

# Community Corrections Partnership Meeting

## MINUTES

Thursday, October 23, 2013  
10:00am  
455 Golden Gate Ave. Auditorium  
San Francisco, CA

Members in Attendance: Chief Wendy Still (Chair), Greg Asay, Cristine DeBerry (for District Attorney George Gascón), Beverly Upton, Steve Good, Sheriff Ross Mirkarimi, Craig Murdock (for Jo Robinson), Simin Shamji (for Public Defender Jeff Adachi)

Others Present: Karen Roye

### **1. Call to Order and Introductions**

Chief Still called the meeting to order at 10:08am. Chief Still welcomed CCP members and interested members of the public for attending. Chief Still asked 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 August 29, 2013 (discussion and possible action).**

Chief Still asked members to review the minutes from the August 29, 2013 meeting of the Community Corrections Partnership. Chief Still asked for comments and then called for a motion. Beverly Upton moved, Cristine DeBerry seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 10:12am.

### **4. Update on the Realignment Implementation Plan 2013/14 and Two Year Realignment Report (discussion only).**

Chief Still thanked the members of the Realignment Working Group, which is in the process of developing the 2014 Realignment Plan. Each department provided a narrative and outline to complete this draft outline. The draft plan will come before the CCP at its next meeting. Chief Still shared that Senator Loni Hancock recently observed that San Francisco’s Realignment Working Group process serves as a statewide model for interagency collaboration on planning for implementation of Realignment. Susan Turner from RAND is studying eleven counties’

responses to Realignment. The data gathering that is going into this plan will also serve to support the research that is ongoing.

Chief Still asked for comments from CCP members. Sheriff Mirkarimi reminded members of the Controller's Office City Fellows study from 2011. The Sheriff asked whether AB109 data would inform an update of that report. Chief Still agreed that this data is important to consider and asked that this item be added to a future agenda, particularly so that recidivism can be defined and uniformly tracked in San Francisco.

Chief Still asked that Agenda Item 6 be heard ahead of Agenda 5.

**6. Update on New Initiatives for Victim Services from the District Attorney's Office, Adult Probation Department and the Sheriff's Department** (discussion only).

Delia Giorno provided a brief overview of the Survivor Restoration Program at the San Francisco Sheriff's Department. Delia explained that this program has been in operation for 15 years. Services include crisis intervention, empowerment, and strategies for self-advocacy. New initiatives include a healing arts group for graduates of the empowerment program. Another new component includes services for incarcerated survivors of violence, which helps bridge the gap for women in County Jail 2 to the Women's Resource Center. This new initiative has required a new level of training and support. Staff conduct community outreach and training in restorative justice practices. Services are provided for all Sheriff's Community Programs. A point of pride for the Survivor Restoration Program is the strong partnerships that have been formed with community partners.

Cristine DeBerry asked about the number of formerly incarcerated or currently incarcerated individuals served by the program. Delia said that 15-20 women are served per month, and up to 300 women per year are served.

Beverly Upton applauded the efforts of the SRP. The Domestic Violence Consortium is working with law enforcement partners to educate public servants and members of the public about issues impacting individuals who are incarcerated as a result of involvement in domestic violence matters.

Sheriff Mirkarimi mentioned his hope that the CCP and other forums will help advocate for additional staff members to be added to this important program.

Steve Good reiterated the staff shortages at the Women's Resource Center and mentioned that Five Keys Charter School has helped to fill some of those gaps.

Chief Still suggested that a future agenda item address the needs of victims. Chief Still echoed the concerns about dedicated resources. Sunny Schwartz has been working at APD on a comprehensive review of the Batterers' Intervention Programs in San Francisco. The Domestic Violence Consortium audited BIPs in 2003, finding substantial problems with the administration

of BIPs. For the last two years, APD has been overhauling its policies and standards in monitoring the progress of BIPs and the needs of victims of domestic violence. All programs have been recertified except for one. From October 2012 to March 2013, programs were audited and observed by APD staff and partners. APD will release the full report within the next month.

