



IMPERIAL COUNTY  
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP (CCP)  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2021  
Zoom

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**1. Call to Order**

- a. Roll Call
- b. Approval for the continued use of telecommunication services based on current circumstances and local guidelines for a 30-day period
- c. Approval of CCP Executive Meeting Minutes from September 30, 2021

**2. Chair's Report**

**3. Member Updates**

- a. District Attorney – Mr. Gilbert Otero
- b. Sheriff's Office – Sheriff Raymond Loera
- c. Social Services – Ms. Veronica Rodriguez
- d. Public Defender – Mr. Ben Salorio
- e. El Centro Police Department – Chief Brian Johnson
- f. Superior Court – Ms. Maria Rhinehart

**4. Subcommittee Reports**

- a. Program & Development
  - i. Pre Trial Updates
- b. Training
- c. Budget & Fiscal

**5. Discussion & Action Item(s):**

- a. Discussion and Approval to send staff to the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) 2022 Winter Training Institute Conference to be held on January 30 – February 2, 2022 in Atlanta, Georgia.

**6. Agency Updates, Informational Item(s), Announcements**

- a. Imperial County Sheriff's Office
- b. Imperial County Behavioral Health

**Meeting Convenes**

**At 9:30 a.m.**

**Website:**

[probation.imperialcounty.org](http://probation.imperialcounty.org)

- c. Imperial County Probation Department
  - d. Geo Group
  - e. SMART Recovery
  - f. Additional Updates
- 7. Public Comment** – *Members of the public may speak at this time on any issues of interest to the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP). Due to COVID-19, if any member of the public wishes to observe the meeting or speak they must do so through the provided telecommunication line. Questions & comments may also be emailed to [joseramirez@co.imperial.ca.us](mailto:joseramirez@co.imperial.ca.us) to be read during this period.*
- 8. Adjournment / Next Meeting**

**October 28, 2021**

Imperial County Community Corrections Partnership  
Executive Committee  
324 Applestill Road  
El Centro, CA 92243

**Subject:**

Discussion and approval for the continued use of telecommunication services and remoted meetings based on current circumstances and local guidelines for a 30-day period. (AB 361)

**Background:**

On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 361, a law that enables local public agencies to continue using teleconferencing without complying with certain Brown Act requirements. This bill is to be effective on October 1, 2021.

On September 29, 2021, the Imperial County Public Health Officer recommended that Imperial County continue remote public meetings of governmental entities (attached.)

On October 5, 2021, the Imperial County Board of Supervisors approved the adoption of a resolution that authorized the continued use of remote meetings for a period of 30 days.

Based on AB 361, if the proclaimed state of emergency remains and a local agency wishes to continue holding meetings in compliance with AB 361, action by the governing body must be reconsidered every 30 days by a majority vote.

**Requested Action:**

Adopt resolution of the CCP Executive Committee authorizing remote teleconference meetings for the period in accordance with the provisions of AB 361.



# COUNTY OF IMPERIAL

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# PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

JANETTE ANGULO, M.P.A.

*Director*

STEPHEN W. MUNDAY, M.D., M.P.H., M.S.

*Health Officer*

## **Recommendation Regarding Continued Remote Public Meetings of Governmental Entities in Imperial County.**

Issued: September 29, 2021

In light of the continued state of emergency related to COVID-19, the Imperial County Health Officer continues to recommend that public bodies meet remotely to the extent possible, specifically including use of newly enacted Assembly Bill 361 to maintain remote meetings under the Ralph M. Brown Act and similar laws.

Among other reasons, this recommendation is made due to the continued threat of COVID-19 to the community, the unique characteristics of public governmental meetings (such as the increased mixing associated with bringing together people from across the community, the need to enable those who are immunocompromised or unvaccinated to be able to safely continue to fully participate in public governmental meetings, and the challenges with fully ascertaining and ensuring compliance with vaccination and other safety recommendations at such meetings), and the continued increased safety protection that social distancing provides as one means by which to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

The Imperial County Health Officer will continue to evaluate this recommendation on an ongoing basis, and will communicate when there is no longer such a recommendation with respect to meetings for public bodies.

