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**San Mateo County Community Corrections Partnership
May 28, 2025
Manzanita Hall, 500 County Center, Redwood City, CA.
3:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present Members:

John Keene	Claire Cunningham
Jei Africa	Elisa Kuhl
Ed Barberini	William Fogarty
Colleen Chawla	Steve Wagstaffe

Absent Members:

Nancy Magee
Jennifer Valencia

Additional Attendees:

Theresa Dah	Dwayne Eison	Cheska Valentino
Nora Cullen	Martin Fox	Ghazi Wossne
Tony Burchyns	David Silberman	

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m.

II. Public Comment

Speakers recognized by the Chair: Mr. Martin Fox.

III. Old Business

Approval of minutes from previous meeting – 12/10/24:

The minutes from the December 10, 2024, meeting were approved as submitted with no abstentions. **M:Cunningham/S: Barberini.**

IV. New Business

Update on AB109 Offender Population

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

- There was an increase in successful terminations this quarter. This could be due to a decrease in out-of-county clients; probation is focusing more on its intended residents.
- There were no significant changes in gender or ethnicity groups; age demographics remained the same at the 36-45 age range.
- Redwood City had a higher number of PRCS clients than usual; there were only 4 out of county residents.

- Chief Keene met with the new director of CDCR to discuss his concerns around the lack of state support for parolees. He also addressed the advertising of San Mateo County services in the Parole Guide, even though the state provides no additional funding for these services.
- The CDCR director offered to meet with county partners to discuss the possibility of creating a contract for the county to start providing services to parolees.
- Proposition 36 could affect future PRCS numbers, but there are no concrete projections at this time.
- In the area of violations, most revocations fell under the ‘other crimes’ category. Changes to Prop 36 may be able to capture more specific data in the future.

Questions and/or public comments:

Q: Does the state maintain aggregate data on where parolees are paroled to, or data on recidivism? A: We’ve requested this data in the past. CDCR occasionally provides us with parole data pertaining to San Mateo County, but not at the granular level we want to see. If we receive this data, it will be shared with the committee.

Human Services Agency

Claire Cunningham, of the Human Services Agency, reported on CalFresh, Service Connect, housing and employment benefits.

- There were 91 intakes in Q3, with the largest increase being in unified reentry.
- There were also increases in Cal Fresh, General Assistance and Medical.
- Employment: Unsubsidized employment remains consistent with the average wage being \$21.18 per hour. There were 64 employment referrals.
- Most clients found employment in the areas of food, services, health care, and social assistance.
- The most requested services remains transportation and communication; personal hygiene kits and clothing vouchers were also highly requested. On average, about 19 individuals receive services per month.
- To date, there have been 17 placements in the Rapid Rehousing program (up by 5 from the last quarter).

Questions and/or public comments:

Q: Has there been a decrease in client services in this new political climate?

A: So far, no. However, one of the top reasons for denial of benefits is a failure to provide verifications. Changes to eligibility criteria for CalFresh and cash assistance are being proposed at the federal and state level. The number of verifications required could increase to twice per year. This will become a big issue in the future, as it will make services harder to access and maintain.

Q: Could this also affect staff’s ability to meet clients’ needs?

A: Yes. Staff will have to do twice as much work, and there is no additional funding. Workload will increase significantly.

Q: Are there any efforts underway to increase the living wage for San Mateo County? A: The push for a wage increase will be affected by the instability of the

economy, which affects businesses. Many residents could lose employment which will drive wages down.

Sheriff's Office

William Fogarty reported on in-custody and AB109 data.

- Captain Fogarty responded to a question from a previous meeting about the Work Furlough Program. A new program is in the works; staff have already been hired and are in training.
- Corrections officer positions are now fully staffed.
- The total in custody population is 967 between the Maple Street and Maguire facilities; 859 men, 108 women. The jail is at 71% of capacity.
- There were 410 individuals serving a state sentence; there were 327 in the alternative sentencing bureau, with 2 on electronic monitoring.
- Captain Fogarty will provide data on out-of-county residents, and defendants who have competence challenges at a future meeting.

Health

Jeji Africa, reported on BHRS and the Health System.

- There's been 3,300 referrals and 2,000 clients served Since 2017.
- There's been a slight downward trend in services from the last quarter; on average, there were about 100 open cases.
- There has also been a decrease in client engagement. ('Engagement' is defined by a client receiving 4 or more services.)
- The top substance abuse diagnosis remained consistent: Alcohol dependence, cannabis opioid, and nicotine dependence.
- The top mental health issues are largely related PTSD and major depression.
- There was a slight increase in reported homelessness among clients receiving services from Service Connect.
- There was a decrease in emergency psychiatric visits among Service Connect clients in Q2.
- Jeji shared a client success story about a client with mental health issues who was incarcerated for 30 years. Upon his release from prison a year ago, he began receiving support from Service Connect. This client is now employed and has stable housing.

Questions and/or public comments:

Q: Could you elaborate on what 'Other specified diseases ruled out' means?

A: During an assessment, a client may exhibit traits of PTSD, depression, or anxiety. Rather than diagnose the client based on these traits, the service provider allows for a longer period of engagement before a diagnosis is made.

V. 2025 CCP Meeting Schedule:

- November 13, 2025 – Manzanita Hall
(500 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063)

Adjournment: *The meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.*