

**Imperial County Community Corrections
Partnership & Executive Board**

County Administration Building
940 West Main Street
El Centro, CA 92243

Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2020
9:30 a.m. – 10:09 a.m.

The Imperial County Community Corrections Partnership & Executive Board met in the County Administration Building in Conference Rooms C & D on Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Dan Prince, Gilbert G. Otero, Andrea Kuhlen, Ben Salorio, Maria Rhinehart

Members Absent: Brian Johnson, Ray Loera

Guest(s): Jessica Leon, Wendy Betancourt, Lt. Juan Chavarin, Sylvia Bazan, Sgt. Aaron Arreola, Cpl. Joshua Soucier, Chief Thomas Garcia, Carlos Contreras, Victoria Mansfield, Cesar Fernandez, Debbie Angulo, Don Gorham, Ruth Arzola, Jose Luis Ramirez

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 Jose Luis Ramirez conducted roll call. A quorum was present at the meeting; four of the seven Executive Committee members were in attendance.

Chief Prince gave members the opportunity to introduce guests to the CCP meeting, and introduced Adult Program Supervisor Jessica Leon and Probation Officer Wendy Betancourt from the Probation Department. Mr. Gilbert Otero introduced Ruth Arzola as the newly hired CCP Criminal Research Specialist. Ms. Andrea Kuhlen introduced Sylvia Bazan as Manager for the Mental Health Triage and Engagement Unit. Chief Thomas Garcia was also introduced as the newly promoted Chief for Imperial County Sheriff's Office.

Approval of CCP Meeting Minutes:

After review of the November 21, 2019 minutes, Mr. Gilbert Otero moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Ben Salorio seconded the motion; and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Report:

Chief Prince reported that the Chief Probation Officers of California will be supporting an initiative called the Elevate Justice Act of 2020. The proposal would elevate the age for juvenile court jurisdiction to include all teenagers allowing for 18 and 19 year olds the benefits of intensive rehabilitative programming within juvenile justice. Chief Prince wanted to introduce this item to the CCP Members to give them the opportunity to review and understand the initiative, as this will impact the CCP if approved in the future. Mr. Otero and Mr. Salorio expressed concerns with funding for these types of initiatives, and hoped that communities like Imperial County would not be negatively affected by these changes if approved.

Member Reports:

a. Imperial County Behavioral Health Services – Ms. Andrea Kuhlen

Ms. Andrea Kuhlen had Ms. Sylvia Bazan and Ms. Victoria Mansfield provide updates for ICBHS.

Ms. Bazan provided updates for the MRT Groups being held at the jail for January 2020. Ms. Bazan stated that one group has 7 participants, a second group has 12 participants, and a third group has 9 participants; gender breakdown for the groups were 19 male participants and 9 female participants. Ms. Bazan noted that there were 2 successful completions, and 1 unsuccessful

completion as well. Ms. Bazan also reported on the referrals ICBHS has received for January, and stated that ICBHS received 28 referrals from the Imperial County Jails and 9 referrals were received from the MRT groups. The department also had 2 successful transfers for individuals leaving the jail and being connected to additional services, and conducted 4 intakes in January.

Ms. Victoria Mansfield reported for ICBHS SUD Program, and stated that there were 2 AB109 clients that successfully completed residential treatment and the department will be transitioning them into intensive outpatient treatment. Ms. Mansfield added that there were 21 intake assessments completed in January; 7 beds currently occupied for Foundations in Recovery; and the department conducted 17 court ordered intake assessments.

Chief Prince stated that he had recently spoken to Deborah Freeman from Foundations in Recovery, and was told that the 6-bed Residential / Detox Facility would be delayed until the Summer, but is eager to have the facility available for members in the community.

b. District Attorney – Mr. Gilbert Otero

Mr. Otero re-introduced Ruth Arzola and thanked Chief Prince for the assistance that the Probation Department has been providing to her. Mr. Otero stated that her role will be to collect data from various law enforcement agencies and eventually will expand her duties to support their victim witness division, and thanked the CCP for their continued support.

c. Public Defender – Mr. Ben Salorio

Mr. Salorio stated that there were no major updates to provide.

d. Imperial County Superior Court – Ms. Maria Rhinehart

Ms. Rhinehart stated that there were no major updates to provide, but stated that the construction of the new courthouse building is still continuing and is scheduled to be completed in Summer 2021. Chief Prince asked about the old courthouse; Ms. Rhinehart responded and stated that the old courthouse will continue to host civil, family law, juvenile cases, and 4 criminal departments will be moved to the new courthouse once completed.

