

# COUNTYWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF THE MARCH 21, 2007 MEETING

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

500 West Temple Street, Room 739

Los Angeles, California 90012

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Zev Yaroslavsky, Chair  
Cynthia Banks  
Steve Cooley  
Janice Fukai  
Anthony Hernandez  
Gabriella Holt  
Jeanne Kennedy  
Loretta Martin  
Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran  
Dennis Tafoya  
Adam Torres  
Michael Tynan  
Margaret York

### ALTERNATES

Kenneth Brazile for Larry Waldie  
Ed Brekke for John Clarke  
R. Doyle Campbell for Lee Baca  
Dardy Chen for J. Stephen Czuleger  
Dave Davies for Robert Taylor  
Victor Davis for J. Stephen Tidwell\*  
Rudy Diaz for Michael Nash\*  
Xiomara Flores-Holguin for Trish Ploehn  
Briane Grey for Ralph Partridge  
Pamela Hamanaka for Edmund Brown  
Robert Kalunian for Michael Judge  
David Lindsay for William Bratton\*  
Sally Meloch for George Cardona  
William Montgomery for Dave Lambertson  
Steven Olivas for Antonio Villaraigosa  
Robert Philibosian for Ronald Ikejiri  
Wilson Poon for Karen Sisson  
Buren Simmons for David Brewer  
Warren Stanley for Gary Dominguez  
Annette Starks for John Torres\*  
Wayne Sugita for Jonathan Fielding\*  
Gordon Trask for Ray Fortner

\*Not a designated alternate

### MEMBERS NOT PRESENT OR REPRESENTED

Mark Arnold, Judge, Superior Court  
Rockard Delgadillo, Los Angeles City Attorney  
Jon Fullinwider, Internal Services Department  
Karl Henry, Indigent Criminal Defense Appointments Program  
David Janssen, County CAO  
Roger Johnson, San Gabriel Valley Police Chiefs' Association  
Sean Kennedy, Federal Public Defender  
Richard Kirschner, Judge, Superior Court  
Don Pedersen, Los Angeles County Police Chiefs' Association  
Jeffrey Prang, California Contract Cities Association  
Richard Propster, Peace Officers' Association of Los Angeles County  
Darline Robles, County Office of Education  
Bill Rosendahl, Los Angeles City Council, 11<sup>th</sup> District  
Stephanie Sauter, Judge, Superior Court

Marvin Southard, Department of Mental Health  
Robert Todd, Southeast Police Chiefs' Association  
Robin Toma, County Human Relations Commission  
Rodney Uyeda, South Bay Police Chiefs' Association  
Steven Van Sicklen, Judge, Superior Court  
Mike Webb, County Prosecutors' Association  
Dennis Zine, Independent Cities Association

**STAFF**

Mark Delgado, Executive Director  
Peggy Shuttleworth, Executive Director  
Kenna Ackley  
Vincent Holmes  
Cynthia Machen  
Craig Marin

**GUESTS/OTHERS**

Richard Barrantes, Sheriff's Department, Court Services  
Victoria Caro, Superior Court, Interpreter  
Joseph Charney, Justice Deputy, Third District Board of Supervisors  
Ken Dininu, Drug Enforcement Administration  
Rone Ellis, Private Citizen  
LaVelle Gates, Alcohol and Drug Programs Administration  
Richard Martinez, Sheriff's Department, Court Services  
John Ruegg, Information Systems Advisory Body  
Peter Shutan, L.A. City Attorney's Office/L.A. County Probation Commission  
Bruce Staniforth, Economy and Efficiency Commission  
Kimberly Wong, Public Defender's Office

**I. CONVENE / INTRODUCTIONS – Zev Yaroslavsky**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Chair of this Committee.

**II. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Zev Yaroslavsky**

There were no requests for revisions to the minutes of the meeting on February 21, 2007. A motion was made to approve the minutes.

**ACTION: The motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2007 meeting was seconded and approved without objection.**

Supervisor Yaroslavsky observed that this is Peggy Shuttleworth's final Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee (CCJCC) meeting. After 34 years of working for the County, Ms. Shuttleworth will be retiring at the end of March.

Ms. Shuttleworth has been the Executive Director of CCJCC for the past five years. The Supervisor thanked Ms. Shuttleworth for her years of service and he wished her well in her future endeavors.

