

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY**  
**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
June 15, 2021

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chief Probation Officer Fernando Giraldo called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

A quorum was established, with 6 of 7 Executive Committee Members present [Giraldo, Biggam, Calvo, Hart, McManus, and Rosell].

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

\*Fernando Giraldo; \*Larry Biggam; \* Alex Calvo (on behalf of Superior Court); \*Jim Hart; \*Chief Terry McManus; \*Jeff Rosell; Jeanette Valencia; Andrew Stone; Anthony Jordan

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

\*Mimi Hall; Randy Morris; Karen Delaney; Ryan Coonerty; Faris Sabbah

\* Notes Executive Committee Member

**II. REVIEW OF AGENDA**

Chief Giraldo provided an overview of the agenda.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jeff Rosell made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on March 16, 2021. The motion was seconded by Jim Hart. There was no discussion.

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

**IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Serg Kagno, community volunteer with Neighborhood Courts, expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to help people by this diversion program and that many of the participants are very apologetic and genuinely want to make thing right. He is proud to be part of this program.

**V. REPORT AND ACTION ITEMS**

**A. CCP Membership**

Chief Giraldo announced two vacancies among the required membership of the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP): a Chief of Police and the Head of County Alcohol and Substance Abuse Programs. The County Chiefs Association has recommended Terry McManus, Capitola Chief of Police, to serve as the police chief representative. Anthony Jordan has recently been hired to replace Shaina Zurlin as head of the County's Substance Use Disorder Services. Both positions need to be recommended for appointment by the County Board of Supervisors.

Alex Calvo made a motion to consider approval of new members for appointment by the County Board of Supervisors. The motion was seconded by Jeff Rosell.

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

**B. Report on CAFES (Proposition 47) Program**

Sarah Fletcher, Adult Probation Division Director, provided an update on the Proposition 47-funded Coordinated Access for Empowering Success program (CAFES). Ms. Fletcher reviewed the three goals of the CAFES Program and provided examples of the positive impact on the community. In one case, a neighborhood court participant reached out to get approval to create a

mural to depict his experience with neighborhood court and how it helped him. In another, there have been many people that were successfully connected and completed residential treatment and transitioned to sober living housing with no gaps in treatment support and continue to maintain stability with CAFES supported services and other community services. She introduced one of the researchers with Applied Survey Research (ASR) to review the work they have done to date. Jennifer Anderson-Ochoa, a researcher with ASR, presented draft versions of the Flow Chart and Dashboard display and explained the process and challenges they experience in developing each draft.

### **C. Probation Service Center Update**

Alphonse Arretz, Deputy Probation Officer Supervisor, stationed at the Probation Service Center (PSC) provided a brief update. Since the opening of the PSC in 2019, it has seen over 3,500 client visits, with 606 in the first half of this year. A total of 14% of the PSC clients were female. During the period of limited access, client contacts are approaching 150 contacts per month which is ½ of the volume pre-pandemic. We anticipate reaching the same volume as pre-pandemic in the coming months. Mr. Arretz outlined initiatives that will be implemented during this time of re-expansion, including enriching and enhancing the connection with the jail to increase the reentry success of clients; routinely celebrating client success; providing blended service delivery through development of video presentations; working with jail programs on release considerations during team meetings; developing case plans for client re-entry; and the offering online orientation and facilitator training.

### **D. In-Custody Programming Update**

Kristie Clemens, Inmate Programs Manager, gave a brief overview of the status of in-custody programming. The Sheriff's Office was awarded \$350,000 annual funding for three years from the BSCC for the R-Sat program. The jail will continue to provide curriculum via independent study and tele-class format and will explore in-person classroom instruction resuming in the fall. For this FY, there have been 8 graduates receiving a high school diploma and 1 graduate from the R-Sat program. She discussed how First Five Parenting program have provided a hybrid model blending independent study packets with teleclasses: so far this appears to be very effective. On July 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Elizabeth Jones Art Center for the Seventh-Generation event, two facilitators will be presenting poems submitted by four women at the Blain St facility.

### **E. Realignment Funding Update for FY 2021-22**

Chief Giraldo explained that the State Senate and Assembly passed AB128 on June 14<sup>th</sup>. If there is an increase in funding, the Probation Department would like to support new innovations, identify projects that are needed such as a south county service center to provide equitable access and race and equity initiatives.

### **F. Community Education and Engagement Work Group Report**

Sarah Emmert, Director of Community Impact at the United Way presented an overview of the 2020-21 Shared Safety recommendations and the Community Education and Engagement Work Group (CEEW) contributions. Ms. Emmert outlined six areas of the Shared Safety, the 2020-21 recommendation for each area, and accomplishments and activities in each area. She also reported back on the April Watsonville Shared Safety Community Dialogues hosted by COPA. A total of 20 youth and 20 adults were engaged in dialog regarding safety in their community and possible solutions. The resulting themes included a sense of decreased safety in Watsonville, fear, and an increase in crime and violence. There is a general sense of not feeling safe at night, gender-based harassment, and the impact on the community from those experiencing substance use disorder and mental health issues especially from the unhoused population. The participants did note the positive works from the non-profits and the role they play in creating a sense of safety. They acknowledged the positive experiences with community-based policing, but unfortunately past negative experiences have stayed with the people and are passed on to peers and children. Some solutions presented by the participants included some of the following: more

community events, alternatives to calling 911, community-oriented policing, more lighting, reconciliation with law enforcement, meaningful activities for youth, revitalization projects, and increase access to mental health resources. CEEW and COPA will be presenting their findings with the Watsonville ad-hoc committee this Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **G. Probation Racial Equity Initiative**

Chief Giraldo introduced the Probation Department's Racial Equity Initiative. The three-phase plan includes foundational trainings, values exploration, and departmental action planning. There have been a series of online workshops for all staff and justice partners. The workshop presented a historical perspective to give context regarding racial injustices related to the criminal justice system in Santa Cruz County. The next step for the department will be a value exploration with facilitated discussions with staff regarding values and equity in day-to-day practices, followed by the development of a modified vision and mission statements to the department meet operational goals.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Next CCP Meeting: TBD, location TBD