

Meeting of the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) and its Executive Committee (CCPEC)

MINUTES

Thursday, February 12, 2015
1pm-3pm
San Francisco Public Library, Latino Room A/B
100 Larkin Street
San Francisco, CA 94102

Note: *Each member of the public may be allotted no more than 3 minutes to speak on each item.*

Present: Chief Wendy Still (chair), Greg Asay, Joyce Crum, Cristine Soto DeBerry, Steve Good, Paul Henderson, Jennifer Johnson, Ross Mirkarimi, Craig Murdock, Michael Redmond, Federico Rocha, Beverly Upton, Frank Williams (Steve Clark)

1. Call to Order and Introductions.
Chief Still called the meeting to order at 1:09 pm. She welcomed CCP members and interested members of the public and asked CCP members to introduce themselves.
2. Public Comment on Any Item Listed Below as for “Discussion Only.”
Chief Still reviewed the agenda and asked for public comment on any of the Agenda items listed for “Discussion Only”. There was none.
3. Review and Adoption of Meeting Minutes of November 11, 2014 (discussion and possible action).
Chief Still asked members to review the minutes from the November 11, 2014 meeting of the CCP. Chief Still asked for comments and called for a motion to adopt the minutes. Cristine DeBerry moved to adopt the minutes. Craig Murdock seconded. Chief Still asked for public comment. There was none. The motion passed unanimously at 1: 12 pm.
4. Staff Report (discussion only).
Chief Still asked Karen Shain, Reentry Policy Planner at APD, to give an update. Karen presented the new CCP website, pointing out some of its features, including the recently released 3rd year Realignment report. She also explained that the dates of past and upcoming meetings – agendas, meeting materials, and supporting documents can be found.

Karen said that the MacArthur Foundation announced that they will be seeking proposals for the Safety and Justice Challenge, which supports city and county projects and offers upwards of 75 million dollars in granting funding to support these. The first stage of the Challenge is a planning

grant that will be used to move forward with the criminal justice master plan, which would include social agencies as well as criminal justice ones.

Jennifer Scaife announced that in partnership with HSA, DCYF, Community Works West, and CJCJ, Adult Probation applied for a Proud Parenting grant from the Board of State and Community Corrections. The purpose of this grant would be to target 18-25 year old men and women, under APD supervision who have children – women at Cameo House and men participating in the Father's Matters and Transforming Our Attitudes curriculum – and to offer family literacy, classes, and other family strengthening programs. Jennifer concluded with announcing that this is Chief Still's final meeting. On behalf of the entire CCP community, she thanked the Chief for her vision, leadership, and commitment over the years. She invited everyone to an all-day event that will be happening at the Community Assessment and Services Center (CASC) in March. Karen Fletcher will begin as the new Chief of Adult Probation on April 1st, 2015.

5. Discussion of *Three Years of Realignment in San Francisco: January 2015* (discussion and possible action).

Chief Still asked Leah Rothstein and Karen Shain to give an overview of the Three Years of Realignment in San Francisco Report. Karen started by explaining that an in house cover was used and thanked Tina Gilbert of the Adult Probation Department for her contribution. She also pointed out that graduates of the 5 Keys Charter School program are featured on the front page, along with 4 client profiles throughout.

Leah Rothstein was asked to talk through some of the highlights:

Chart 1, page nine indicates that the jail population has dropped significantly since Realignment began. Probation population rates have also decreased significantly.

Chart 6, page 14 shows that there was a large influx of PRCS clients in Adult Probation in the first two years of Realignment, and that number stabilized during the third year. The jail population continues to drop steadily.

Chart 8, page 16 shows that 1170 sentences have gone down by 25% since the beginning of realignment. As the overall number of people on probation has gone down, split sentences have gone up (from 55% in Year 1 to 71% in Year 3). Using CPOC's definition for recidivism, on Page 50 we see that recidivism for AB109 is at 14%. This has been consistent since last year.

Chief Still asked each department represented at the table to share some of their achievements, as reflected in the realignment report.

District Attorney (Cristine DeBerry) – Cristine explained that the District Attorney's office received \$170,000 of Realignment funds. This amount does not reflect the cost of Realignment to the office. With this funding, they hired social worker and are working to find alternatives to incarceration while balancing public safety. She indicated that the Department continues to advocate for additional alternative sentencing planners and that currently, the one position they have deals with less than 10% of those charged. She said that through victim services the District Attorney's office continues to support victims of crimes in many ways and connecting clients to services. Cristine indicated that most of the crimes committed are property crimes, and the State does not reimburse for these types of

crimes through the Victim's Compensation Fund. Therefore, the District Attorney's office continues to explore ways to help those victims. The District Attorney is asking the city to help with a small amount of money to help with their expenses.

Cristine expressed the desire to understand more precisely where Realignment dollars are being spent across all of the departments. She would like to see a memo from the CCP recommending best uses of the County's Realignment money. She suggested that a working group be convened to discuss this. She would like to see more money being spent to support victims and improve data collection.

Public Defender(Jennifer Johnson) – Jennifer stated that, as the local criminal justice systems are changing, the responsibility of the Public Defender's Office has broadened. She further explained that all Departments should be looking at the various points of intervention to be opportunities to connect people with services to keep them from returning to the system. She said that her office continues to work with the realignment team, social workers, and advocating for clients in a new way. The office is committed to giving clients tools to keep them out of the system – diversion programs, pretrial, alternative collaborative courts, clean slate program, etc. – removing barriers, with a role not only to try cases but to advocate for clients.