### **III. DRUG COURT ANNUAL REPORT AND PROCLAMATION OF DRUG COURT MONTH – Rudy Diaz**

Judge Rudy Diaz of the Superior Court is the Chair of the Drug Court Oversight Committee, which is a standing subcommittee of CCJCC. Judge Diaz made a presentation at this meeting on the Drug Court Report for Fiscal Year 2005/2006.

The first Drug Court program in Los Angeles County began in 1994. Since then, over 10,639 individuals have participated in treatment offered through Drug Courts. Additionally, 3,882 people have graduated from the programs. Of this total, 3,476 graduated from the Community Drug Courts, 274 graduated from the Sentenced Offender Drug Court (SODC), and 132 graduated from the Juvenile Drug Courts.

Admissions to the County Drug Courts have increased and the Drug Courts have become more successful in treating and graduating those individuals that have been admitted. During Fiscal Year 2005/2006, 1,054 people were admitted to the programs, and 311 people graduated.

The recidivism rate for Drug Court graduates over the past five years is 25.16%. The SODC has the lowest recidivism rate at 22.8%. Drug Court teams have worked to increase aftercare services and, as a result, there are fewer graduates receiving new convictions.

With funding from the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), the Drug Court Oversight Committee collaborated with the UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Program to sponsor a full-day training conference on June 9, 2006. This included a general session followed by discipline-specific workshops for Drug Court judicial officers, staff, and treatment providers. This year's conference will be held on May 18, 2007.

Judge Diaz noted that three new collaborative justice courts are being added to the 12 Community Drug Courts, two Juvenile Drug Courts, and the SODC. These three are:

1. A Dependency Drug Court has been implemented in the Children's Court with the objective of reuniting children who may have been removed because of substance abuse issues with their families;
2. A Co-Occurring Disorders Court will begin in downtown on April 1, 2007, with the objective of providing both substance abuse and mental health services to individuals; and
3. Work has begun to open a Women's Re-Entry Court with the objective of providing additional wraparound services to both women and their dependents.

The Drug Court Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2005/2006 was presented to the Drug Court Oversight Committee on March 13, 2007; the Committee subsequently approved the report and directed that it be filed with CCJCC.

Judge Diaz thanked the County Board of Supervisors for its continued support of County Drug Court programs. He requested that CCJCC approve the Drug Court Report for submission to the County Board of Supervisors.

A motion was made to approve the Drug Court Report for submission to the County Board of Supervisors.

**ACTION: The motion to approve the Drug Court Report for submission to the County Board of Supervisors was seconded and approved without opposition.**

Judge Diaz requested that CCJCC submit a request for the County Board of Supervisors to declare May 2007 "Drug Court Month". The motion was made per his request.

**ACTION: The motion to submit a request for the County Board of Supervisors to declare May 2007 "Drug Court Month" was seconded and approved without opposition.**

Supervisor Yaroslavsky praised the work of the Drug Court programs in this County.

**NOTE: Following this presentation, Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky excused himself from the meeting. District Attorney Steve Cooley served as Acting Chair for the remainder of the meeting.**

#### **IV. COURTROOM SECURITY – Richard Martinez**

Richard Martinez, Chief of the Sheriff's Department Court Services Division (Court Services), appeared before this Committee to provide an update on courtroom security.

On March 14, 2005, a deputy alternate public defender was attacked in the San Fernando Courthouse by her client when he slashed her in the arm with a razor blade. In response, the County Board of Supervisors passed a motion that, in part, referred this issue to the CCJCC with a requirement to report back with findings and recommendations.

On April 20, 2005, the CCJCC voted to form a Subcommittee on Courtroom Security, which in turn produced a Courtroom Security Report.

Chief Martinez stated that the incident at the San Fernando Courthouse had occurred just days after a courthouse shooting in Atlanta, Georgia. Sheriff's Department representatives subsequently met with Atlanta officials for comprehensive discussions

on how to prevent future attacks.

Major strides have been made in enhancing the security of the courthouses in Los Angeles County. For example, Court Services can now link into an existing database in the Custody Division that records information and tracks incidents involving inmates. In addition to viewing the reports in this system, Court Services personnel can also enter data from incidents that may have occurred in the courthouse lock-ups.

This comprehensive documentation of incidents can help both the Court and the Sheriff's Department in making determinations and recommendations concerning how best to address such sensitive issues as whether or not to shackle an inmate in the courtroom.

Court Services personnel are more aware of potential dangers. This has resulted in the thwarting of criminal activity by inmates.

Detailed security inspections are being conducted for all courthouses in the County. This process so far has been completed for about half of the facilities.

