

Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee

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Thursday, August 18, 2011
2:00pm-4:00pm
City Hall Room 305
1 Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Members in Attendance: Chief Wendy Still (chair), Lenore Anderson (alternate for District Attorney George Gascón), Undersheriff Jan Dempsey (alternate for Sheriff Michael Hennessey), Capt. Rick Parry (alternate for Chief Gregory Suhr).

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

Chief Wendy Still introduced herself, welcomed members and the public, then asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. Discussion of funding for services in the City and County of San Francisco Public Safety Realignment and Post Release Community Supervision 2011 Implementation Plan (discussion only).

Chief Still asked Jessica Flintoft to lead members through the funding document in the materials packet. Jessica explained that the state will give San Francisco \$1.4 million for realignment. San Francisco may allocate these dollars as it sees fit. City departments have collectively indicated that \$10.5 million will be necessary for appropriate implementation of realignment.

Chief Still reiterated her interest in advocating at the state level to change the realignment funding formula for counties across California. The current funding formula gives more money to counties with higher rates of incarceration than San Francisco.

A member of the public asked about whether the \$4.8 million from the city's general fund will go to the Sheriff's Department. Undersheriff Jan Dempsey explained that these funds will be used to reopen housing units, pay overtime, and expand electronic monitoring.

3. Review and Approval of the City and County of San Francisco Public Safety Realignment and Post Release Community Supervision 2011 Implementation Plan, including funding recommendations, for consideration and adoption by the Board of Supervisors (discussion & action).

Undersheriff Dempsey said that the plan should include the caveat that state funding will not be sufficient for appropriate implementation of realignment. There remains a \$1.5-3.5 million gap in fully implementing the plan. Other members echoed the Undersheriff's ideas.

Undersheriff Dempsey moved to approve the plan with the addition of a footnote about insufficient funding from the state. Lenore Anderson seconded the motion. Chief Still then asked for public comment.

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Seeing no public comment, Chief Still asked for a vote, noting that neither Judge Haines nor Barbara Garcia were in attendance. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion of service gaps, prioritization of service contracts, and strategies for soliciting additional input (discussion only).

Chief Still explained that most of the funding received by the Adult Probation Department for realignment will be spent on services for people on post release community supervision, yet service gaps will remain. Public health dollars will be used for mental health and substance abuse services. Funding for the Human Services Agency will be used for transitional housing and a small portion of funds will go to the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. Year two funding will be invested in additional services since one-time costs associated with implementation will not recur.

Chief Still also explained her vision of creating a day reporting center where housing services, life skills, referrals, health education, financial literacy, benefits sign-ups, parenting skills, vocational training, education and other services are provided. She noted that over 50% of people coming from state prison to post-release community supervision will be homeless, according to COMPAS scores she has received from the CA Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Undersheriff Dempsey explained that the Sheriff's Department goal is to expand capacity inside the jail for services. She said that the department hopes that the population increase will go slowly. Five Keys Charter School will be able to expand without city dollars. The Sheriff's Department also intends to further refine its hand-off system to the Adult Probation Department.

5. Members' comments, questions, and requests for future agenda items (discussion only).

Lisa Lightman asked whether the plan includes funding for dental care and money management. Chief Still said that money management classes are included, but dental care is not.

Jake Goldenflame asked whether the needs of high risk sex offenders are considered in the plan. Chief Still said that the Adult Probation Department will supervise individuals who must register as sex offenders due to prior convictions.

In light of this, Captain Parry asked where the service center will be located. Chief Still said that this will depend on the agency that successfully bids on the contract.

Chief Still reminded everyone about the Community Corrections Partnership meeting on August 25 and explained that the next Executive Committee meeting has not yet been scheduled.

6. Public comment on any item listed above, as well as items not listed on the Agenda.
7. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25pm.