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11:26 am, Nov 29, 2022

**IMPERIAL COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP (CCP)  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 01, 2022**

**Zoom Meeting**

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**Zoom Meeting Information:**

**Meeting ID:** 852 8042 7239

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**Dial-In:** 1-669-900-6833

**Web Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85280427239?pwd=NHFITW1kb2xkDV3hlZlUwZjFIOWVadz09>

**1. Call to Order**

- a. Roll Call
- b. Approval of resolution for continued use of remote meetings in accordance within the provisions of State Assembly Bill 361
- c. Approval of CCP Executive Meeting Minutes from September 29, 2022
- d. Approval of CCP Executive Meeting Minutes from October 27, 2022

**2. Chair's Report**

**3. Member Updates**

- a. District Attorney's Office – Mr. Gilbert Otero
- b. Sheriff's Office – Sheriff Raymond Loera
- c. Behavioral Health Services – Ms. Leticia Plancarte-Garcia
- d. Public Defender's Office – Mr. Ben Salorio
- e. Imperial Police Department – Chief Leonard Barra
- f. Superior Court – Ms. Maria Rhinehart

**4. Subcommittee Reports**

- a. Program & Development
  - ❖ Pre Trial Updates

**5. Presentation(s):**

- a. Adult Reentry Summit Event Follow Up

**6. Discussion(s):**

- a. Community Corrections Partnership Plan Update FY 22-23

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

- a. Imperial County Sheriff's Office
- b. Imperial County Behavioral Health
- c. Imperial County Probation Department
- d. Geo Group
- e. SMART Recovery

**Meeting Convenes**

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

**Website:**

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

f. Additional Updates

**8. Public Comment** – *Limited to items that are not on the agenda. Members of the public may speak at this time on any issues of interest to the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP). Comments may also be emailed to [joseramirez@co.imperial.ca.us](mailto:joseramirez@co.imperial.ca.us) to be read during this period.*

**9. Adjournment / Next Meeting**



# 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

**December 01, 2022**

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 remote 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.

**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**

Imperial County Administration Building  
Conference Room C & D

**Meeting Minutes**  
September 29, 2022  
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

The Imperial County Community Corrections Partnership & Executive Board met at the County Administration Building Conference Rooms C & D on Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

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**Members Present:** Dan Prince, Ben Salorio, Maria Rhinehart, Fred Miramontes, Leticia Plancarte-Garcia, Leonard Barra

**Members Absent:** Gilbert Otero

**Guests:** Aaron Arreola, Sergio Romero, Juan Chavarin, Gabriela Jimenez, Victoria Mansfield, Maria Ruiz, Elizabeth Sais, Fernandez Jimenez, Carlos Contreras, Jose Luis Ramirez

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**Call to Order:**

Chief Dan Prince welcomed the attending members and guests and called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

**Approval of CCP Meeting Minutes:**

**a. Approval of CCP Executive Meeting Minutes from May 26, 2022.**

After review of the May 26, 2022, Mr. Salorio moved to approve the minutes as written; Ms. Rhinehart seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

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**Chair Report:**

**a. Recognition of service for Division Manager Kevin Arellano**

Chief Prince stated that Mr. Arellano had been reassigned as the Division Manager for the Juvenile Unit of the Probation Department and wanted to thank him for his service as the chair for the Program & Development subcommittee.

**b. Welcoming Division Manager Fernando Jimenez**

Chief Prince welcomed Division Manager Fernando Jimenez as the returning chair for the Program & Development subcommittee and stated he looked forward to his future contributions to the CCP.

**Introductions:**

**a. Chief Leonard Barra**

Chief Prince introduced the City of Imperial Chief of Police Leonard Barra who would be taking over for Chief Brian Johnson.

**b. Leticia Plancarte-Garcia**

Chief Prince introduced the Behavioral Health Director Leticia Plancarte-Garcia who would be taking over for Ms. Veronica Rodriguez.

**Member Reports:**

**a. Imperial County Sheriff – Raymond Loera**

Chief Benavidez stated that the agency was working to establish the CalAIM project and would involve many of the agencies and organizations here.

Lt. Chavarin stated that Inside/Out was one of the programs that had restarted and currently have 15 inside students and 15 outside students participating.

Sgt. Arreola added that other programs are restarted as well and stated that they currently have workers going out again and providing community service. Sgt. Arreola introduced Cpl. Sergio Romero and stated he has been assigned to the Day Reporting Center.

#### **b. Imperial County Behavioral Health Services – Leticia Plancarte-Garcia**

Ms. Plancarte-Garcia announced that Ms. Gabriella Jimenez had been recently promoted to the Assistant Director of Behavioral Health.

