



San Mateo County Community Corrections Partnership

Monday, November 7, 2022

3:00 p.m.

Virtual Webinar

MINUTES

Members

John T Keene*
Chief Probation Officer

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Present Members:

John Keene

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Scott Gilman

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Lisa Mancini

Louise Rogers

Neal Taniguchi

Jennifer Valencia

Steve Wagstaffe

Mark Robbins

Absent Members:

Carlos Bolanos

Lisa Maguire

Ken Cole

Louise Rogers

David Silberman

Additional Attendees:

Martin Fox

Michael Leon

Bonnie MacAskill

Peter Cruz

Wendy Jordan

Yanitxa Albino

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m.

II. Public Comment

Speakers recognized by the Chair: Mr. Martin Fox, Attorney.

III. Adoption of Resolution AB361

Chief Keene opened the meeting by calling for a motion for the approval of AB361. This resolution allows the November 7, 2022 CCP meeting to be conducted virtually. **M:Francone/S:Rogers**. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. Old Business

Approval of minutes from previous meeting – 5/25/22:

The minutes from the May 25, 2022 meeting were approved as submitted. There was 1 abstention. **M:Wagstaffe /S:Canepa**

V. New Business

Update on AB109 Offender Population

John T. Keene, Chief Probation Officer

- There were 47 new supervisees; we were told to expect a larger number of releases this year, but that was not the case. However, there could be an increase by 15 – 20 more cases from the first quarter to the following quarter.
- Gathering accurate information from CDCR continues to be a challenge due to ongoing changes in the leadership there.
- San Mateo County is still receiving an influx of out of county residents upon release; we're working to move these cases to the counties they belong in.
- A large portion of these cases are come from San Francisco County, and they are still very reluctant to take them.
- The probation chiefs from other counties have met to discuss ways to streamline the process for collecting restitution.
- Revocations: Technical violations have increased (new law, failure to appear, drug tests, etc.). Probation staff are working hard to visit clients while in custody to help connect them with services.
- There was an uptick in drug/alcohol violations; ongoing challenges persist with getting these defendants to commit to going into treatment.
- Successful completions were at 64%; the jails have been helpful with flash incarcerations.

Questions/Comments:

Louise Rogers mentioned that AOD will be working with the state to pilot a 'Contingency Management' incentive program to motivate people to stay in treatment.

Q: How are 'successful completions' defined?

A: The number of successful terminations (64%) is per quarter and is measured as no new offenses committed, or new law violations filed. (However, it is also mandatory that defendants be released from PRCS after a certain amount of time, if they have no new law violations.)

Sheriff's Office

Undersheriff Mark Robbins reported on in-custody and NCRIC AB109 data.

- The numbers now exceed pre-pandemic levels; as of November 7th, the total in custody population was 1,051 (an increase of 100 since the last report).
- The Sherriff's Office continues to work with the courts in pushing for the alternative sentencing bureau to let people serve time out of custody (526 people were allowed to do this).
- There are now 43 people in the incompetent to stand trial evaluation program.
- COVID-19 numbers have leveled off; to date, 977 people tested positive for COVID 19.
- There have been no deaths or hospitalizations related to COVID-19; there were only 13 positive cases in October. Sixty-six percent of the in-custody population are now fully or partially vaccinated.

- The Realignment population increased at the end of Q3 to 10.4% (up from 5.5% in Q2).
- As in recent years, drugs/alcohol, burglary, larceny, and vehicle theft crimes remain high among this population. There's been no significant involvement in serious and/or violent crimes.
- There were 64 newly sentenced 1170H cases (an increase from 53 in Q2); the average length of stay all 1170H sentenced cases was 135 days, which is much higher than the average overall length of stay (about 31 – 32 days).
- There were 34 PRCS revocations in Q3, and 18 parole revocation sentences in Q3 (an increase from 12 in Q2).

Q: Are there any new trends of note in the Alternative Sentencing Bureau?

A: We have no answers for this yet, but the Alternative Sentencing Sergeant is investigating the increased numbers. Some of this could be due to the shut-down during the pandemic.

Q: Have cases been affected by the changes to the incompetent to stand trial evaluation process? A: No new changes have been reported yet, but we'll investigate the outcomes.

Human Services Agency

Jennifer Valencia, Director of Employment Services reported on CalFresh, Service Connect, and housing and employment benefits.

- Intake increased slightly from last quarter; there was a 60% increase in the probation Unified Reentry population.
- Benefits applications decreased, possibly because the benefits analyst is currently offsite.
- Unsubsidized employment increased to 60%. However, applications decreased – from 22 to 18.
- Wages increased to \$20.65, and unemployment rate is down to under 2% in San Mateo County. Santa Clara and San Francisco counties also have low employment rates.
- A recent poll revealed that clients prefer to communicate in person and HSA will make more time to see clients in person.
- There was an in-person recruitment fair held on September 14th that was attended by 9 employers and 65 attendees. Another employment fair will take place on November 9th in Belmont.

Q: There was a spike in the need for emergency housing in Q3 of 2021-22, is there a reason for this? A: Housing went down during the pandemic because there was pandemic housing; the numbers are now getting back to normal.

Health System

Lisa Mancini, Acting Director of BHRS reported on the Health System and BHRS.

- The number of Service Connect referrals decreased significantly to a third of typical numbers; there were just 31 participants last quarter, and only 16 people entered treatment.

- Correctional Health referrals were also down, possibly due to staffing changes during that time.
- The number of open cases remained stable with 96 cases opened; the treatment plans also remained stable, with those under AOD increasing slightly.
- Housing was a challenge for participants in Q4; 12 participants were homeless at the time of discharge.
- Visits for emergency psychiatric services increased from 18 in the previous quarter to 28; this increase seems to correlate with the high number of homeless participants.

Questions

Q: Has there been an increase of opioid use among this population?

A: Yes, there has been an increase in opioid use among the cases we're seeing.

V. 2023 Meetings Schedule:

- Community Corrections Partnership meetings will resume in person next year; the first meeting for 2023 is scheduled for Feb 22nd.
- Future meeting dates and location are yet to be determined and will be based on room availability. (*More details to follow.*)

Adjournment: *The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.*