

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY**  
**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 7, 2019**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chief Probation Officer Fernando Giraldo called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

A quorum was established, with 5 of 7 Executive Committee Members present [Giraldo, Calvo, Hart, Honda, and Rosell].

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

*Fernando Giraldo	*Chief David Honda	*Alex Calvo (on behalf of Superior Court)
*Jim Hart	*Jeff Rosell	Karen Delaney
Shaina Zurlin	Sylvia Nieto	

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

*Larry Biggam	*Mimi Hall	Ellen Timberlake
Faris Sabbah	John Leopold	Andrew Stone

\* Notes Executive Committee Member

**II. REVIEW OF AGENDA**

Chief Giraldo provided an overview of the agenda.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Sheriff Hart made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on April 25, 2019. The motion was seconded by Jeff Rosell. There was no discussion.

**MOTION: (M) Hart (S) Rosell All in favor Motion carried unanimously**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Karen Delaney, with the Volunteer Center, invited members to pick up a Be the Difference Award Nomination Form she left on the back table. She discussed that the submissions are due by August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, by 4 pm. The top 50 nominees will be invited to a luncheon in their honor on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at the Coconut Grove.

Sheriff Hart shared that they applied and were awarded a one-million-dollar grant from the Department of Health to refurbish their recovery center.

Sheriff Hart mentioned that tomorrow, August 8<sup>th</sup>, will be the first meeting of five meetings with their criminal justice partners to discuss jail overcrowding and how to relieve the stain on the jail. Currently, the jail is running at 125% capacity.

**V. REPORT AND ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Report on the Probation Service Center**

Chief Giraldo gave an update on the Probation Service Center. He stated that the Probation Service Center has been open for almost a month and 89 people have received services by one or more of the different providers available. He invited the peer navigator, a service provider, and a client to talk about their experience.

- Felipe Hernandez, coordinator of the center's Peer Navigator Program, discussed client flow and how individuals are referred and receiving services from one or more providers. He

expressed his satisfaction on the fast response time between Probation Officers, clients, and service providers because everyone is under one roof.

- Deutron Kebebew, coordinator of the MENtors parenting program, described the positive environment of interagency collaboration at the center. He reviewed the group orientation process and ongoing planning that is being done to improve processes. The shared presence of Probation Officers and providers onsite make it easier to share information and service the client better.
- Floyd Batteast, Service Center client, shared his experience about coming to the center after being released from jail without a shirt or shoes. The staff helped him get his basic needs met and provided access to computers and job skills support to help him get back into the community. He talked about how important it was for him to have people there to answer questions and help him deal with the challenges of reentry.

#### **B. Report on Proposition 47 Grant Program**

Chief Giraldo announced that our County was recently awarded a six-million-dollar grant from the Board of State and Community Corrections under the Prop 47 Grant Program. The 3 ½ year program will start August 15<sup>th</sup> with most of the funding dedicated to community based agencies to provide collaborative services targeting the underserved probation population. Sarah Fletcher, Adult Division Director presented the grant timeline. She stated the ramp up of the grant will be from 8/15/19 through 12/31/19; there will be three full years of funded positions and services with our partners that were identified in the grant proposal; ramp down will be for a couple of months at the beginning of 2023; and an evaluation period that will end in May of 2023. Sarah said that she will have more to report at the next CCP meeting.

#### **C. Report on the AB 372 Domestic Violence Pilot Program**

Sarah Fletcher provided an overview of the AB 372 Domestic Violence Pilot Program. Starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, Santa Cruz County and six other counties are authorized to explore the use of individualized case plans and interventions to better serve this population with more success and reducing recidivism. In addition, the California State Association of Counties has received a grant from Blue Shield of California Foundation to provide technical research assistance. We and other counties are now working with Kevin O'Connell to develop data collection and reporting methods. The Probation Department has contacted local providers to begin creating new program models and will have more to report in the next couple of quarters.

#### **D. Recommendation for Continuation Funding for the Court Community Service Program**

Karen Delaney, with the Volunteer Center, gave a report on the first year of the Court Community Service Program Pilot. She expressed her gratitude that the County chose to remove the financial barrier through fee waivers and reductions. She stated that this has freed up staff time to coach people towards success. This has helped the program reach its three-year goal of a 50% caseload increase by month seven, with a year end 60% increase. She also stated that as the volume increased so did their successful case closures, which are up 22% from the previous year. Alex Calvo stated he was in support of the recommendation and that it has been great working with Karen and Crystal Cruz, Director of CCSP. He believes that the modified fee waivers and full waivers along with the Judges agreeing to increase the conversion rate will motivate people to successful completion and decrease the number of cases going to collections. He is looking forward to the next couple of years with this program. Chief Giraldo requested a motion to approve one-time funding in the amount of \$50,000 from the AB109 treatment and intervention services funding to support the Court Community Services Program for the current 19-20 fiscal year.

**MOTION: (M) Honda (S) Calvo All in favor Motion carried unanimously**

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Next CCP Meeting: TBD, location TBD