Ms. Plancarte-Garcia added that they would be hosting the World Mental Health Conference at IVC, which would focus on promoting agencies that can help students with mental health issues and reduce the stigma around mental health.

#### **c. Imperial County Public Defender – Ben Salorio**

Mr. Salorio stated that he didn't have any major updates to provide, but wanted to note that the Governor's Office recently signed the CARES Act which is targeted towards getting homeless people off the streets. Mr. Salorio added that this program would need to be implemented by 2024 and that it would involve all the CCP agencies.

Ms. Plancarte-Garcia added that Behavioral Health has also been paying attention to this legislation and has been looking at how other counties are currently handling the program. Ms. Plancarte-Garcia noted that one of the main challenges for Imperial County would be related to the housing requirements.

Chief Prince asked Mr. Salorio about some of the concerns regarding the program and Mr. Salorio stated that he personally believes there needs to be a balance between collective rights and community good regarding this new program. Chief Prince added that there has been discussion among the Chief Probation Officers regarding who will be responsible for the facilitation of these services and enforcement of these CARE court orders.

#### **d. Imperial County Superior Court – Maria Rhinehart**

Ms. Maria Rhinehart stated that the new court building has a completion date of March 2023 and added that Judge Domenzain would be sworn in this upcoming Friday at 4 p.m.

### **Subcommittee Reports:**

#### **a. Program & Development**

Mr. Jimenez stated that the Program & Development subcommittee met about the Adult Re-Entry Summit on the today's agenda and discussed the growth at the Day Reporting Center. Mr. Jimenez added that the Pretrial program is continuing to receive assessments and referrals from the courts on a regular basis.

#### **b. Budget & Fiscal**

Chief Prince stated that Mr. Romero was out currently but that the Budget and Fiscal Subcommittee had met earlier this month about the current item on agenda.

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

- a. Discussion & Approval for Imperial County Probation Department's Adult Re-Entry Summit to be held on November 9 , 2022 at the Day Reporting Center for \$9,000.**



Mr. Jimenez presented this item on behalf of the Probation Department and stated that the last time this event had been held was before covid. Mr. Jimenez added that the Probation Department has met with varying agencies to discuss the event and they believed it would be a good time to bring it back. Mr. Jimenez stated that the funding would be used to cover tables, chairs, a possible DJ, and the guest speaker Noel Gugliemi. Mr. Jimenez also thanked GEO for providing the food and the Sheriff's Office for providing their Chuck Wagon for the event.

Ms. Rhinehart motioned to approve the budget for this item; Ms. Plancarte-Garcia seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

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

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

Undersheriff Miramontes stated there were no additional updates to provide.

### **b. Imperial County Behavioral Health Services**

Ms. Victoria Mansfield stated that from July to September, the agency received 20 referrals from Probation and 5 referrals from AB 109 and none were screened out. Ms. Mansfield added that they received 36 court ordered referrals and 24 clients admitted to residential treatment. Ms. Mansfield noted that all the Foundations in Recovery beds are currently occupied and there is currently a waiting list.

Ms. Gabriella Jimenez stated that Behavioral Health is working on promoting their Harm Reduction Strategies and wanted to bring awareness to the CCP about Behavioral Health's participation in a Naloxone distribution project. Ms. Jimenez stated that they train all SUD staff on how to administer this treatment to help prevent overdoses and distributes the Naloxone to clients that may be at risk or overdose. Ms. Jimenez wanted to encourage other county agencies to be part of this program and would be willing to provide information and kits to interested agencies.

Ms. Maria Ruiz stated that Behavioral Health received a grant that allowed them to place another staff member at the county jail to provide additional services. Ms. Ruiz added that they are currently serving 21 people at the jail and are operating 5 MRT groups, 3 male groups and 2 female groups. Ms. Ruiz noted that they are also processing 8 referrals to the CESS program and 17 active cases under AB109.

### **c. Imperial County Probation Department**

Ms. Elizabeth Sais stated that regarding the Training Subcommittee, that they will continue to be held through zoom and if there are any training opportunities to submit them

### **d. Geo Group**

Mr. Carlos Contreras stated that GEO is doing well and have been reviewing their evidence-based practices. Mr. Contreras noted that they have noticed that many of their participants are coming in with mental health issues and have been referring them to Behavioral Health, which seems to positively influencing them and getting them to participate more in the GEO programs.

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### **Public Comment:**

There were no public comments made at this meeting.

### **Adjournment:**

Chief Prince adjourned the meeting 10:30 a.m. The next CCP Executive Board meeting would be scheduled to occur on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 9:30 am.