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Stephen Munday, M.D., MPH  
Health Officer

**RESOLUTION OF THE CCP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY OF IMPERIAL  
AUTHORIZING REMOTE MEETINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF  
STATE ASSEMBLY BILL 361.**

**WHEREAS**, the Community Corrections Partnership is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the CCP Executive Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, with the adoption of State Assembly Bill 361 (“AB 361”), section 54963(e) of the California Government Code was amended to make provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a local legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of 54953(b)(3) of the California government Code, subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to section 8625 of the California Government Code, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of person and property within the state caused by conditions as described in section 8558 of the California Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed pursuant to his authority under 8625 of the California Government Code, that a state of emergency exists with regard to the novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19); and

**WHEREAS**, on June 4, 2021, the Governor clarified that the “reopening” of California on June 15, 2021 did not include any change to the proclaimed state of emergency or the powers exercised thereunder; and

**WHEREAS**, as of the date of this Resolution, neither the Governor nor the Legislature have exercised their respective powers pursuant to 8629 of the California Government Code to lift the state of emergency, either by proclamation or by concurrent resolution in the State Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Health Officer for the County of Imperial has recommended that the local legislative bodies that are subject to the Brown Act continue to meet remotely when possible, and that social distancing continues to provide a means by which to reduce the transmission of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the CCP Executive Committee believes that it is in the best interest of the public to continue holding remote meetings during the existing state of emergency in accordance with the requirements of AB 361.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the CCP Executive Committee resolves as follows:

- (1) The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.
- (2) A proclaimed state of emergency exists as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (3) The Local Health Officer recommends that all local legislative bodies that are subject to the Brown Act continue to meet remotely when possible, and that social distancing continues to provide a means by which to reduce the transmission of COVID-19.
- (4) The meeting organizer for the CCP Executive Committee is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution, including implementing social distancing measures at meetings, and conducting meetings in accordance with section 54953(e) of the California Government Code, and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

(5) This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, and shall be effective until the earlier of thirty (30) days from adoption of the Resolution or such time the CCP Executive Committee takes action to extend the time during which it may continue to meet remotely without compliance with section 54953(b)(3) of the California Government Code.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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DAN PRINCE  
Chair, CCP Executive Committee

ATTEST:

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JOSE LUIS RAMIREZ  
Committee Secretary, CCP Executive  
Committee

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

Zoom

**Meeting Minutes**

September 30, 2021

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

The Imperial County Community Corrections Partnership & Executive Board met through the telecommunication service Zoom on Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

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

**Members Absent:** Brian Johnson

**Guest(s):** Elizabeth Sais, Don Gorham, Kevin Arellano, Sgt. Aaron Arreola, Lt. Juan Chavarin, Cpl. Joshua Soucier, Carlos Contreras, Victoria Mansfield, Leticia Plancarte, Jose Luis Ramirez

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**Call to Order:**

Chief Probation Officer Dan Prince welcomed the attending committee members and guests. Chief Dan 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; six of the seven Executive Committee members were in attendance.

**Approval of CCP Meeting Minutes:**

After review of the May 27, 2021 minutes, Sheriff Loera moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Ben Salorio seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

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**Chair Report:**

Chief Dan Prince stated he would defer his report to the Pretrial update presentation, which would occur later in the meeting and cover some of the updates that happened over the summer after the last CCP Executive Meeting.

**Member Reports:**

**a. Imperial County District Attorney's Office – Mr. Gilbert Otero**

Mr. Otero stated he had no major updates to provide.

**b. Imperial County Sheriff's Office – Sheriff Raymond Loera**

Sheriff Loera stated he had no updates at this time.

**c. Department of Social Services – Ms. Veronica Rodriguez**

Ms. Rodriguez stated that her Department is currently working with the Imperial Valley Housing Authority regarding an emergency housing voucher program for homeless individuals and reminded that there is a hotline available for anyone to call if they are homeless and in need of housing.

**d. Imperial County Public Defender's Office – Mr. Ben Salorio**

Mr. Salorio stated that he had nothing new to report.

**e. Imperial County Superior Court – Ms. Maria Rhinehart**

Ms. Rhinehart stated that there were no new updates to provide, but stated that the new courthouse is currently stated to be finished in June 2022.

## **Subcommittee Updates:**

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

Mr. Kevin Arellano provided updates for the CCP Program and Development subcommittee and stated that the Probation Department is still providing services regularly at the Day Reporting Center Monday – Friday from 8 am – 5 pm and on Saturdays from 7:30 am – 12 pm when they host their Sex Offender Counseling Services. Mr. Arellano added that the Department has also been working with local law enforcement agencies for Stonegarden Operations.

Mr. Arellano stated that regarding Pretrial, the Probation Department has been getting many Humphrey’s Reports and Ms. Elizabeth Hester has been working hard to ensure the program runs smoothly. Mr. Arellano noted that the Department has been providing more referrals to assist these individuals and keep them out of custody.

### **b. Training Subcommittee**

Ms. Elizabeth Sais stated that the Training Subcommittee did meet earlier this month regarding the current action item on the agenda for the CNOA Training and recommended that the CCP Executive approve a number of staff to attend. Ms. Sais noted that the CNOA Training item did go through the Budget and Fiscal Subcommittee, where it was reviewed and approved at a cost of \$2352 per person.

