

The Imperial County Community Corrections Partnership & Executive Board met through the telecommunication service Zoom on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

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**Members Present:** Dan Prince, Brian Johnson, Raymond Loera, Veronica Rodriguez

**Members Absent:** Gilbert G. Otero, Ben Salorio, Maria Rhinehart

**Guest(s):** Jose Luis Ramirez, Cpl. Soucier, Sgt. Arreola, Chief Garcia, Don Gorham, Elizabeth Sais, Debbie Angulo, Lt. Chavarin, Carlos Contreras, Kevin Arellano, Gabriela Jimenez, Maria Ruiz, Cesar Fernandez, Leticia Plancarte-Garcia, Priscilla Lopez

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### **Call to Order:**

Chief Probation Officer Dan Prince welcomed the attending committee members and guests. Chief Prince called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and Mr. Jose Luis Ramirez conducted roll call. A quorum was present at the meeting; four of the seven Executive Committee members were in attendance.

### **Approval of CCP Meeting Minutes:**

After review of the May 30, 2019 minutes, Ms. Veronica Rodriguez moved to approve the minutes; Sheriff Loera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

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### **Chair Report:**

Chief Prince reported on the recent ruling by the Supreme Court of California regarding a case involving Kenneth Humphrey. The ruling stated that cash bail cannot be the only consideration for pretrial release and due to this decision there will changes in the Probation Department's role regarding pretrial services and programs. Chief Prince noted that the Sheriff's Office had already developed a pretrial program under Chief Clayton and due to this recent decision, the Sheriff's pretrial program will be utilized more thoroughly. In addition, the Day Reporting Center (DRC) will also become more involved and programs such as Geo and SMART will have the opportunity to reach out to pretrial individuals that are being referred by the courts.

### **Member Reports:**

#### **a. Imperial County Sheriff's Office – Sheriff Raymond Loera**

Sheriff Loera stated that there were no major updates to provide, but added that ICSO has had good discussions regarding the recent Humphrey's decision and new policies should be easy to incorporate into their booking process.

#### **b. El Centro Police Department – Chief Brian Johnson**

Chief Brian Johnson stated that he had no major updates to provide at this time.

#### **c. Imperial County Department of Social Services – Veronica Rodriguez**

Ms. Rodriguez stated that her agency has been very busy these past few months and has many things going on. Ms. Rodriguez added that her Department has been working with the State regularly to see which programs can begin to return to normalcy, but recently has had to deal with reorganization at the State level which has caused some slow downs.

## **Subcommittee Updates:**

### **a. Program and Development**

Mr. Kevin Arellano reported on the Program & Development Subcommittee meeting that took place on April 21<sup>st</sup> and stated that they discussed a number of different agency updates and received a report from Geo and from SMART Recovery regarding their status.

## **Discussion / Action Item(s):**

### **a. Geo Group Program Updates**

Mr. Carlos Contreras provided updates for the Geo Group and stated that currently there are 72 participants that are enrolled, and of those enrolled, four of them are on parole. Mr. Contreras stated that the program is making sure that people are coming in twice a week and between January and April 2021 there were 24 successful participants in the program. Mr. Contreras also added that currently they are not able to host graduation events to celebrate these successes, but will try to host one as soon and safely as possible. In addition, Geo has noticed a need for greater services such as clothing, transportation and housing for their participants and has been reaching out to more agencies such as Behavioral Health Services and the Transportation Department to obtain these important services for their participants.

### **b. SMART Recovery Program Updates**

Mr. Don Gorham provided updates for SMART and stated that the program is currently opening up its face-to-face groups in Salton City, El Centro, and Brawley and currently there are six probationers participating in the Salton City group, one probationer participating in the El Centro Group, and four probationers participating in the Brawley group. SMART is also still hosting its Zoom groups and currently has 14 probationers participating through their online sessions. Mr. Gorham noted that SMART is prepared for more clients to enroll and is hoping to expand its face-to-face groups as soon as possible.

