

Criminal Justice Health Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2010

Present Susan Adams, Kim Turner, David Augustus, Ed Berberian, Bruce Gurganus, Eric Engelbart, Michael Mesmer, Mariano Zamudio; Marsha Grant, Julie Van Winkle, Paula Glodowski, Roberta English, Robyn Roberts, Laura Kantorowski, Susannah Clark

Meeting Schedule for 2011: January 26; April 27; July 27; October 26

Note: the CJBH committee meets quarterly on the 4th Wednesday.

9:35 Meeting called to order by Chair Supervisor Adams

- I. **Welcome And Introduction**
- II. **Minutes of July 21, 2010 meeting approved**
- III. **Updates and Discussion**

Jail reentry: Dave Augustus will bring data to the next meeting on the jail reentry program. BACR and Mental Health continue to work with those scheduled for release and connecting them with community based organizations. The Pretrial release program is currently on hold due to funding. Kim Turner reported that they are looking at products and private providers that allow defendants to be released prior to trial with a bracelet that tracks their movements. The defendant pays the cost, between \$6 and \$35 per day. Court administration is currently working on the forms necessary for this feature to be implemented.

Family Violence Court: Kim Turner reported that Judge D'Opal is handing off FVC to the Felony Department due to the need for security. New assignments: FVC is going to Judge Ritchie; Prop 36/ADC is going to Sweets; STAR to Simmons; Juvenile DC to Goldfein.

Domestic Violence Coordinative Council: Ed Berberian said that things seem to be improving; everyone is working effectively together. They are still awaiting the Court to participate and Kim said that they are processing this and someone will soon be on board.

Youth Courts: Kim said that are concerns in the Court about the impacts of the Y's reduction in funding and staffing for the administration of this program. Don Carney is trying to run the whole program singlehandedly. The Y is responsive and trying to identify some partners to help fund this administrative function.

Adult Drug Court/Prop 36: Paula Glodowski reported that the grant writer, David Abramson, has been extremely successful in bringing funding to Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts, through SAMSA, \$325,000 for each of 3 years for each program. In addition, Adult Drug Court will benefit from a Bureau of Justice Assistance grant of \$100,000 per year for three years. All of this was providential since Prop 36 funding was lined out by the Governor. These Collaborative Courts Grants support the collaboration of Superior Court, the Public Defender, the District Attorney, Probation, Health and Human Services and community based providers.

STAR and Mental Health Programs: David Augustus reported that STAR funding still seemed to be OK and the program continues as planned. Bruce Gurganus said that they have improved access to mental health services in the jail. David would like to get special training for his staff. In psych emergency, they are adding a telemedicine service which expands the availability of licensed professional staff around the clock. Bruce also reported that the Mental Health Board recently voted to support the implementation of Laura's Law in Marin County. It is estimated that this would be at a cost of \$300,000 for the first year, in mental health services alone.

Homelessness issues: Julie Van Winkle reported (supplemented by written report from Lisa Sepahi) that St. Vincent's is facilitating the congregations providing *shelter* for the homeless through the winter season. Paul Gaffney, the interfaith street chaplain, will be managing the sheltering program. It is scheduled to cover Dec. 1-March 31, serving 35 men and 20 women each night. Sites will not be low-barrier and will not take anyone who is severely intoxicated. Screening protocols, interviews and health triage are part of the nightly intake process. Health screening will include lice, bedbugs, scabies, TB, and no one will be admitted in the shelter with these conditions. Medical respite beds (2-4) are available for persons with contagious illness and other severe conditions. Julie also mentioned that the *Point In Time Homeless Count* is scheduled for January 27, which will count an unduplicated census of unsheltered homeless and persons residing in shelter and transitional housing. It also includes persons at risk of losing their housing and the precariously housed. For outreach, we are seeking the wide range of organizations who touch the lives of the homeless and are interested in participating. Providers in 2009 participated by asking anyone visiting their agency on the day of the count to complete a survey. The 2009 Point in Time Count Report is available at the Continuum of Care website: www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/HH/Main/coc/. **Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program:** 128 Households provided rental assistance to prevent homelessness; 46 Homeless households rapidly re-housed; the program has spent down over 50% of the 3 year stimulus grant.

Transition Age Youth: Bruce Gurganus reported that mental health services are available to TAY through Huckleberry Youth Programs and Novato Youth Center. He also mentioned that mental health counselors have been working with the schools around the recent suicides, providing youth and family team support.

Update on Budget Impacts:

Bruce Gurganus: Impacts on children's mental health services the County provides in schools. State action switches mandates to school districts (unfunded). He is talking to Office of Education and Special Ed—possible that districts will buy services from the County or provide the services themselves. Advocates have filed suit and legislators are trying to put together enough votes to override veto.

Paula Glodowski: Prop 36 was lined out by the Governor, however, drug courts did not get hit. They are contracting services out for people with dual diagnosis. Put out to bid--case management to BACR; outreach to safety net population to Centerpoint; outpatient services to Centerpoint.

Mariano Zamudio: Probation programs are tied to Vehicle License Fee until 2011, so state funding pretty much left them alone except that VLF came in less than expected (75%).

Kim Turner: Judicial Council is meeting to finalize budget. Courts lost \$2.3 million last year \$1 million of which was restored this year. They are doing a little recruiting but are being cautious. They expect more impacts are coming down the pike.

Report on Grand Jury Response to Report on Domestic Violence: Eric Englebart reported on the County response. The BOS recognizes that domestic violence is the No. 1 crime in Marin. The response notes budget shortfalls and the need for the County to work with community partners, cities and towns to address the issues. Mike Mesmer noted that there are low cost/no cost ways to have an impact. The County needs to set goals around family violence. There are departments for child and adult protective services—why not a department on DV? Can the DVCC put together an annual report on domestic violence: the number arrested, number charged, number on probation, number in treatment, and the statistics on recidivism. The data should be made more public. We need to have ways to understand how effective our efforts are.

Announcements:

Kim Turner announced that a *DUI court* will be held at Terra Linda High on January 12 or 13. A question was raised if sessions of Domestic Violence Court might also be held in local high schools.

Regarding the recent *teen suicides* in San Rafael, Mary Jane Burke and the Office of Education will be putting together a task force to look at teen suicides and drug use. Supervisor Adams mentioned the impacts of the kinds of “cocktails” teens are putting together that include various drugs and substances that drain the body of dopamines and that the teens are becoming more dangerously depressed. MCOE's website has a list of resources:

<http://199.88.112.8/SchoolLawB2/SuicidePrevention/SuicidePreventionGateway.htm>

Children's Health Initiative: Supervisor Adams reported that fortunately as the State defunded CHI, Partnership Health Plan has agreed to cover CHI for Marin's children. The health care providers will be fiscal partners.

Open Table: Susannah Clark reported on a new strategy to help people out of homelessness which has been initiated in the faith community, led by Pastor Steve Henderson of Lucas Valley Community Church. This program is based on the model created by Jon Katov in Maricopa County, AZ. Several congregations have committed to

hosting a table to help a family out of homelessness. For more information, you can read the article on page 7 of Supervisor Adams' newsletter:

http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/bs/main/sups/sdistr1/docs/November_2010.pdf

Agenda items for next meeting:

Transition Age Youth (Heather Ravani)

Jail Reentry Program Data (David Augustus)

Notes by Susannah Clark

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