Department of Public Health (Craig Murdock) – Craig indicated that DPH has been able to create a comprehensive matrix of services that combines modalities. DPH now has the ability to access medical records system at CDCR, once a probationer's consent has been given. Through AB109 efforts, clinics and pharmacies have been able to adjust formularies and ensure that medication is billable through Medi-Cal. DPH has two care coordinators and two clinicians at the CASC. They are anticipating two more clinicians working solely with Adult Probation clients.

Human Services Agency (Joyce Crum) – Joyce explained that HSA manages the city's three entitlement programs: Medi-Cal, CalFresh, CAAP. In August, HSA implemented a pilot program to enroll individuals in Medi-Cal pre-release from custody and currently has an eligibility worker out stationed at the CASC.

Sheriff's Department (Ross Mirkarimi) – The Sheriff highlighted the Reentry Pod as being a great training ground for the Sheriff's Department and Adult Probation to work together. He also explained that San Francisco was the first county to begin the process of signing people up for health care while still in custody.

Adult Probation (Wendy Still) – Chief Still talked about five areas of Adult Probation's work that are described in the report: evidence-based supervision, the Community Assessment and Services Center (CASC), the Reentry Pod, Cameo House and Adult Probation's Reentry Division. She stated that she continues to be proud of the work that Adult Probation has done since Realignment began and of the leadership this department has provided across the state to develop solid evidence-based practices for community supervision.

Chief Still asked for additional member comment on the report and there was none. Sheriff Mirkarimi moved to adopt that report and Beverly Upton seconded it. With no public comment, the motion passed at 12:10 pm.

6. Update on \$250,000 Community Recidivism Reduction Grant Award (discussion and possible action)
Next agenda item called out of order.
7. Update on Risk Needs Responsivity Study by Amy Murphy, from George Mason University's Center for Advancing Correctional Excellence! and Leah Rothstein, Research Director, Adult Probation Department (discussion only).

Amy Murphy explained that the purpose of the Risk Needs Responsivity (RNR) study is to look at the current systems and determine if they are able to meet the needs of clients. Is available programming suitable given probationer profiles? Does programming include services that meet individual's needs?

Amy explained that RNR is an online tool and can be used as an assessment aid for individuals. The tool categorizes the person and assesses them based on evidence based factors. Many clients present with many needs and the temptation is to address the "easier" issues, those that are most concrete but least likely to make a qualitative difference if the deeper issues are not addressed. These easier issues include completing GED or placing clients somewhere because there is room in that location without looking at the particular situation of that person.

It's critical to determine what is driving a person's criminal behavior and to address those drivers.

The greatest unfilled needs for SFAPD clients are cognitive restructuring programs, mental health services, co-occurring disorders and substance abuse treatment.

Amy explained that as part of this study, data was derived from COMPAS and then the tool took information provided and estimated the responsivity gap- what is available and what is needed? Cognitive restructuring programming was found to result in the biggest gap, which is seen frequently in other jurisdictions as well.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

- High-need clients need greater intensity of treatment. Front-load services during first 30-60 days after release.
- Integrate "criminal thinking" programming and ensure that TAY services are responsive to youth needs.
- Ensure that probation officers and treatment providers understand common goals and reinforce each other.
- Provide female-only substance abuse programming that incorporates trauma-informed curriculum.
- Provide additional training to CASC and probation officers on reward-sanctions grid and track whether it is being followed.

Cristine DeBerry asked about ways to deal with the gap in cognitive restructuring programs. Chief Still responded that APD is continuously offering T4C both in and out of custody and is looking for strength based programs and working with George Mason to identify these programs.

Beverly Upton stated that she is interested in cognitive restructuring and suggested looking at sub groups, such as older adults who have been exposed to domestic violence as children. She suggested that there is preventative work that could be happening before they offend. She concluded by stating that even though BIP is mandated to 52 weeks and sees it as alternative to jail/prison, the dosage is still not enough.

Frank Williams asked at what age homelessness is occurring and he also asked to clarify the statement made that “Education and Employment are not directly tied to criminal behavior.” Amy explained that if a person has multiple destabilizing factors, the accumulation can influence their involvement in the criminal justice system. If you isolate those factors, these factors taken alone won’t have a great impact.

Craig Murdock inquired about the definition for diagnosis for the mental health component and commented that a lack of addressing primary care concerns are leading to increased risks. He concluded by emphasizing the need to connect reentry clients to Medi-Cal.

Chief Still reminded the Council that the purpose of this study is to identify the needs of our population which will help to frame how we will prioritize the \$250,000 grant that we received.

Chief Still asked for a motion to issue an RFP based on the gaps identified in the study with a clear priority to support programs providing services in areas of high need, particularly the Bayview and the Mission. Cristine DeBerry motioned and Paul Henderson seconded. Motion was successfully passed at 2:47.

8. Roundtable Updates on the Implementation of Public Safety Realignment (AB109) and other comments, questions, and requests for future agenda items (discussion only).

Karen mentioned that the only new legislation was Prop 47. She further acknowledged that this had little impact on San Francisco, as it had already implemented the strategies along the way.

9. Public comment on any item listed above, as well as items not listed on the Agenda.

Terry Anders asked why the CCP only deals with those people on probation and not those on parole.

Chief Still explained that per the Penal Code, the partnership addresses individuals on probation.

Rod Kearney from Metropolitan Fresh Start stated his concern that racial and geographical disparity in San Francisco criminal justice system is not lost in collection of data in the annual realignment report.

10. Adjournment.

Chief Still asked for a motion to adjourn. Paul Henderson moved, Steve Good seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 3:00.