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SB678 Community Corrections Partnership
Meeting Minutes
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Attendees: Honorable David Danielsen (SD Superior Court); Honorable Charles Rogers (SD Superior Court); Raymond Fernandez (PSG Deputy Chief Administrative Officer); Mack Jenkins (Chief Probation Officer); Debbie Patag (Probation Fiscal & Info Services Manager); Kim Broderick (AFS Deputy Chief); Dr. Natalie Pearl (Research Probation Director); Margie DeLeon (AFS Probation Director); Lorraine Fernandez (Probation SB678 Supervisor); Randy Mize (Chief Deputy Public Defender); Michelle Aguinaldo (Sheriff's Office, Admin. Analyst III); Dr. Cynthia Burke (Director, SANDAG); Robert Vander Kamp (Sheriff's Office Manager, Inmate Services Division); Frank McCoy (Chief, Oceanside Police Department); Cynthia Charlebois (DA Office, Victim/Witness Program Director); Michelle Bush (DA Office, Chief Administrative Officer); John Oldenkamp (HHSA, Program Manager, Alcohol & Drug Services); Scott Brown (SD Superior Court, Special Projects Manager); Sherri Sarro (Sheriff's Office, Captain); Matt Braner (Deputy Public Defender); Lisa Rodriguez (Deputy District Attorney); Dr. Randy Ward (Superintendent, SD County Office of Education); Patti Colston (Executive Director, The Crime Victims Fund)

Welcome and Introductions

Chief Jenkins welcomed the attendees to the third meeting of the SB678 Community Corrections Partnership. The attendees introduced themselves around the table.

Public Comment

There were no requests for public comment

Review of Last Meeting Minutes

Chief Jenkins briefly reviewed the minutes from last quarter's meeting. He also commented on the need to have a victim advocate representative on the CCP and noted that Patti Colston, Executive Director of the Crime Victims Fund, and Cynthia Charlebois, Victim/Witness Program Director of the District Attorney's Office were in attendance.

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) Training

Judge Danielsen and Chief Jenkins reported on AOC SB678 training they attended. The training was designed to facilitate the implementation of SB 678 statewide. Probation Chiefs and Criminal Judges were the primary attendees. The training emphasized the importance of counties incorporating evidence based practices into their 678 plans. Chief Jenkins distributed a handout from the training titled "Twenty Evidenced-Based Sentencing Practices to Reduce Recidivism". He indicated the handout does a good of illustrating and simplifying practices that support recidivism reduction.
Judge Danielsen emphasized the need to do more to educate the bench and other criminal justice partners in evidence based practices and principles. He reported that on January 24th and 25th he will be participating in a conference which will be working on designing a curriculum to teach EBP to the Judiciary.

Report Out from CCP Sub-Committees

- **Performance Measures**

  Dr. Cindy Burke of SANDAG presented results from the "Community Correction Partnership Survey". The purpose of the survey is to develop measurable goals for an outcome evaluation as part of an effort to measure the effectiveness and impact of CCP 678 plan.

- **Incentives and Sanctions**

  Deputy District Attorney Lisa Rodriguez reported on the work of the Incentive and Sanctions committee. In addition to DDA Rodriguez, the committee includes Judge Danielsen representing the Superior court, and representatives from the public defender's office, probation, police and the Sheriff's department. DDA Rodriguez described an administrative sanctions model developed by the group which would be used to manage the conduct and performance of probationers targeted in the 678 plan. The model includes a range of sanctions which would be employed by probation officers in response to violational behavior and incentives to positively reinforce progress. Examples of the sanctions include brief jail stays (i.e. 1-7 days), while the incentives would include, reduced reporting requirements or an earlier termination from probation. A key component of the model will be the ability to employ the sanctions without going through an adversarial court process while at the same time respecting due process protections. The process would include a hearing waiver and an admission from the probationer. The probationer will be aware of the sanctions he/she would be subject to. Judge Danielsen commented that process will include a court option.

  DDA Rodriguez indicated additional details remain to be worked out including a process to book and release probationers into and out of jail. The committee is also working on drafting forms and orders which will be necessary to operationalize the model. Probation will also be developing training for probation officers to teach the new practices. Judge Danielsen reported that if successfully implemented the model could save the court, DA and PD money and time through averted hearings.

- **Treatment Services**

John Oldenkamp, of HHSA Alcohol & Drug Services reported for the subcommittee. Members of the sub-committee include representatives from Probation, the Sheriff's Department and the County Office of Education. Mr. Oldenkamp said the committee had developed a plan to amend existing Alcohol and Drug services contracts with three Regional Recovery Centers to provide expanded services to the targeted probationers. The services will include substance abuse treatment, cognitive behavioral therapy, and vocational training. The process will involve probation officers referring probationers based on their risk need assessments. The intent is to have services start while the probationers are in custody and continue upon release to the community. Chief Jenkins commented that probation officers will be expected to have ongoing dialogue with staff from the RRCs to ensure maximum accountability and to keep the probationers engaged. The process will include case meetings between probation officers and site staff to ensure effective implementation.

Probation Research Director Dr. Natalie Pearl reported the locations where the highest concentrations of targeted probationers were located. With limits on the available funding, the sites selected are El Cajon, College area and South Bay, with a future goal of expanding to the areas.

Dr. Ward commented on the importance of addressing educational needs as a part of the intervention plan. He reported that in 2010 the County Office of Education recorded the highest number of GED/HS diplomas earned and issued.

- **2009-2010 Revoked to Prison Report**

Dr. Pearl reviewed a probation report titled “San Diego County Probationers Revoked to Prison 2009-2010”. The report indicates that from FY 05-06 through FY 07-08 a baseline average of 1510 probationers were revoked to prisons. Dr. Pearl pointed out that in general, probation prison revocations are down. In FY 08-09 the number was 1455, and in FY 09-10 the number was 1355. In calendar year 2010 the number was 1271.

From 2008 through 2010, of those probationers revoked to prison, an average of 44% had been assessed as high risk (the 2010 figure was 48%). The report also shows that in the 2010 figures, 60% of the revocations were for technical violations while 40% were for new crimes.

The impact of the report is to suggest probation’s 678 plan is appropriately targeting high risk probationers and that a reduction in revocations can be achieved reducing the number of probationers who fail via technical violations.

- **Roundtable/General comments**

  Dr. Ward commented that it will be important that the 678 plan address cultural competency issues and that decision makers in the process (i.e. judiciary, probationer officers, etc.) be educated on the issues such as unconscious bias. Chief Jenkins briefly shared an overview of Probation's Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) reduction plan currently in place in juvenile services.

  Michelle Bush of the DA's office commented on the importance of addressing vocational training and employment issues. A suggestion was made to reach out to San Diego County Housing and Community development, Chief Jenkins asked if the treatment subcommittee to address the issue.

  Judge Danielsen stressed the importance of the judiciary supporting the 678 plan. He indicated that current probation terms and conditions could be enhanced. He suggested that recommendations in probation presentence investigations be tailored to address the probationer's needs and to provide probation officers the latitude necessary to effectively supervise the targeted probationers.

- **Next Steps**

  A 678 Time Task Plan with implementation steps and timelines will be prepared and distributed at the next meeting.

  The next CCP meeting will be held on April 19, 2011 from 1:00-2:30pm at the Probation Administration Center.

  The meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.

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