



San Mateo County Community Corrections Partnership
Wednesday, March 29, 2023
3:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Members

John T Keene*
Chief Probation Officer

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Present Members:

John Keene

Lisa Maguire

David Canepa

Paul Kunkel

Ken Cole

Neal Taniguchi

Karen Francone

Jennifer Valencia

Louise Rogers

Steve Wagstaffe

Lisa Maguire

Absent Members:

Nancy Magee

Elisa Kuhl

Ed Barberini

Christina Corpus

Additional Attendees:

Martin Fox

Theresa Dah

Pooja Keswani

Yesenia Garnica

Tamara Arana

Jei Africa

David Silberman

Melissa Larrarte

Scott Gruendl

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

II. Public Comment

Speakers recognized by the Chair: Mr. Martin Fox.

III. Old Business

Approval of minutes from previous meeting – 11/7/22:

The minutes from the November 7, 2022 meeting was approved with the correction that Louise Rogers was marked both present and absent; she was present at the meeting. There were 3 abstentions.

M:Canepa/S:Wagstaffe.

V. New Business

Budget Discussion

John T. Keene, Chief Probation Officer

- Growth funds remain steady at the state level; budget is not an issue for San Mateo County.
- The DA's Office put in a request for additional staff; additional deputy DA's are needed to meet the demands of additional workload (Specialty Courts, Mental Health courts, Military Diversion courts).

Louise Rogers reported that AB109 funding will be reassigned to health areas that focus on substance use disorders. There will be no change in the amount of funding;

monies will be reallocated. The mobile health van will still be used as a resource for Service Connect.

HSA also requested funding to create a rapid housing program and additional funding to expand education. (These funds have not yet been approved.)

Questions/Comments:

Chief Keene: There have been several audits of AB109 funding around the state. We must ensure that we can show how funds are used for the population we serve. Audits in Alameda and Fresno showed that funds were used outside the scope of the AB109 population. If we make any funding requests in the future, we should be mindful that there's additional scrutiny around how these resources are being used.

CCP Plan: BHRS Outcomes Measure

Scott Gruendl presented on the CCP Plan BHRS Outcomes Measure.

- BHRS submitted a measure to the state regarding the health van; funding is being reassigned to Correctional Health.
- The health van services will continue to be part of Service Connect, but data that was produced in the past is no longer provided due to staffing shortages.
- The objective and measure will be changed to include a formerly incarcerated clients who are actively engaged in treatment services (those who receive 4 or more services).
- The objective is set at 75%; the current percentage fluctuates between 61 – 71% percent so there is room for additional growth.
- Chief Keene: We've made updates to the CCP plan over the years but haven't done a deep dive due to the pandemic and staffing. However, a team is already designated to carefully review funding hopefully, sometime during the next budget cycle.

Questions/Comments:

Q: For the second objective on the post incarceration plan, does this factor in people who could leave the area?

A: There's overlap between the quarters; some clients are in the program for multiple quarters, others are in the program for more than 1 year. Generally, the numbers are consistent.

Q: Have we been able to do any benchmarking, to see how our systems compare to the systems in other counties?

A: This is being done on other fronts but not on this one; we'll look at this in the future.

Update on AB109 Offender Population

John T. Keene, Chief Probation Officer, presented on the AB109 Offender Population.

- This quarter we had 37 new clients, but the ongoing high percentages of out-of-county and transient residents is still a challenge.
- This quarter, 35% of clients were out of county, 38% were transient; this impedes our ability to provide them with services.

- San Mateo County still provides services to its residents who commit crimes in other counties; neighboring counties do not do this for their residents.
- Termination success rates remain above 60%; revocations: 52% technical violations, 48% new law violations.
- There has been a lot of conversation around how recidivism is defined; San Mateo County three separate definitions of recidivism: Arrest-focused, systems approach, and from a grants perspective (BSCC).

Questions/Comments:

Q: Is there any benefit to San Mateo County providing services to out of county residents? A: *The judges of San Mateo County support the work that we do; they want people to receive some services within our county, rather than none at all. However, our AB109 funds are being used for residents who are not from this county. The only real benefit to the county is in the collection of restitution.*

Sheriff's Office/NCRIC

Paul Kunkel reported on in-custody and NCRIC AB109 data.

