

# SONOMA COUNTY

## PROBATION DEPARTMENT

David M. Koch  
Chief Probation Officer



### Community Corrections Partnership Meeting Minutes May 23, 2022, 3:30 PM

#### 1. Welcome

Meeting called to order at 3:35 p.m.

#### 2. Introductions

##### **CCP Members In Attendance:**

Dave Koch, Chief Probation Officer  
Brian Morris, Public Defender  
Michael Merchen, Sheriff's Office (proxy  
for Sheriff Essick)  
Chief Savano, Petaluma PD  
Georgia Ioakimedes, SCOE  
Sid McColley, Behavioral Health  
Nick Klein, CAO  
Katie Greaves, Human Services  
Commissioner English, Courts  
Dana Alvarez, CA Human Development

##### **Also In Attendance:**

Lisalinn Williams, Probation  
Wardell Anderson, Probation  
Brad Hecht, Probation  
Arin Travis, Probation  
Darren Fravel, Probation  
Sam Feld, Probation  
Chris Williams, Probation  
Shannon Peterson, Probation  
Lori LaFlores, Probation  
Chad McMasters, Sheriff's Office  
Connie Newton, Sheriff's Office  
Steve Fabian, Public Defender's Office

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### 3. New Executive Committee Members—Chief Koch

Welcome Jan Cobaleda-Kegler as the new Behavioral Health Director and a new member of the CCP.

Presiding Judge Averill announced the hiring of a new Court Executive Officer, Robert Oliver. He'll be serving on the executive committee of the CCP beginning next month.

### 4. Approval of Minutes

Koch: <b>Aye</b>	
Morris: <b>Aye</b>	
Savano: <b>Aye</b>	
McColley: <b>Aye</b>	

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Approved.

### 5. Pre-Trial Annual Report Presentation—Samantha Feld

Report focus:

- Presents program data on the booking, assessment and release processes, in addition to key program outcomes
- Time period: July 2020 (start of the Pretrial Pilot Program) through December 2021 with additional analyses examining trends since the start of the pretrial program in Sonoma County (FY 2015-16)
- Examines program changes that went into effect under the Pretrial Pilot:
  - o Adoption of the Public Safety Assessment
  - o Shifted responsibility of assessments from Sheriff to Probation
  - o Expanded opportunity for release to the pre-arraignment period 7 days/week
  - o Transitioned to an electronic process for the completion and review of the assessments in addition to the release decision process
  - o Revised pretrial monitoring policies to ensure the least restrictive monitoring practices are used
  - o Enhanced the court date reminder systems (texts, Spanish-language reminders)

Key takeaways

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- Sonoma County successfully implemented a number of policies and practices to strengthen the pretrial system
- Since the start of the pretrial pilot in July 2020, 74% of all individuals who terminated Pretrial monitoring made all Court appearances, and 85% remained arrest-free
- The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the pretrial system, including the average length of stay on pretrial monitoring
- A decline in the use of monetary bail suggests that fewer people are being held in-custody simply because they cannot afford to post monetary bail
- Data suggests opportunities for program and system improvement: High volume of individuals on pretrial monitoring without an assessment and frequent deviation from the release conditions matrix reveals opportunity in increased use of risk-based decision-making
- Data reflects differences in how gender and racial/ethnic groups experience the pretrial system, including disproportionate representation of people of color, most notably at the front-end of the system

## **6. Budget Update (May Revise)—Dave and Brad**

State Budget reports billions in surplus and the May revise was favorable toward probation and particularly, AB 109.

Changes from January 2022 Proposed Budget to May Revise:

1. FY 22-23 growth increased from \$1.0M to \$1.9M\*
  - a. DA/PD increased from \$94k to \$172k\*
2. FY 23-24 growth increased from \$0.6M to \$0.8M\*
  - a. DA/PD increased from \$57k to \$76k\*
3. FY 22-23 base increased from \$15.5M to \$16.7M
  - a. DA/PD increased from \$635k to \$773k
4. FY 23-24 base increased from \$16.4M to \$17.9M
  - a. DA/PD increased from \$671k to \$773k

\* after 10% to Local Innovation Subaccount

Risks to Projections

- Inflation
- Federal Reserve monetary policy
- COVID-19
- Global supply chain disruptions
- Our assumed local percentage of growth could be inaccurate (0.61% to 6.31% historically)

## **7. Program Funding Proposals**

Chief Koch to committee members: Begin to consider funding or restoring programs that were previously cut. Please submit any requests for the next CCP meeting.

## **8. Analyst Recognition—Dave**

Brad Hecht has accepted a promotion with Human Services. Brad has brought a rigorous level of budget management with accurate projections, monitoring and analysis. The committee has appreciated your funding advice; anticipating challenges and how to resolve those challenges

while meeting the bottom line and operating in the black. Thank you, Brad for years of contributions to the department and this committee.

Our department analyst, Lori LaFlores, will move into Brad's position. Welcome, Lori.

**9. Future Meetings—June 27, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.**

The above scheduled meeting is scheduled via WebEx.

**10. Public Comment on items not on agenda**

Chief Koch: Moving forward, we will include, as a standard agenda item, "Announcements"

Chief Savano: Thank you to Brad Hecht for all your service and welcome to Lori.

Commissioner English: Praise to the probation team for all your efforts on the pretrial program annual report. The Pretrial Pilot Program has been such a success and our efforts were noticed at the State level when SB 129 came out. Several probation departments throughout the state have contacted Chief Koch to inquire about how we accomplished what we did in Sonoma County. The Judicial Council of CA who funded the Pretrial Program has visited Sonoma County on several occasions and asked that we advise other counties. We are proud that we are the model for Pretrial.

Sid McColley: Our new behavioral health director, Jan Cobaleda-Kegler starts tomorrow and will attend the next CCP meeting.

Chief Koch: Thank you, Sid and we appreciate all that you have done since Bill retired.

Meeting closed at 4:01 p.m.

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