Craig Murdock reminded members that DPH operates the Violence Prevention Program as a BIP. This is the only program that accepts indigent clients who are Medi-Cal eligible. Craig committed DPH's assistance in broadening the scope of care to include more clients. Chief Still emphasized that indigent, transgender and monolingual clients are underserved by the BIPs.

Beverly Upton clarified that other programs accept indigent clients, but they are not utilizing the Medi-Cal reimbursement option. The Penal Code requires that BIPs provide at least 10% of their services to indigent clients, but many BIPs serve a higher percentage.

### **5. Update on the Implementation of the San Francisco Women's Community Justice Blueprint** (discussion only)

Chief Still directed members' attention back to Agenda 5, and introduced Jennifer Scaife, Reentry Resources Coordinator at the Adult Probation Department. Jennifer provided an overview of the process for development of the Women's Community Justice Reform Blueprint and summarized the key recommendations it contains. Jennifer reported that APD is in the process of developing an alternative sentencing program at Cameo House, operated by the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice. The Sheriff's Department has recently appointed Leslie Levitas as the Women's Community Justice Reform Coordinator for the Sheriff's Department. Leslie thanked Sheriff Mirkarimi and Chief Still for their leadership on the Blueprint. The WRC continues to evolve, thanks in part to a grant from the Columbia Foundation which has allowed the WRC to conduct a series of strategic planning sessions. Virtually all of the women who work at the WRC have personal experience as formerly incarcerated individuals or survivors of violence. The governance structure will be formed next, which will guide efforts toward collaboration and interagency communication about shared clients and services.

Sheriff Mirkarimi acknowledged the great leadership of Leslie Levitas. Steve Good emphasized that new leadership has improved programs and morale.

Chief Still asked members to return to Agenda 6 and introduced Jackie Ortiz from the DA's Office. Jackie began by asking that CCP members consider parallel justice for victims of crime. Jackie mentioned that her office sees 500 victims of crime annually. The Victim's Compensation Fund has serious limitations on the types of expenses that are covered by the fund, and can often re-traumatize victims. The DA's Office has begun putting together focus groups to identify the kinds of services that are needed by victims in San Francisco. Jackie provided anecdotes about an individual who had witnessed a crime but was unable to move, even though the suspects in

the case were threatening her. Jackie reported that a month passed before this individual was able to move. Jackie said that one of the initiatives the DA's Office is working on is an improved process for collecting restitution to make victims whole.

Tara Anderson verified with CCU that restitution collection is not currently happening on post-adjudicated individuals still in custody. This gap is being addressed by partners.

Sara Felicia Moore-Jordan referred members back to the Realignment Plan outline, which explicitly addresses issues affecting victims.

Karen Roye thanked the work of the DA's Victim's Services Division. The Department of Child Support Services has been working with the Domestic Violence Consortium on these issues and has been a part of a two year pilot that assists in the collection of restitution payments. They have had a 70% success rate.

Chief Still suggested that new technology holds promise for the mapping of victims' services and information sharing about victims and perpetrators in San Francisco.

Cristine DeBerry said that the DA's Office is drafting local legislation on the issue of impound fees for victims of car theft in which no perpetrator has been convicted. She mentioned that the DA's Office is working on state legislation to address the gaps in victim compensation eligibility for individuals on probation or parole and for individuals who are otherwise ineligible for compensation. Cristine also explained that the DA's Office is also working on transition planning for victims whose case is closed by the DA's Office but who may be eligible for other community-based services. Cristine also mentioned that the DA's Office is interested in improving the victim's lounge at the Hall of Justice.

Chief Still said that the Community Assessment and Services Center should serve as a designated site for serving victims, while taking into consideration safety concerns.

Beverly Upton said that when she started this work, San Francisco had the lowest rate in collection rates for the various fees and fines associated with domestic violence. She has seen tremendous improvement in the last 15 years. Beverly emphasized that in order to build trust in the community, law enforcement agencies must deliver on assisting victims of crime; otherwise, she argued, the next generation will learn that law enforcement will not assist in case help is needed.

Jackie thanked DA Gascón for adding three new advocates to the DA's Office.