Subcommittee Updates:

a. Budget and Fiscal

Debbie Angulo informed the board about the Budget and Fiscal meeting that took place on January 9, 2020. The subcommittee had one action items that was approved for today's CCP Executive meeting, and will meet again on February 13, 2020 in the County Administration Building Rooms C & D.

b. Inmate Mental Health

There was no Inmate Mental Health meeting that took place in January. Chief Prince stated that with Chief Clayton's departure, the Inmate Mental Health Subcommittee may need to be reconfigured in some way, either through expansion or merging with the Program & Development Subcommittee, and would like to discuss with Director Kuhlen and Chief Garcia regarding the matter. Chief Prince stated that there won't be any Inmate Mental Health Subcommittee meetings scheduled in the immediate future, but will be reach out to discuss how to best continue with this subcommittee. Mr. Salorio and Mr. Otero stated that they would like this subcommittee to continue in some fashion and believe that this subcommittee focuses on a very important issue.

c. Program and Development

Jessica Leon informed the board about the Program and Development meeting that took place on January 8, 2020. The subcommittee had SMART Recovery, GEO Re-Entry Services, New Creations, Workforce Development, and Child Support Services in attendance and each organization provided updates to the subcommittee. The subcommittee will meet again on February 5, 2020 in the Probation Department's DRC Conference Room.

d. Training Subcommittee

There was no Training Subcommittee meeting for January.

Discussion / Action Item(s):

a. Discussion / Approval for the Fifth Annual Adult Re-Entry Summit hosted at the Imperial County Probation Department.

Ms. Leon presented this item on behalf of the Imperial County Probation Department, and stated that the Department is looking for continued support for this annual event. The Summit is scheduled to take place on April 1, 2020 and will have workshops and vendors that will provide inmates and probation clients the opportunity to connect with local organizations that can assist them on their journey to rehabilitation. Mr. Otero asked who the speaker will be for the event, Chief Prince responded and stated that the speaker will be Noel Gugliemi, who has spoken at this event previously and was well received by those in attendance. Ms. Leon stated that the Department is also looking to expand the number of vendors from previous years and will be reaching out to more members of the community for participation. The total estimated cost for this item would be \$6,000.

Mr. Otero motioned to approve this item; Ms. Kuhlen seconded the motion, and the motioned passed unanimously.

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

Carlos Contreras stated that Geo Re-Entry Services will be working with the EDD Workforce Development Program that recently obtained a \$750,000 grant to provide direct training to individuals qualified under AB109 in order to provide additional aftercare services.

Don Gorham stated that SMART Recovery is continuing to do well, and has 10 groups throughout Imperial County, and is looking to expand to Calexico once ICBHS has completed work on its buildings. The program also restarted their co-occurring group, and will soon have 2 adolescent groups.

Cpl. Soucier provided work crew updates for 2019. The inmate worker program through Caltrans covered 245 miles and collected over 5700 trash bags over 6000 man hours. The inmate worker program through Public works covered 414 miles and collected 3000 trash bags over 6300 man hours. The inmate worker program through AB109 road crew provided over 11,000 hours of community service. Cpl. Soucier also provided pre-trial statistics for January 2020, and stated that the agency currently has 110 people sentenced and in custody on AB109 consisting of 82 males and 28 females. For Pre-Trial services from December to January, ICSO had 357 interviews, and of those interviewed, the agency had 82 Own Recognizance (OR) releases.

Jessica Leon reported on the supervision caseload her unit currently has, with 58 clients under mental health supervision, 142 clients under Formal supervision, 2 clients under mental health diversion supervision, 140 clients under PRCS, 12 clients under Military Diversion supervision, and in total there are 412 cases within her unit that are being supervised. The Probation Department will also be starting 2 Cognitive Behavioral Therapy classes in February which will be facilitated by Probation Officers.

Adjournment:

Chief Dan Prince adjourned the meeting 10:30 a.m. The next Community Corrections Partnership Executive Board meeting will be held on February 27, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. with location to be determined.