



# County of Santa Cruz

## Santa Cruz County Community Corrections Partnership

### MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

(Agenda revised on 9/17/25 at 1:20p.m.)

**September 23, 2025**  
**10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Santa Cruz County Probation Offices – Training Room**  
**303 Water Street. Suite. 9, Santa Cruz, CA 95060**

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  - III. Develop community partnerships for **effective intervention services** that adhere to the principles of evidence-based practices for maximum recidivism reduction.*
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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

#### II. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes from the CCP meeting held May 5, 2025

#### III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Any person may address the Community Corrections Partnership. Members of the public are allowed 3 minutes to address any item listed on this agenda or within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Community Corrections Partnership. CCP members may not take actions or respond immediately to any public communication but may choose to follow up later.

#### IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Report from the Chair, including update on Chief Probation Officer transition, Mobile Probation Services, Probation Coaching Model Training: Interim Chief Probation Officer Valerie Thompson
2. Report on CAFES Program Implementation (Proposition 47 Cohort III), including report on Cohort V proposal and sustainability planning: Adult Division Director Sarah Fletcher
3. Report on the Proposition 47 Cohort IV grant program: Sr. Behavioral Health Manager Casey Swank
4. County Strategic Plan Update:
5. Report on approved one-time bridge funding for the Gemma Women's Reentry Program: Assistant County Executive Officer Nicole Coburn, and Janus of Santa Cruz CEO Amber Williams

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

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*Por favor haga arreglos anticipadamente por teléfono al número (831) 454-2105.*



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### MINUTES

**May 5, 2025**  
**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

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I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 11:02a.m.

District Attorney's Office  
Health Services Agency  
Sheriff's Office  
Probation Department  
Public Defender  
Superior Court of Santa Cruz  
Capitola Police Department  
County Office of Education  
Health Services Agency  
District Attorney's Office  
Human Services Department  
County Administrator's Office  
Human Services Department  
Santa Cruz Volunteer Center

Jeff Rosell, District Attorney \* (absent)  
Monica Morales, Director of Health Services Agency \* (absent)  
Chris Clark, Sheriff- Coroner \*  
Fernando Giraldo, Chief Probation Officer \*  
Heather Rogers, Public Defender \*  
Sasha Morgan, Court Executive Officer \*  
Leo Moreno, Capitola Police Department \*  
Faris Sabbah, Superintendent of Schools (absent)  
Casey Swank, Director of Substance Use Disorders Programs  
Laura Espindola, Manager of Victim Witness Assistance Program  
Kimberly Petersen, Asst. Director of Human Services Department  
Nicole Coburn, Assistant CAO  
Andrew Stone, Director of Workforce Investment Board (absent)  
Karen Delaney, Executive Director

\*Denotes voting member

Proxy: Kimberly Petersen is proxy for Director Randy Morris and Leo Martinez is proxy for Captain Sarah Ryan

II. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Heather Rogers moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Sasha Morgan seconded.

**Motion Passed**

Yes: Rogers, Morgan, Giraldo, Moreno (Clark arrived late)

No: None

Abstain: None

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- III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: Stacy Palao with New Life Community Services spoke regarding the efforts to partner for GEMMA Program. Reno Bandoni from Streets to Schools shared that his organization is supporting approximately 2,000 students with virtual services. Bernie Gomez with MILPA shared his personal experiences with AB109 funding and support programs and encouraged the Partnership to advocate more for that funding, especially in South County.

IV. ORAL REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS:

1. Report from the Chair, including State AB109 Funding, Mobile Probation Services, and Re-contracting for AB109 Services: Fernando Giraldo provided a verbal update on the County budget and the May Revise at the state level. Please see the attached presentation and information.
2. Report on CAFES Program Implementation (Proposition 47 Cohort III): Sarah Fletcher provided a verbal update on Proposition 47 Cohort III, which is in the last year of services for this grant cycle and all goals have been accomplished.
3. Report on the new Proposition 47 Cohort IV grant program: Casey Swank gave a verbal update on the RENEWpath Cohort. Please see the attached presentation and information.
4. Action Item: Consider request by the Probation Department for the CCP to serve as Local Advisory Committee for a Proposition 47 Cohort V grant proposal to be submitted to the Board of State and Community Corrections: Fernando Giraldo shared that the Cohort V application must be submitted by June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Heather Rogers made a motion to approve the application and Chris Clark seconded.

**Motion Passed**

Yes: Rogers, Morgan, Giraldo, Moreno, Clark

No: None

Abstain: None

5. Action Item: Consider request from the County Executive Officer for one-time bridge funding in partial support of the Gemma Women's Reentry Program, administered by New Life Community Services: Nicole Coburn shared that the County's budget was submitted last Tuesday and there is a significant budget shortfall for the Health Services Agency and they are being asked to reduce funding for non-essential services. As a result, the funding to GEMMA Program is slated to be reduced by \$331,000. The request is for the CCP to make a one-time bridge funding in the amount of \$150,000 using AB109 treatment and services monies.

Heather Rogers made a motion to approve the funding and Chris Clark seconded.

**Motion Passed**

Yes: Rogers, Giraldo, Moreno, Clark

No: None

Abstain: Morgan

V. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 12:00p.m.

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