



MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2022
Thursday, 3:00 P.M.
Microsoft TEAMS

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Chair, Supervisor Zach Friend called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

Members in Attendance: Zach Friend, **County Supervisor**; Nicole Coburn, **County Administrative Office**; George Rivera, **SCCACT**; Jorge Zamora, **Watsonville PD**; Ari Parker, **Watsonville Mayor**; Jayson Rutherford, **Scotts Valley PD**; Mitch Medina, **SC County Sheriff's Office**; Fernando Giraldo, **SC County Probation**; Valerie Thompson, **SC County Probation**; Robert Doty, **SC County Probation**; Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson, **SC City Council**; Justin Cummings, **SC City Council**; Heather Rogers, **Public Defender**; Adam Spickler, **Public Defender's Office**; Kristen Brown, **Capitola City Council**; Monica Martinez, **Encompass**; Susan Brutschy, **Applied Survey Research**; Michael Beebe, **Community Member/NAMI**; Serg Kagno, **Community Member**; Marilu Martinez, **District Attorney's Office**.

II. Approval of Agenda/Meeting Minutes

Action: Chief Fernando Giraldo motioned to approve the February 2022 minutes and May 2022 agenda, seconded by Mayor Ari Parker. Approved unanimously.

III. Oral Communications – Community member Serg Kagno mentioned to the council that May is Mental Health Awareness month. He also commented on the importance of prescription medications in jail and that there is no policy about providing these prescription medications to those who need them.

IV. Executive Committee – Discussion/Consent

- Adoption of AB 361 - Resolution Authorizing Teleconference Meetings – Motion by Chief Fernando Giraldo, seconded by Mayor Ari Parker. Approved unanimously.
- Discussion/update on ad hoc committee work on behavioral health – Ad Hoc committee has met. Per direction, data collection has begun through ASR. Basic traffic stop data will also be available for a demographic standpoint. ASR will work on policy/procedures of local police agencies.
- Adoption of CJC budget and agreement with Applied Survey Research for Behavioral health report and analysis – The budget proposed is to cover ASR reports and funds left over will be used for conferences. Motion to approve budget including increase Applied Survey Research agreement made by Councilmember Justin Cummings, seconded by Councilmember Kristen Brown. Approved unanimously.

V. Acceptance of Written Standing Reports (Clarifying Questions only and Actions if requested)

1. Community Corrections Partnership. None
2. Santa Cruz County Anti-Crime Team (SCCACT). None
3. North County BASTA. None
4. Youth Action Network. None

Motion to accept all reports made by Councilmember Justin Cummings, seconded by Councilmember Kristen Brown

VI. Grant Opportunities and Updates –

Chief Fernando Giraldo submitted application for a Prop 47 grant for diversion opportunities which will expand to the Neighborhood Courts Program.

VII. Legislative Updates – The CJC report won the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties – Congratulations to all

VIII. Adjournment/Next Meeting

- Meeting was adjourned at 3:36 pm. The next regular meeting of the Criminal Justice Council will be on August 11, 2022, via Microsoft TEAMS.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNDER ASSEMBLY BILL 361 AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY AND HEALTH OFFICER RECOMMENDATION FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to California Government Code section 8550 et seq., which remains in effect; and,

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 (“AB 361”), which amended Government Code section 54953 to permit legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to meet under modified teleconferencing rules provided that they comply with specific requirements set forth in the statute; and,

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2021, Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer Dr. Gail Newel strongly recommended that legislative bodies in Santa Cruz County continue to engage in physical/social distancing by meeting via teleconference as allowed by AB 361 and confirmed that she will regularly review and reconsider this recommendation and notify the public when it is no longer recommended; and

WHEREAS, on November 18th, 2021, the Santa Cruz County Criminal Justice Council held its initial teleconference meeting under AB 361; and

WHEREAS, after its initial AB 361 teleconference meeting, a legislative body can continue to hold such teleconference meetings if a state of emergency remains active, or local officials have recommended measures to promote social distancing, if the legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and determined either that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person or that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the findings set forth in the paragraph immediately above must be made within 30 days of the date the legislative body first held a teleconferenced meeting pursuant to AB 361; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Criminal Justice Council made the required AB 361 findings regarding the COVID-19 pandemic at its meeting of November 18th, 2021; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds that there is a continuing threat of COVID-19 to the community and finds that requiring all members of legislative bodies to appear in-person at meetings presents greater risk to the health and safety of meeting participants stemming from reduced social distancing among people of different communities, increased exposure for those who are immunocompromised or unvaccinated, and challenges associated with fully ascertaining and ensuring compliance with vaccination, face coverings, and other safety measures at such public meetings; and

WHEREAS, this Council typically meet in-person in public facilities where other essential governmental functions take place, such that increasing the number of people present in those buildings may impair the safety of participants and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, as required by AB 361, this Council has reconsidered the circumstances of the current state of emergency and finds that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of its members to meet safely in person and further finds that the Santa

Cruz County Public Health Officer continues to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, due to the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19 the Santa Cruz County Criminal Justice Council deems it necessary to utilize the teleconferencing rules set forth in AB 361; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Santa Cruz County Criminal Justice Council hereby RESOLVES and ORDERS as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are adopted as findings of the Santa Cruz County Criminal Justice Council as set forth within the body of this Resolution.

