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**San Mateo County Community Corrections Partnership
December 10, 2024
CEO Chambers, Hall of Justice
3:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present Members:

John Keene	Elisa Kuhl
Jei Africa	Nancy Magee
Ed Barberini	Lisa Maguire
Claire Cunningham	Jennifer Valencia
Karen Francone	Steve Wagstaffe

Absent Members:

David Canepa
Christina Corpus
Neal Taniguchi
Louise Rogers

Additional Attendees:

Adam Ely	David Silberman
Pooja Keswani	Mike Tabak
Becky Powers	Melissa Wagner

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

II. Public Comment

Speakers recognized by the Chair: None.

III. Old Business

Approval of minutes from previous meeting – 6/5/24:

The minutes from the June 5, 2024, meeting was approved as submitted.

M: Cunningham/S: Magee. There was 1 abstention.

IV. New Business

Update on AB109 Offender Population

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

- Successful probation completions increased from 57 percent to 68 percent; we are now tracking recidivism and will be able to provide this data in future reports.
- Many PRCS clients are difficult to track because many live outside of San Mateo County; The number of transient clients is down just 5.

- CDCR still has its challenges; clients are still being released to the wrong areas, and internal staffing issues/turnover remains high.
- There's been much discussion in recent years about the services we provide to the parole population as it relates to our budget.
- CDCR has reached out to meet with Probation sometime next year to discuss creating a contract for the delivery of services.
- State funding for CCP has not had any growth; San Mateo County did not receive any Prop 47 funds.

Questions and/or public comments:

Q: Could the state compare data from today's revocation rate to the rate before CDCR left the area? A: This data has been collected in the past but has always been unreliable because it included out of county residents. We hope to have the ability to collect this data in the coming year.

Sheriff's Office

Mike Tabak reported on in-custody and AB109 data.

- Maguire facility total in custody: 451 (446 men; 5 women) as of December 5th.
- Maple Street facility: 482 (367 men, 115 women)
- Total in custody was 933 or about 71% of capacity, which is on trend for the winter months.
- Alternative Sentencing Bureau population was 192 (2 on electronic monitoring; 190 in the Sheriff's Work Program).
- There are 20 in custody sentenced to CDCR; 11 are awaiting transport to state hospitals.
- For the Competent to Stand Trial Reevaluation Program: 114 completed Zoom interviews since February 2022; the contract has been extended through June 2025.
- The number of interviews decreased from 8 per month to 1 per month, due to post-pandemic backlog.

Questions and/or public comments:

Q: What percentage of the incarcerated population are being held on misdemeanors? A: Capt. Tabak noted that Capt. Fogarty report this data to the committee.

Q: The number of defendants on electronic monitoring (2) seems low, is this normal? A: Capt. Fogarty will find out and report back.

Q: Will the work furlough program be restored? A: This is currently under review by the executive team.

Chief Keene commented that he would like to know the number of out of county residents who are incarcerated, as well as the number of clients whose incompetence is challenged by a state hospital.

Human Services Agency

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

- New intakes: 50% AB109/ 50% unified reentry, which is on trend; the parole population has decreased.
- Eligibility benefits: CalFresh requests remain high; general assistance is often not needed because clients are involved in the work/paid training program.
- Medi-Cal provides behavioral health services as required.
- Employment: 53% of employment was subsidized 47% unsubsidized.
- Jennifer addressed a question that came up about the living wage: while the average unsubsidized wage is about \$22.73, the agency continues to work with clients as they receive promotions and salary increases. She noted that there have been recent job placements with wages up to \$59 per hour.
- Transportation and food assistance are still highly requested; the agency continues to provide these services.
- Clothing vouchers and hygiene products are also provided as part of services.
- Virtual meetings are trending down, as more clients prefer face to face meetings.
- The agency secured additional funding for the Rapid Rehousing Program; to date, there have been 12 housing placements in San Mateo County.

Questions and/or public comments:

Q: Who is eligible for services? A: Clients who are referred from Probation or the Sheriff's Office (the AB109 or unified reentry population). Referrals must come from Probation or the Sheriff's office. Other requests must be submitted at the ETO meeting for consideration.

Q: Is a Rapid Rehousing placement an actual apartment? A: Yes, this allows clients to become stable, reintegrate into San Mateo County and/or reunify with their family.

Q: How many spaces are available for Rapid Housing? A: Initially, we planned for 12-15. However, the RFP process took longer than expected, which delayed the program launch. Remaining funds could make it possible to house more this year.

Health System

Jei Africa, on the Health System and BHRS.

- Total referrals to BHRS for services since 2017 is 3,300; of that number, about 1,900 engaged in services.
- The trend of high alcohol, cannabis and/or opioid dependency remains consistent.
- Most mental health diagnoses are related to PTSD and depression; the number of open cases is in the 110-120 range.
- Clients who receive 4 or more services are 'Active engagement' clients; some clients are interested in treatment, so formal treatment plans goals are set to assist those who sincerely want treatment.
- Housing continues to be an issue for clients upon discharge.
- Clients who do not meet the criteria for BHRS services (Medi-Cal is required) are referred to the Health Plan of San Mateo.

- BHRS is looking for ways to gather more gender identification/orientation data to tailor programs to better support this population.

Questions and/or public comments:

Q: If someone graduates the program, can they return? A: Since referrals come from Probation and the Sheriff's Office, the case is closed once the client graduates. However, BHRS continues to work with Medi-Cal clients if they continue to need mental health services.

CCP Annual Survey Update

Due to the elimination of BSCC funding for submitting reports, other CCPs throughout the state are opting to forgo submitting their reports. The deadline is December 31st. Chief Keene asked the committee to consider the following options: 1) Continue to provide the report even if no longer funded, 2) send a letter to the state noting that there are no new changes and provide information on where the data can be found, or 3) The CCP could simply decline to submit the report due to a lack of funding.

The committee agreed to option #2; Chief Keene will direct staff to notify the state that there have been no significant changes to the report and provide a link to the public website where the data will be posted.

V. 2025 CCP Meeting Schedule:

- The 2025 budget meeting date (May) and other meeting dates/locations will be reported in the coming months.

Adjournment: *The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.*