Sheriff Mikarimi mentioned that in the past, as a district Supervisor, victims of crime would approach his office for assistance because they felt their needs were unaddressed. The Sheriff's Department recently implemented the Victim Information Notification Everyday, or VINE, system. Four hundred people have signed up for notification since July.

Chief Still reiterated that the CCP meetings should address victims' issues as a standing agenda item.

**7. Presentation from the Department of Elections on Voting Rights Information and Recent Legislation** (discussion only)

Chief Still introduced Jill Fox from the Department of Elections. Jill reminded members that the November 5 election is coming up. Jill conducts community outreach and especially is interested in getting ex-offenders accurate information about voting eligibility. Jill's efforts have also included increased language access, accessibility, and discretion in publications and outreach materials. Jill circulated sample materials to members and audience. The Voter Information Network advises the Department of Elections on voter registration issues. The Voting Rights Act requires that voting materials be available in Spanish, English, Cantonese and Mandarin.

Jill mentioned that voting had begun inside County Jails, in partnership with the Sheriff's Department. Jill added that the Department of Elections participates in a statewide program called Safe at Home, which hides personal information for designated victims of crime.

Chief Still mentioned that a bill was recently passed which requires all probation departments in California to include a link on their websites to voter registration information. She also suggested that formerly incarcerated individuals be featured in videos promoting awareness of voter registration laws.

**8. Update on the Affordable Care Act** (discussion only).

Chief Still mentioned that the Human Services Agency was not able to attend this CCP meeting. Sara assured members that they will be in attendance with a full report on the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Sara presented a report prepared by HSA, which described the rocky launch of the healthcare exchange website. In San Francisco, over 130 people per day were applying for coverage in the first few weeks.

Craig Murdock said that DPH held a targeted enrollment event to outreach to forensic populations. Among those enrolled were 17 individuals on PRCS and 27 on Mandatory Supervision.

**9. Regular Update from the Controller's Office on the County Jail Needs Assessment Report and other Analysis as it Relates to the Jail Population** (discussion only).

Chief Still again introduced Sara to provide an overview of the memorandum provided by the Controller's Office. This memo updates the CCP on the Controller's Office progress toward refreshing the Jail Population Forecast, which is projected for release in March 2014. The Jail Needs Assessment has also been updated to revise errors contained in the previous report.

Sheriff Mirkarimi shared that the Board of Supervisors voted nine to zero in favor of moving forward on the Jail Rebuild project. The Sheriff explained that there will be ample opportunity in the future to revisit the jail projections to ensure that the jail rebuild is informed by current data.

**10. Discussion of the Criminal Justice Master Plan related to the Hall of Justice Project**  
(discussion only).

Chief Still reminded members that in previous meetings, members of the CCP and of the public called for a Criminal Justice Master Plan to address the comprehensive needs of San Francisco's Criminal Justice system. Chief Sill will provide an update at the next CCP meeting.

Cristine DeBerry cautioned that this work will need to move quickly in order to meet June ballot deadlines.

Sheriff Mirkarimi reminded members that when he served as a district Supervisor, he worked on addressing concerns about the Crime Lab and its current governance structure. The National Academy of Sciences recommends against having police agencies administer crime labs.

Karen Roye announced that DCSS is in the final two months of recruitment for Transitions SF, a Department of Labor grant to the Office of Economic and Workforce Development in partnership with DCSS. This program provides job training and subsidized employment to individuals who are delinquent on child support payments and have open cases in San Francisco.

Chief Still thanked the efforts of the Reentry Division. She thanked Jessica Flintoft for her leadership on reentry efforts in San Francisco since 2008. Chief Still announced that Jessica will leave the Adult Probation Department on November 22 and recognized and thanked Jessica for her many contributions. Members of the CCP gave Jessica a standing ovation in honor of her service.

Jessica Flintoft thanked members for the privilege of working with partners on these efforts for the past several years.

**11. Member Comments, Questions, and requests for future agenda items.**

There were none.

**12. Public comment on any item listed above, as well as not listed on the Agenda.**

There were none.

**13. Adjournment.**

Chief Still asked for a motion to adjourn. Cristine DeBerry moved, Craig Murdock seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 11:55am.