

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP**  
**June 25, 2020 Special Meeting**

**1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**

Present: Ron Abernethy, Mark Boessenecker, Julie Baptista, Bob Fleshman, Karen J. Graff, Paul Gero, Sue Kuss, Barbara Nemko, Robert Plummer, John Robertson, Brad Wagenknecht, Jennifer Yasumoto

Not Present: Allison Haley, Dina Jose, Sarah O’Malley, Lindsay Stark, Yuen Chiang

Others Present: Amy Medina, Ferlyn Buenafe, Lindsay Susskind, David Black, Corey Utsurogi, AJ Alarcon, Craig Burch

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**3. APPROVAL OF January 9, 2020, Regular Meeting MINUTES**

Motion: Ron Abernathy

Second: Barbara Nemko

Motion Approved

Abstain: none

No oppositions, no abstentions, Motion Approved.

**1. REENTRY UPDATE**

Due to current circumstances of zero bail and Covid-19, qualified persons for the re-entry program have since been released into community supervision. Temporary repurpose of the facility for quarantine and isolation housing, up to the next year during the pandemic. Stipulation between BSCC and finance is that it needs to remain usable as a jail facility.

**2. PRETRIAL**

The Pilot program was started in November of 2019, is continuing and is on track to be in full compliance by the first of July. The program slated to end June of 2021. It is anticipated that in response to Covid-19, i.e. early releases and zero bail, the data will likely be skewed. As a proactive measure, we are tracking and bookmarking information to sort out the statistics if and when the criminal justice system returns to status quo. Discussion with Courts detailing procedural changes following the termination of Judicial Council’s zero bail order, the adoption of local emergency orders, and the continuation of text reminder system project.

**3. REALIGNMENT PLAN REVISION AND BUDGET**

Although delayed due to the current pandemic, the budget remains as projected and moves through as status quo with the programs and the positions funded. There is however, anticipation the growth fund will be affected. Discussion of yet to be known details regarding backfill for revenue loss, breakdowns between years, and using portions of the budget for vulnerable populations.

#### **4. JAIL POPULATION REPORT**

The current Jail population is 184. Discussion regarding transports in response to pandemic. CDCR has opened up yet only accepting Defendants incrementally. The receiving center has been changed to Kern County. Napa State Hospital is not accepting any transfers during this time. Using the basement floor for a 14 day quarantine area.

#### **5. CORDICO WELLNESS APP PRESENTATION**

Presentation by Lindsey Susskind and David Black. The wellness application was launched late last year. David Black is the founder CEO and Chief Psychologist to Cordico. Lindsay Susskind is the full-time Client Care Manager. Any changes, questions or concerns direct to Lindsay [Lindsay.susskind@cordico.com](mailto:Lindsay.susskind@cordico.com) Cell: (714) 585-8355. PowerPoint presentation walked through an overview of the application and use. Discussion of preliminary findings on usage throughout the agencies. More recently, Napa Police Department reports a significant increase in usage following the pandemic, which validates whole process and justifies its need. Further discussion of upcoming automated upgrades, and of making this presentation available to individual employees.

#### **6. STATUS OF REALIGNMENT FROM PARTNERS**

##### Courts –

They are four weeks into reopening and it has been smooth. There is a requirement for masks at all times, and reduced number of people in courts via a video option. They have staggered the calendar, and the division is working well, without lines, and allowing the public greater access to listen in on hearings vs attending. They are seeing a difference in available jurors due to the pandemic.

##### Public Defender –

As of March, handling client's appointments telephonically, unless Court is required. Many staff working from home. Running into some obstacles as a result of the Napa State Hospital not admitting transfers at this time. Working with Mental Health department to come up with possible solutions.

##### Jail –

Assistant Director vacancy filled, continue to fill vacancies due to retirements etc. Jail working to manage the population during the pandemic and implementing safety measures.

##### District Attorney –

No update

### Board of Supervisors –

Reiterate budget concerns, discussion of use of the re-entry center as a quarantine a cost saving measure. Focus on keeping County safe and fiscally sound.

### Sheriff's Office –

No update

### Mental Health –

No update

### Health and Human Services –

Within the office, working on staffing to maintain social distancing making changes to the lobby to reduce amount tangible items. Using Zoom, have experienced challenges due to need for a secure platform for therapy sessions, and access for all. Department is working to find creative solutions to keep up with rapid changes in legislation, funding, position vacancies, and multiple unknowns at this time. NEWS received a grant for domestic violence housing which was timely, as they have seen an uptick in domestic violence cases. Have also received grant funding and through this, placing social workers at seven elementary schools.

### Probation –.

Working to get positions filled in order to provide best support to our clients and community. CDCR has released about 3,000 people and are looking to release 3,500 more throughout California. Officers are striving to obtain information up front and begin supervision early on in the process. We are up and running with virtual programming and have limited in person programming, as have our partners. Restitution Analyst position filled by a former Probation officer. It should move very quickly, as they are already familiar with the process and dedicated to helping victims. Lastly, the California Probation resource Institute released a report on SB 678 which shows efforts of evidence based practices have lowered recidivism rates and improved public safety. The report will be posted on the Department's web page.

### Napa Police Department –

Currently hiring, seven in field training, multiple retirements and movement within the department as a result. An increase in mental health calls, need for emergency beds. Plan to discuss supportive measures in this area on next meeting with the governor and police chiefs within California. Support working together with Mental Health department for creative solutions. On a more positive note, seeing more people downtown with tourism and hotels filling up again.

### Schools –

Discussion of school closures and anticipated plan for next school year. Discussion of concern for population of students with harmful conditions at home, normally noticed by teachers and reported. The school district goal is to find an alternative solution that will weigh the impact on student's mental health, vs the risk to their physical health.

CEO –

Discussed challenges with budget due to pandemic. Have a great team and are working together to find solutions.

GEO Inc. –

Continuing essential services, implemented social distancing and numerous safety measures in response to Covid-19. These include: wellness screening, opened up groups to extend out into weekends to reduce class sizes, staggered case management to maintain capacity of 15 at any one time. In response to increased Domestic Violence, five new staff certified to deliver DV material.

Victim Witness –

Nothing to report

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Discussion of Cordico contract renewal details.

Adjourned: 12:17p.m.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** September 10, 2020 at 12:15 PM