

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

El Centro Economic Development Office Conference Room
1249 West Main Street
El Centro, CA 92243

Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2020
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

The Imperial County Community Corrections Partnership & Executive Board met in the City of El Centro Economic Development Office Conference Room on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Brian Johnson, Gilbert G. Otero, Andrea Kuhlen, Ben Salorio, Maria Rhinehart

Members Absent: Dan Prince, Ray Loera

Guest(s): Sgt. Aaron Arreola, Carlos Contreras, Cesar Fernandez, Don Gorham, Jose Garcia, Everardo Rodriguez, Elizabeth Sais, Albert Camillo, Maria Ruiz, Veronica Ortiz, Gabriella Jimenez Jose Luis Ramirez

Call to Order:

Elizabeth Sais welcomed the attending members and called the meeting to order at 9:31 am. She informed the committee that Dan Prince would be unable to attend today's meeting and she would be conducting the meeting in his place as the co-chair.

Approval of CCP Meeting Minutes:

After review of the January 30, 2020 minutes, Mr. Otero moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Salorio seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Report:

Ms. Sais stated that Probation will be providing a detailed report later in the meeting.

Member Reports:

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

Ms. Andrea Kuhlen had Maria Ruiz and Gabriela Jimenez provide updates for ICBHS. Ms. Jimenez reported monthly statistics for January 2020 for ICBHS SUD Program.

Ms. Jimenez reported that there were 7 AB 109 clients currently receiving residential treatment and Foundations in Recovery currently has all 6 beds occupied by clients. Ms. Jimenez added that Probation referred 10 clients to ICBHS services and an additional 4 AB109 clients.

Ms. Ruiz reported that the full time rehabilitation technician located in the jail referred 30 individuals to mental health services in the month of January 2020. Ms. Ruiz added that the department received 10 referrals for the MRT groups located in the jail, and currently ICBHS has 3 MRT groups with 19 individuals enrolled. Ms. Ruiz stated that there are 2 individuals that will graduate from the MRT groups and ICBHS has completed 4 intakes in the month of January. Ms. Ruiz noted that the department has also received 7 referrals from Wellpath.

b. El Centro Police Department – Chief Brian Johnson

Chief Johnson stated that there were no major updates to provide at this time.

c. Imperial County District Attorney – Gilbert Otero

Mr. Otero stated that there were no major updates to provide at this time.

d. Imperial County Public Defender – Ben Salorio

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

Subcommittee Updates:

a. Budget and Fiscal

Albert Camillo informed the board about the Budget and Fiscal meeting that took place on February 13, 2020. The subcommittee had two action items that were approved for today's CCP Executive meeting, and will meet again on March 12, 2020 in the County Administration Building Rooms C & D.

b. Inmate Mental Health

Elizabeth Sais informed the Executive Board Committee that the Inmate Mental Health subcommittee did not meet in February and the committee will be merged with the Program & Development Subcommittee which is scheduled to meet in the first week of March.

c. Program and Development

Everardo Rodriguez informed the board about the Program and Development meeting that took place on February 5, 2020. The next meeting will be held on March 4, 2020.

d. Training Subcommittee

Elizabeth Sais informed the board about the Training Subcommittee that took place on February 6, 2020. The committee had two items on the agenda, and both were approved to be sent to the Budget & Fiscal Subcommittee. The next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2020.

Discussion / Action Item(s):

a. Discussion / Approval for one (1) Criminal Research Specialist to attend a two-week Basic Intelligence Analyst Training from March 2-13, 2020 in Chandler, Arizona.

Mr. Gilbert Otero presented this item on behalf of the District Attorney's office. Mr. Otero stated that this training would support the Criminal Research Specialist position that was approved by the CCP Executive Board last year. The proposed training would be a 2-week (80-hour) comprehensive introduction to law enforcement intelligence analysis, with classroom and hands-on training provided by Arizona High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) with estimated costs of \$3,469.56.

Chief Johnson moved to approve this item, Ms. Kuhlen seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

b. Discussion / Approval for five (5) ICSO employees to attend the American Jail Association Conference & Expo from April 4 – 8 in Aurora, Colorado.

Sgt. Arreola presented this item on behalf of ICSO. Sgt. Arreola stated that this conference has a wealth of information available to those who attend and includes courses and trainings for engaging with inmates, approaching mental health issues, developing leadership skills, and program implementations. Sgt. Arreola noted that the El Centro Police Department had also attended last year's conference and brought back ideas that the Department is currently implementing. The total estimated cost for this item would be \$10,025.92 if ICSO can register before March 5, 2020 otherwise, the cost would be \$10,250.92.

Mr. Otero moved to approve this item, Chief Johnson seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

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

a. ICOE – Charter School Update

Jose Garcia reported that the Charter School received a letter from WASC, and now are officially one of the only adult education program that can graduate students that complete the requirements. Mr. Garcia stated that are currently 28 students enrolled at the Day Reporting Center and the program had 13 participants that graduated in this past year. Mr. Garcia added that the Charter School is continuing to expand on its program and services and is planning on adding a vocational Barber Shop program later this year. After discussion between CCP Executive Board Members, there was a suggestion to work on improving the optics of the program to make successes more visible and to focus on individuals who are not completing the program before they are released from jail so as not to waste CCP resources.

b. ICSO – Update on CCP AB 109 Inmate Fire Crew assisting Imperial County Fire Department on 2/3/2020

Sgt. Arreola reported that the AB 109 inmate fire work crew provided assistance against the 78-acre fire that occurred in Niland, CA earlier this month. Sgt. Arreola stated that this program is in partnership with IVC and Imperial County Fire and the class initially started with 25 individuals, but due to the intensity of the work, resulted in 12 completing the course. The crew worked with the Imperial County Fire Department to cut brush and cool down the area around the fire in order to control the spread of the fire and prevent it from reaching homes located within the path of the blaze. Sgt. Arreola added this class has given the participants an opportunity that could lead to additional opportunities once released from jail.

c. Agency Updates

Everardo Rodriguez reported monthly statistics for the Imperial County Probation Department. Mr. Rodriguez stated that the department currently has 60 mental health cases, 155 PRCS cases, 12 Military Diversion cases, 51 Mandatory Supervision cases, and approximately 80 sex offenders under supervision through AB 109. Mr. Rodriguez added that the department is currently facilitating 3 COG Classes, 2 at the jail and 1 at the DRC. Mr. Rodriguez announced that the department is hosting its Re-Entry Summit on April 1, 2020 and currently has 25 vendors willing to participate in providing information and services to attending clients.

Carlos Contreras reported that GEO Re-Entry Services had an average of 69 participants enrolled throughout 2019, the program had 101 Absconds, and the program had 134 Negative Discharges and 114 Positive Discharges, and had an average employment rate of 43%.

Sgt. Arreola reported monthly statistics for ICSO for January 2020. Sgt. Arreola stated that the inmate work crew through Public Works worked 744 hours, the crew through CalTrans worked 928 hours, and the work crew through ICSO Community Service worked 785 hours.

Don Gorham reported that SMART Recovery has started the co-occurring group at ICBHS, which brings the total numbers of SMART Recovery groups to 10. Mr. Gorham added that SMART is the only program that is able to provide services in the north end of the county, areas such as Niland and Salton City, and the program is very important there due to the lack of services in the area and transportation limitations.

Adjournment:

Elizabeth Sais adjourned the meeting 10:15 a.m. The next Community Corrections Partnership and Executive Board meeting will be held on March 26, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Imperial County Administration Building Conference Rooms C & D.