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CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER

**Community Corrections Partnership
Meeting Minutes**
June 26, 2023, 3:30 PM

1. **Welcome**

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

2. **Introductions**

CCP Members In Attendance:

Vanessa Fuchs, Chief Probation Officer
Carla Rodriguez, District Attorney
Brian Morris, Public Defender
Melissa Parimeter, Sheriff's Office
(proxy for Sheriff Engram)
Judge Averill, Courts
Jan Cobaleda-Kegler, Behavioral Health
Rocio Torres-Murphy, Victim's Services
Katie Graves, Human Services

Also In Attendance:

Lisalinn Williams, Probation
Wardell Anderson, Probation
Darren Fravel, Probation
Brad Hecht, Probation
Shannon Petersen, Probation
Christina Sullivan, Probation
Alison Lobb, Probation
Tory Callaway, Sheriff's Office
Kate Jenkins, Friends Outside
Brian Staebell, District Attorney's Office
Shane Lewis, District Attorney's Office

3. Approval of Minutes

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| Fuchs: Aye | Rodriguez: Aye |
| Cobaleda-Kegler: Aye | Parimeter: Aye |
| Morris: Aye | |
| Averill: Aye | |

May 22, 2023, Minutes
Approved.

4. Behavior Response System (BRS) Implementation Data—Shannon Petersen

(handout)

Shannon Petersen presented.

Behavior Response System (BRS) is a matrix that helps officers use risk and severity of violation as an objective way of weighing responses to violation behaviors. There are two grids—one for violation behavior and one for pro-social behaviors.

A discussion ensued.

Brian Staebell, DA’s Office expressed concern (and reiterated the opposition the DA’s Office raised during the onset of BRS) surrounding the use of the BRS matrix for the 290 sex offender population.

Shannon Petersen pointed out that while the sex offenders are included, they are the highest level, which would require at least a court appearance and will allow you to use the highest levels of response. There are no informal sanctions—there’s a differentiation between using the grid to inform what the recommendation will be in court—that’s the intent—but they’re still filing the formal violation in court. Essentially, we use the BRS to shape the recommendation.

It’s the position of the DA’s Office that it’s highly unlikely they will agree to the BRS recommendations as it pertains to 290’s.

5. CCP Plan Update—Brad Hecht & Christina Sullivan

The CCP draft plan will be sent to committee members for review, and your edits will be incorporated. When we convene in August, a discussion and vote will take place. The Plan will then go before the Board of Supervisors on October 3rd. The Plan will then be submitted by December 15th to the Board of State and Community Corrections, along with the annual survey. In exchange, Sonoma County will receive 150k allocation.

Some highlights of the Plan:

- BRS
- Warrant reengagement efforts
- Pretrial

Committee Members: Please submit your highlights and edits to Christina Sullivan.

6. Bylaws Discussion Continued—Chief Fuchs

Chief Fuchs: She surveyed other agency chiefs across the state and 45/58 chiefs responded.

- 28/45 allow proxies.
- Of those 28/25 allow voting rights, with variations.
- If no proxies are sent, are there specific people who are allowed to send a proxy? One county only allows the Court to send a proxy. Another county said a police chief can only send a proxy. And the other few said their proxies are not allowed to vote.
- 6/45 counties have a vice chair.
- Non-executive members take action? 43/45 do not.

Previous Notes from May Meeting:

The committee began a discussion on clarification and updates to the current CCP bylaws. Items up for discussion:

- First person language
- Hybrid option?
- Public comment time change.
- Chair and Vice-Chair, in lieu of proxies?
- Proxy parameters?

A brief discussion ensued. The committee agreed to further this discussion at the next CCP meeting after Chief Fuchs completes a bylaw draft.

7. Future Meetings

July 31, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. at 370 Administration Drive, Santa Rosa. (Will likely be cancelled)

8. Announcements

None.

9. Public comment on items not on the agenda

None.

Meeting closed at 4:30 p.m.

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