- Jail populations are slowly rising; currently, there are 1,054 people in custody. Maguire Facility: – 459 men, 2 women; Maple Street: 471 men, 122 women.
- The Sheriff's Office continues to work the county to allow people to serve their sentences out of custody through the Alternative Sentencing Bureau; there are 457 total in the Sheriff's Work Program and/or under electronic monitoring.
- Two percent of the population (20 inmates) have been sentenced to prisons.
- The Incompetent to Stand Trial Reevaluation Program (in partnership with state hospitals) resulted in 69 completed Zoom interviews.
- The jails will be under COVID-19 orders until April 3rd; since March of 2020, 1,115 people tested positive, 180 were released in positive status, there were 21 positive cases this month.
- There were no deaths due COVID-19, however, there was 1 death in custody which is under investigation.
- Vaccinations are still available; 64 % of the population is fully, or partially vaccinated, 30% are not vaccinated.

Questions/Comments:

Q: How many are in jail for misdemeanor crimes?

A: *This information isn't part of this report out, but it can be provided.*

Q: Has work furlough been phased out?

A: *No this hasn't been phased out, but the Sheriff's Office is short-staffed right now. The S/O is working with the courts to see if the program can be modified until staffing issues are resolved.*

Questions/Comments:

Q: Are there any plans to bring back the weekend work program?

A: *There are no current plans, but this is also being discussed.*

Q: Are enhanced credits given to those who choose to work while in custody?

A: People who want to work while in custody receive credits, but we'll have to research if credits are 'enhanced' or not.

Q: What is the status of the Choices Program?

A: These programs are being reevaluated for ways to integrate them so that services are not siloed; currently, they operate separately.

Q: Is there any discussion about the CalAim Program?

A: With the new electronic health records system, the hope is that correctional health services (mental health, substance use, and medical services) will become billable to Medical 90-days prior to discharge.

Health System

Scott Gruendl reported on the Health System and BHRS.

- The data reported includes all quarters from the previous year, and one quarter from the current year.
- Alcohol addiction has increased; nicotine has decreased or does not appear often on the SUD diagnosis.
- Clients by treatment plan types: In the first quarter, the number of clients who chose AOD vs. mental health programs were closer in number than in previous quarters.
- Housing numbers were low because some clients do not disclose information about their living situation; those who did reported being homeless upon discharge.
- The amount clients who listed 'other' in the sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) category increased to 15%.

Questions/Comments:

Q: Has there been a decrease in opioid addiction?

A: Opioids, cannabis and alcohol are among the top 5 addictions; methamphetamine was the next highest after opioids.

Human Services Agency

Jennifer Valencia, Director of Employment Services reported on CalFresh, Service Connect, and housing and employment benefits.

- Intake numbers remain consistent; about 50% from the AB109 population and 50% from unified reentry.
- Virtual intakes were conducted during the pandemic; virtual intakes decreased from 70% to 49% as more clients opt to connect in person.
- Eligibility benefit applications have increased.
- Employment services/placements: 74% were unsubsidized, 26% subsidized; industries include hotel, retail, and food services.
- Wages remained consistent: state-wide minimum wage is \$15.50, the minimum wage in San Mateo County is slightly higher at \$16.50, but the living wage needed for San Mateo County is \$26.63, so there's still a gap.
- The need for transportation and peer support services has increased; The Quarry Road office is now open.

- A job fair was held in March, and there will be an additional one in June.
- The unemployment in California is 4.5%, the unemployment rate in San Mateo County is at 2.6%.
- Jennifer introduced Pooja Keswani, as the new manager for Service Connect.

Questions/Comments:

Q: Do our clients lack the skills to acquire jobs that pay \$26 per hour, or are these jobs unavailable?

A: These jobs are available but usually entry level positions start at \$21 – \$22 per hour but could increase to \$22 - \$26 per hour. However, the living wage ordinance is \$18.

Q: Are meal vouchers decreasing because people becoming more self-sufficient? A: Yes.

Q: Is the clothes closet still available?

A: Yes, emergency clothing is available upon release. Clothing vouchers are also available for work and job interviews.

Louise Rogers introduced Jei Africa as the new director of BHRS and thanked Lisa Mancini for serving in the interim; Ken Cole introduced Claire Cunningham as the assistant director.

IV. 2023 Meetings Schedule:

- May 31st - Placeholder. (Location TBD)
- November 29 (Location TBD)

Adjournment: *The meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.*