Section 2. Effective immediately, the Santa Cruz County Criminal Justice Council will meet using the teleconference rules authorized under AB 361 and Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Criminal Justice Council, State of California, this _____ day of _____, 20__, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Chair, Santa Cruz County Criminal Justice Council

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of the Santa Cruz County Criminal Justice Council



County of Santa Cruz

Santa Cruz County Community Corrections Partnership

MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 2022
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Remote Access via Microsoft Teams

I. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 3:01PM

<u>Office</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District Attorney's Office	Tara George, Chief Deputy District Attorney *
Health Services Agency	Monica Morales, Director of Health Services Agency *
Sheriff's Office	Jim Hart, Sheriff-Coroner *
Probation Department	Fernando Giraldo, Chief Probation Officer *
Public Defender	Heather Rogers, Public Defender *
Superior Court of Santa Cruz	Alex Calvo, Court Executive Officer *
Capitola Police Department	Andrew Dally, Chief of Police * (absent)
County Office of Education	Faris Sabbah, Superintendent of Schools
Health Services Agency	Anthony Jordan, Chief of Substance Use Disorders Programs
District Attorney's Office	Laura Espindola, Manager of Victim Witness Assistance Program
Human Services Department	Randy Morris, Director of Human Services Department (absent)
Board of Supervisors	Ryan Coonerty, Third District Supervisor (absent)
Human Services Department	Andrew Stone, Director of Workforce Investment Board (absent)

*Denotes voting member

Proxy: Tara George is proxy for District Attorney, Jeff Rosell

II. REVIEW OF AGENDA (verbal)

III. APPROVAL OF AB361 RESOLUTION: Motion made by Chief Hart and seconded by Alex Calvo. Item passed.

Aye: Giraldo, Rogers, Morales, Hart, George, Calvo

No:

Abstain:

Absent: Dally

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Heather Rogers to approve Minutes from October 26, 2021 and was seconded by Tara George. Item passed.

Aye: Giraldo, Rogers, Morales, Hart, George, Calvo

No:

Abstain:

Absent: Dally

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V. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: None

VI. ORAL REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Report on Probation Success Center and Watsonville Facility: Fernando Giraldo: Please refer to PowerPoint on file.

2. Report on CAFES (Proposition 47) Program by Probation Adult Division Director, Sarah Fletcher:

Sarah Fletcher shared the Proposition 47 BSCC web page for our County data. Links are:

State BSCC Dashboard for Prop 47 Grant Program Cohort II:

[Statewide Dashboard - Smartsheet.com](#)

State BSCC Dashboard for Prop 47 Cohort II – Santa Cruz County:

[Santa Cruz County Probation Dept - Smartsheet.com](#)

Local CAFES Dashboard – Prop 47 Cohort II:

[CAFES Prop 47 Dashboard | Tableau Public](#)

3. Report from District Attorney’s Cal OES XC Program by Program Manager, Laura Espindola: Oral report from Laura Espindola regarding Cal OES XC Grant Program to assist underserved and vulnerable groups in our County through Victim’s Witness services. Currently working to improve digital outreach and materials which will be distributed throughout the County into Fall. Also developing information on hygiene facts for use at Homeless Services Center.

4. Santa Cruz County Results Count Leadership Program by Assist Chief Probation Officer, Valerie Thompson: Please refer to document presented.

5. Funding for In-Custody Computer Equipment: Jim Hart

Action: Consider Sheriff Request to Fund Computer Lab Upgrade for In-Custody Educational and Vocational Services. Requesting \$70,000 to purchase 30 more laptops which will be used by Corrections Bureau and will be directly used by incarcerated population. Motion made by Fernando Giraldo and seconded by Tara George. Item passed.

Aye: Giraldo, Rogers, Morales, Hart, George, Calvo

No:

Abstain:

Absent: Dally

6. Increase AB109 Administration Funding: Fernando Giraldo (please see Power Point on file). In 2011, \$200,000 was dedicated for the administration of the AB109 Community Corrections Partnership which Probation is responsible for managing which includes submitted state reports, data collection, oversight of numerous contracts and the establishment of two Success Centers. Probation is requesting \$360,000 to support the increased responsibilities of administering and implementing AB109 programming.

Action: Consider Probation Request to Increase Funding Allocation for AB109 Administration. Motion made by Heather Rogers and seconded by Chief Hart.

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Chief Hart mentioned that he believes this increase in funding is appropriate and still not enough. JJDPCC Commissioner, Beverly Brook, asked where the funding is coming from. Chief Giraldo clarified that AB109 funding is state funding, the Probation Department is just requesting an increase in the amount being received

Item passed.

Aye: Giraldo, Rogers, Morales, Hart, George, Calvo

No:

Abstain:

Absent: Dally

VII. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 3:53PM

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