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

Imperial County Administration Building  
Conference Room C & D

**Meeting Minutes**

October 27, 2022  
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

The Imperial County Community Corrections Partnership & Executive Board met at the County Administration Building Conference Rooms C & D on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

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**Members Present:** Ben Salorio

**Members Absent:** Gilbert Otero, Dan Prince, Maria Rhinehart, Raymond Loera, Leticia Plancarte-Garcia, Leonard Barra

**Guests:** Carlos Contreras, Don Gorham, Sergio Romero, Aaron Arreola, Juan Chavarin, Elizabeth Sais, Fernando Jimenez, Marcus Romero, Maria Ruiz, Victoria Mansfield, Robert Benavidez, Jose Luis Ramirez

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**Call to Order:**

Assistant Chief Elizabeth Sais welcomed the attending members and guests and called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**Approval of CCP Meeting Minutes:**

**a. Approval of CCP Executive Meeting Minutes from September 29, 2022.**

Approval of the previous meeting minutes was postponed for the next CCP Executive Board meeting.

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**Chair Report:**

Ms. Sais stated that she would be leading this meeting in place of Chair Dan Prince and wanted to remind everyone that the Adult Reentry Summit would be occurring on November 9 and to reach out to the Probation Department if any agency was still interested in reserving a booth for the event.

**Member Reports:**

**a. Imperial County Sheriff's Office**

Lt. Chavarin stated that they did not have any major updates to provide at this time, and due to some recent COVID-19 surges within the jail, the workgroups are currently staying in quarantine for the time being. Lt. Chavarin added that they would be providing some stats next month for the groups.

**b. Imperial County Behavioral Health Services**

Ms. Maria Ruiz provided some information about groups being facilitated at the jail and stated they are currently servicing 60 clients at the Day Reporting Center and there are 16 clients receiving services from Mr. Hugo Jimenez. In addition, they are still facilitating two MRT groups at the jail with 4 individuals each, two Trauma Informed Care groups with 12 individuals enrolled between the groups, and four Community Skills groups.

Ms. Victoria Mansfield provided information about the SUD program, and stated they received 15 referrals with 12 being admitted into the program. Ms. Mansfield added they received 8 court ordered assessments and completed 3 of them so far. In addition, they currently have 7 clients in residential treatment and all Foundations in Recovery beds are currently occupied.

**c. Imperial County Public Defender – Ben Salorio**

Mr. Salorio stated that they didn't have any major updates to provide, but there are currently in the process of recruiting a new Assistant Public Defender and will try to bring them to the next meeting if possible.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

### **a. Program & Development**

Mr. Fernando Jimenez stated that the Pretrial Services Unit completed 42 Humphrey Reports, had 12 Supervised Own Recognizance, 3 Own Recognizance, and 1 Bail Review Assessment last month.

Mr. Jimenez reported that the Program & Development subcommittee met earlier this month regarding the Adult Reentry Summit event where they ironed out some last minute details and adjusted the scheduling of the event to allow more time for attendees to visit the booths and attend the workshops. Mr. Jimenez added that he wanted to thank all the working partners to assisting with the event preparations and thanked Mr. Contreras and Geo for preparing and providing the food. Mr. Jimenez noted they are currently expecting about 350 people to show up and believe it will be a successful event.

### **Presentation(s):**

#### **a. Partnership between ICBHS SUD Treatment and Probation**

Mr. Jimenez stated that the Probation Department has been in talks with ICBHS' SUD program to help streamline the communication between the two agencies regarding Probation clients enrolled into the SUD program. Mr. Jimenez added that they would be assigning Deputy Probation Officer Wendy Betancourt as the liaison between the two agencies and would be trialing this program out to see its impact.

Ms. Mansfield added that so far this new partnership is working well and making things much easier.

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

#### **a. SMART Recovery**

Mr. Don Gorham stated that the program is doing well with its four face-to-face groups and is still working to promote the groups and hoping to start another group in Calexico.

#### **b. Geo Group**

Mr. Carlos Contreras stated that GEO increased the number of participants from last month and now has 60 people enrolled. Mr. Contreras added that they are looking to have a graduation event in January once they get approval from the Public Health Department. Mr. Contreras noted that they are currently reviewing their programming and have been looking to add a Family Reunification program.

#### **c. Probation**

Mr. Marcus Romero stated that he just received the first quarter billing and wanted to know if this committee would be interested in receiving a report. Ms. Sais added that it would be a good idea to provide that information, and Mr. Romero stated that he would try to bring a report for the next meeting.

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### **Public Comment:**

There were no public comments made at this meeting.

### **Adjournment:**

Ms. Sais adjourned the meeting 10:07 a.m. The next CCP Executive Board meeting was scheduled to occur on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at 9:30 am.