide services. When speaking on the work force issue, it could also be a pay equity issue and minimum wage issue. Investment in diversions and pre-trial could be beneficial. Individuals who are physically ill or over the age of 50 are not a risk and should be considered for release.

Change in Meeting Agenda:

Due to County Counsel’s need to leave the meeting early, the CCPAB moved to Item 7.

7. ACTION ITEM: Vote To Select A Chair And Vice Chair for 2023	✓	Laura Foster, Analyst
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Nominations were provided in advance and consist of Melinda Avey and Tiffanie Synnott for chair and Nina Acosta for vice chair.

Public Comment:

Interested in seeing term limits added for community member seats on the CCPAB. It would be good for the chair to know the system inside and out and it is believed that Tiffanie would do a good job as chair. A request for the chair is to expand the public comment to 3 minutes. The Public Defender’s Office works well with the community and has been working side by side with them. Community engagement in current meetings have not been received well and would like to see a change in that.

Staff Comment: There are no current term limits for CCPAB community member seats. Additional public comments may be submitted online until the conclusion of the meeting and will be distributed to the members.

Chair Votes:

AYES for Tiffanie Synnott: Tiffanie Synnott, Michelle Jeremiah, William Norwood, Bill Pieper

AYES for Melinda Avey: Robyn Howland, Melinda Avey, Nina Acosta, Amy Holliday

ABSTAIN: Muriel Strand, Sameer Sood

RECUSAL: None

Tiffanie Synnott motioned to have a Co-Chair. Nina Acosta seconded the motion.

AYES: Tiffanie Synnott, Michelle Jeremiah, Muriel Strand, Robyn Howland, Melinda Avey, Nina Acosta, William Norwood, Amy Holliday, Bill Pieper, Sameer Sood

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

RECUSAL: None

Tiffanie Synnott motioned for Nina Acosta to be Vice Chair. Bill Pieper seconded the motion.

AYES: Tiffanie Synnott, Michelle Jeremiah, Muriel Strand, Robyn Howland, Melinda Avey, Nina Acosta, William Norwood, Amy Holliday, Bill Pieper, Sameer Sood

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

RECUSAL: None

4. Updates From Ad Hoc Committees:

- Outreach to Justice-Involved Individuals and Families
- Public Awareness/Community Engagement

Laura Foster, Analyst

There was a name change for the first committee and a membership shift. The committees will be meeting for the first time soon. A brief description was provided again on each committee which can be found on the previous minutes. The purpose of the two committees is to prepare a plan to present to the CCPAB. Michelle Jeremiah volunteered to be on the Public Awareness Committee. The CCPAB briefly discussed meeting times as a potential barrier to community engagement.

Public Comment:

It is difficult to find the agendas for these meetings and the meetings aren't live streamed similar to other committees.

5. AB 109 Plan And County Budget Timelines

Laura Foster, Analyst

Due to time limitations, Melinda Avey motioned to move item #5 and 6 to a future CCPAB meeting. Robyn Howland seconded the motion.

6. AB 109 Plan 2023 Update Kickoff

Melinda Avey, Chair /
Laura Foster, Analyst

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8. Member Reports And Future Agenda Items

Melinda Avey, Chair /
CCPAB Members

A new law was passed regarding record seals and would like to discuss in a future meeting.

9. Public Comment on Off Agenda Items

Melinda Avey, Chair

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned.

Melinda Avey, Chair