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

### **a. Discussion / Approval for the California Narcotics Officers Association’s (CNOA) 57th Annual Training Institute & Law Enforcement Expo held in Reno, Nevada on November 19 – 23, 2021.**

Mr. Arellano presented this item on behalf of the Imperial County Probation Department and stated that this training opportunity would be beneficial to all the CCP agencies if they elect to send staff. Mr. Arellano noted that this training would prepare officers and staff to better serve the community and inform them on a wide number of topics that have become more relevant to Imperial County today. The classes of interest that Mr. Arellano noted would be useful included Use of Force, De-escalation, and Fentanyl. Mr. Arellano asked the CCP Executive Board for at least six staff members between Probation and the Sheriff’s Office to attend.

Chief Prince responded and stated that it could be useful to include other agencies such as the Department of Social Services or Behavioral Health. Mr. Otero noted that the event might be just for law enforcement agencies only and recommended that the Executive Committee look into the registration requirements to be sure. Chief Prince added that he would personally like to attend this training as well since the topics seem to be very important currently and asked that the CCP Executive Committee send one additional staff member to this event.

Sheriff Loera asked if the Committee knew the seven staff members that would be attending this event,

Chief Prince responded and stated that he currently believes it should be easy to fill all seven slots between the Probation Department and the Sheriff’s Office, but if there are issues, then the Executive Committee can motion to approve up to seven instead of seven exactly.

Mr. Otero asked about the no nonstop flights for this event that staff would be taking and Mr. Arellano responded that currently the flight schedule is set up this way because they occur either in very early morning or late at night.

Sheriff Loera asked about the current amount in the Training Budget and Chief Prince noted that he would get with Ms. Debbie Angulo to provide those to the members to the Executive Members as he does not have that number right now, but believes that there should not be an issue covering the expenses of this item.

Mr. Gilbert Otero motioned to approve up to seven staff members to attend this training; Sheriff Loera seconded the motion; the motioned carried.



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

### **a. Imperial County Sheriff's Office – Inmate Fire Crew Update**

Sgt. Arron Arreola stated that he recently received word from an individual that had been in custody for over 2 years who had been actively enrolled in IVC courses while in custody and recently got employment in Oregon to help fight against the fires occurring in that area which has helped him turn his life around.

Cpl. Soucier stated that since the start of the year the AB109 work crew has worked 2817 hours. Cpl. Soucier reported that the Sheriff's Office has 32 AB109 sentenced inmates, 24 males and 8 females, and their Pretrial services specialists have interviewed 675 inmates and only 8 have been eligible for OR release since the start of the year.

### **b. Imperial County Behavioral Health – Leticia Plancarte**

Ms. Plancarte provided an update for their Crisis Core Response Team and stated that for this fiscal year, they received 41 calls that came from El Centro and the Sheriff's Office and they have increased their hours of operation by an additional 2 hours, now ending at 10 pm at night. Ms. Plancarte noted that the CCR Team was able to take over 85% of the calls they received and only 6 individuals were placed under a 5150 hold by law enforcement agencies and added that the agency has also partnered with the Public Health Department to reduce the amount of time law enforcement is involved with taking in individuals and getting them cleared for Covid testing. Ms. Plancarte noted that the agency has also just been awarded a \$5 million grant for a program that will be called CASA Serena that will help individuals who need support but don't qualify for a 5150 respite care.

Ms. Victoria Mansfield added that the SUD Program received 12 admissions to residential programs and in July they received seven court orders for SUD evaluations, three in August, and four in September. Currently they are still working with the MAT Program at the jail and recently did a visit with ABC to establish a program.

### **c. SMART Recovery - Don Gorham**

Mr. Gorham stated that the program is doing well and is providing services through four zoom classes and three face-to-face groups, which are located in El Centro, Brawley, and Salton City. Mr. Gorham noted that the program is looking to expand into Calexico and restart the co-occurring group as well. Mr. Gorham added that he believes that the topic regarding Fentanyl discussed earlier will be important as there are people getting caught with the substance in Imperial County.

### **d. Geo Group – Carlos Contreras**

Mr. Contreras stated that the program currently has 69 participants enrolled and has been back to utilizing groups sessions again. Mr. Contreras added that the program is also providing bus passes to assist individuals in attending their sessions so they don't have any excuses for missing. Mr. Contreras announced that on October 20 they will be hosting a DRC Collaborative to showcase the programs and services and will invite the CCP Executive members.