In addition to the physical layout of the structures, inspections focus on the methods that are used to move inmates in and out of those locations, the number of staff that are assigned, and other factors that may affect security.

As a result of these inspections, some security enhancements have already been made.

Within Court Services, random audits are performed to ensure that policies and procedures are being followed and also to determine if any changes or additions are needed.

Additional equipment purchased by Court Services since the incident at the San Fernando Court has proven very useful. As an example, 150 hand-held metal detectors were bought and put into use in the lock-ups and Court facilities. Other new purchases include non-lethal weapons for subduing violent defendants.

Cameras have been installed in lock-ups and hallways, and more secure doors have been installed. More lighting has also been placed in certain areas.

In order to prevent escapes from custody boxes, security screens have been placed in a number of courtrooms.

The lock-up facility in the Compton Courthouse has been enhanced and now serves as a model for Court Services. It was noted that a secondary containment has been arranged at the lock-up that will help to prevent the type of situation that led to the shooting in Atlanta.

In response to a question, Chief Martinez said that Court Services is looking to use videoconferencing for high-risk inmates at arraignment and may create a pilot program.

District Attorney Steve Cooley questioned if it is efficient to conduct weapons' screening for County and Court employees. He noted that many of these individuals have access to courthouses on weekends without passing through screening.

Next week, Chief Martinez will retire from the Sheriff's Department after 36 years of service. Mr. Cooley congratulated him on this accomplishment.

**ACTION: For Information Only.**

**V. SECOND CHANCE WOMEN'S RE-ENTRY PROGRAM – Kimberly Wong**

Kimberly Wong, Special Assistant to Los Angeles County Public Defender Michael Judge, appeared before this Committee to provide a briefing on the Second Chance Women's Re-Entry Program.

In December 2006, CCJCC submitted an application to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), Division of Community Partnerships, for a three-year intergovernmental partnership grant to implement the Second Chance Women's Re-Entry Court.

The grant application was submitted on behalf of the Los Angeles County Re-Entry Council Strategy Committee, which includes representatives from State, County, City of Los Angeles, and community agencies. Collaborators work in the fields of law and criminal justice, substance abuse and mental health treatment, domestic violence and trauma counseling, social services, and research and evaluation.

In January 2007, CCJCC received notification that full funding for the application was approved for a three-year project period with a grant amount of \$208,230 for Fiscal Year 2006-2007; \$499,994 for Fiscal year 2007-2008; and \$499,994 for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

88% of the grant award will fund wraparound services provided by Prototypes. The remaining 12% will be allocated for an evaluation of the program to be conducted by UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Programs.

The primary objective of the program is to develop and implement early assessment of mental health and substance abuse problems among women parolees who are facing a new non-violent charge or are otherwise simultaneously on parole and probation.

The grant funding covers 25 women parolees per year; participation is voluntary. The women will be chosen by members of the Second Chance Women's Re-entry Court operations committee, including representatives from the District Attorney, Public Defender, Probation Department, Parole Unit Supervisor, and Judge Michael Tynan

(Judge Tynan will preside over the Court).

Following assessment, Prototypes will conduct an in-depth needs-based assessment and will determine appropriate wraparound services.

The grant includes over \$350,000 per year of donated in-kind services, including:

- Prototypes: Transportation to and from Court; visits to the Century Regional Detention Facility in Lynwood to conduct screenings; provision of two case managers to oversee progress; and six months of wraparound aftercare services, including assistance with housing placement.
- Goodwill Industries: Employment specialists to conduct assessments, conduct trainings, and assist with job placement.
- Probation Department: A full-time adult probation officer.
- CCJCC: A grant administrator.
- Alcohol and Drug Programs Administration (ADPA): Management of the contract. ADPA of the Department of Public Health will serve as the designated implementing organization.

The need for a Second Chance Women's Re-Entry Court stems from research showing that the circumstances for many women inmates are very different than those for men. For instance, about 64% of women in California prisons are mothers and a large percentage are primary caretakers of their children. It was also reported that about 40% of the women are survivors of violence.

This Second Chance Women's Re-Entry Court will be the first in the contiguous United States (one already exists in Hawaii). It will formally begin in May 2007.

**ACTION: For information only.**

## **VI. OTHER MATTERS / PUBLIC COMMENT**

It was announced that the next Quality and Productivity Commission meeting will be held on April 9, 2007, and CCJCC members are invited to attend. Those who are interested should contact Jeanne Kennedy.

## **VII. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Steve Cooley adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m. The next CCJCC meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at 11:30 a.m. in Room 739 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.**