Chief Prince added that DPOs will mostly likely begin to require their probationers to return to these services as soon as possible and the additional pretrial referrals should help fill in any extra seats as well.

### **c. Budget Submission Reminders**

Ms. Debbie Angulo reminded the attending agencies that the CCP Budgets are due back by May 10<sup>th</sup> and should be returned before the next Budget and Fiscal Meeting so they can be submitted for final approval by the Board of Supervisors.

## **Agency Updates, Informational Item(s), and Announcements:**

### **Imperial County Behavioral Health Services**

Ms. Leticia Plancarte stated that the agency didn't have any major updates to provide, but over the course of the pandemic has continued to provide services in El Centro, Brawley, and Calexico mostly through telehealth and also some in-person services. Ms. Plancarte added that the ICBHS Crisis Unit has been busy lately due to an increase in 5150 individuals this past month.

Ms. Maria Ruiz added that the Crisis Core Response team has been providing services in Calexico, El Centro, and Imperial and has been in operation since November 2020 and recently received 50 calls and provided 5150 admission to seven people. Ms. Ruiz noted that in March the Crisis Core Response Unit began expanding services for individuals that need additional intervention services. In addition, Ms. Ruiz stated that she meets with law enforcement agencies on a regular basis to provide information regarding the 5150 calls.

Ms. Gabriela Jimenez provided an updated regarding the SUD program and stated that in March the agency received 20 referrals from Probation and 18 of those were admitted for treatment. In addition, currently there are three AB109 beds being occupied out of the six total in Foundations in Recovery. Ms. Jimenez added that services have continued throughout the pandemic including walk-ins services and currently they agency is in the process of developing a plan to start more on-site groups. Ms.

Jimenez also noted that they are working closely with the jail and providing court ordered intake assessments and the jail is reaching out to the SUD Program and letting them know when clients that need linkage services will be released.

### **Imperial County Sheriff's Office**

Chief Garcia reported that the agency is trying to get back to normal as covid restrictions ease up and stated that the CDCR has started taking inmates again and recently received 15 inmates that were stored in the local jail. Chief Garcia also added that the inmates are also currently getting vaccinated with help from Public Health Department.

Cpl Soucier reported pretrial statistics for this recent quarter and stated that ICSO had completed 290 Pretrial interviews since January and only had three Own Recognizance releases. In addition, the AB109 work crew worked 2034 hours. Cpl. Soucier added that currently ISCO has 9 females and 19 males in custody at the jail.

### **Child Support Services**

Cesar Fernandez stated that the Department of Child Support Services offices are partially opened and he is still waiting on the greenlight to return to in-person DRC Services.

### **Workforce Development (EDD)**

Ms. Priscilla Lopez stated that Workforce Development services are available by appointment and the agency has been providing services throughout the year and she is willing to work with the Probation Department to get people back into the work force.

### **Mental Health Court Discussion**

Ms. Veronica Rodriguez asked if Imperial County has a Mental Health or Drug Court and Chief Prince responded that currently there is not an active Drug or Mental Health Court. Ms. Ruiz added that ICBHS has a Mental Health Calendar where ICBHS Staff attend court dates with Probation. This calendar was developed so that individuals could receive mental health services they need, but due to pandemic, it has been reduced to one day. Ms. Plancarte also added that ICBHS has expressed interest in starting up a mental health court, similar to the new Homeless Court that is starting up due to Judge Nunez. Ms. Rodriguez stated that the homeless court is the reason she brought up the question and was hoping to provide additional services through the court like a mental health court to assist the homeless population. Ms. Rodriguez added that the homeless population has many issues and providing case management or preventative services would be very helpful.

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### **Adjournment:**

Chief Dan Prince adjourned the meeting 10:10 a.m. The next Community Corrections Partnership and Executive Board meeting will be held on May 27, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. through the telecommunication service Zoom.