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## **Public Comment:**

There were no public comments provided during this meeting.

## **Adjournment:**

Chief Prince adjourned the meeting 10:05 a.m. The next Community Corrections Partnership and Executive Board meeting is scheduled to occur on October 28, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. through Zoom.

DAN PRINCE  
Chief Probation Officer

Elizabeth V. Sais  
Chief Probation Officer

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## PROBATION DEPARTMENT

October 20, 2021

Subject: APPA Annual Training

Below is the breakdown and approximate cost of the APPA training to be held in Atlanta January 29<sup>th</sup> through February 2nd. We are requesting that Probation staff along with staff from the various CCP Executive Board agencies be approved to attend the training.

Registration	\$395.00 per person	\$395.00
Flight	\$444.96 per person	\$444.96 per person (Roundtrip) Estimate
Per Diem	\$ 74.00 per person per day	\$296.00 (5 days) Estimate
Lodging	\$152 per room per night/plus taxes & fees	\$725.12 (5 days) w/taxes & fees Estimate

**Total Estimated Cost Per Person: \$1,861.08**

# APPA's 2022 Winter Training Institute

## Atlanta, Georgia\* | January 30 – February 2, 2022

APPA training institutes provide attendees with learning opportunities, which emphasize skill building and enhance career development. Workshop will include activities, audience participation, new skills, and new research for the field of community corrections. Participants of this training include community corrections professionals in the fields of pretrial, probation, parole, reentry, program and treatment providers, judiciary, criminal justice researches, educators, and more.

APPA is excited to provide this platform for quality practitioners who are focused on improving their core competencies, understanding what works in the field, embracing education and training, and continually updating their skills. All are essential to the success of this crucial work, and it all rests firmly on the foundation of belief that this industry has significant impact on public safety.

\*Renaissance Atlanta Waverly Hotel & Convention Center

### APPA's Winter Training Institute Presentations Planned:

**Possible presentations will include:**

**COMMUNITY SUPERVISION:** Agency operations and supervision or decision-making for those who are on probation or parole and related case planning, assessments, reporting, and interventions.

**GENDER ISSUES AND DIVERSITY:** Addresses supervising and/or working with individuals with various gender identities including multi-cultural and multi-generational workforces.

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS:** Stress management and vicarious trauma for professionals in the field and office.

**INTERNATIONAL:** Community corrections issues, including but not limited to advancing practices, administrative/policy innovations, juvenile and family justice innovations, restorative justice, and behavioral health from an international standpoint.

**JUDICIAL:** Community corrections professionals working within a court system and policies and procedures related to courts.

**JUVENILE JUSTICE:** Issues, programs, and policies dealing with individuals under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

**LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT:** Professional development for executive and middle management.

**LOCAL ISSUES:** Programs and policies specific to an agency or jurisdiction in close proximity to the training site.

**MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE:** Working with individuals with mental health or substance abuse issues.

**PRETRIAL:** Agency operations and/or the supervision of defendants prior to trial or court adjudication or in diversion programs.

**PREVENTION:** Lowering recidivism, programs to prevent crime and re-offending, and restorative justice.

**REENTRY:** Planning and programming for individuals released from prisons, jails, or residential placement.

**REFORM:** The reduction of recidivism through structural change to the community corrections field.

**RESEARCH/EBP:** Presentation of data collection and analysis, evidence-based practices outcomes, and programs.

**SAFETY:** Safety for professionals in the field and office.

**TECHNOLOGY:** Tools used for supervision, monitoring, and testing.

**TRIBAL ISSUES:** Addresses issues related to planning for home reentry programs and barriers for tribal probation officers in Indian country.

**VETERANS ISSUES:** Issues related to veterans who have become involved in the criminal justice system, including mental health issues, substance abuse, PTSD, and how supervision and treatment should be specialized to this population.

**VICTIMS' ISSUES:** Victims, restitution, offenders as victims, Prison Rape Elimination Act, Human Trafficking Prevention Act, and Violence Against Women Act.

# Event Info



## 2022 Winter Training Institute - Atlanta

**Date(s):**

January 30 – February 2, 2022

**Venue:**

📍 ([https://www.google.com/maps/place/2450 Galleria Parkway+Atlanta + GA+30339](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2450+Galleria+Parkway+Atlanta+GA+30339)) Renaissance Atlanta Waverly Hotel & Convention Center (<https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1621623280981&key=GRP>)

**Website:**

*coming soon!*

**Notes:**

**Fee(s):**

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### In-Person Rates

Student Member: \$195

Individual Member: \$345

Agency Member: \$395

Non-member: \$460

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[Download Registration Form \(Training/TI-W22.pdf\)](#)  
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