SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Thursday, June 23, 2016, 2:00 P.M.



PROBATION DEPARTMENT Training Room 5 1001 S. Grand Ave. Santa Ana, California

STEVE SENTMAN, Chair

Chief Probation Officer

MARY HALE

Health Care Agency

SHARON PETROSINO

Public Defender

TODD ELGIN

Chief of Police, Garden Grove

SANDRA HUTCHENS

Sheriff-Coroner

TONY RACKAUCKAS

District Attorney

ATTENDANCE: Members Elgin, Petrosino, Sentman, Kea (Alternate for Hutchens), Pearson (Alternate for Hale)

and Yonemura (Alternate for Rackauckas)

EXCUSED: Members Hale, Hutchens and Rackauckas

COUNTY COUNSEL: Wendy Phillips, Deputy

CLERK OF THE PARTNERSHIP: Jamie Ross & Dora Guillen, Deputy Clerks

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS: (Items 1 - 3)

1. Welcome and Introductions

PRESENTED

2. Discussion and approval of AB 109 Ad Hoc Committee's recommended plan for use of unspent AB 109 funds

DISCUSSED

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3. Realignment Updates:

- Probation
- Sheriff
- District Attorney
- Public Defender
- Courts
- Health Care/Mental Health
- Local Law Enforcement
- Board of Supervisors
- Social Services
- OC Community Resources
- OC Department of Education
- Community-Based Organization (Representative)
- CSP (Victims Representative)

DISCUSSED

PUBLIC & PARTNERSHIP COMMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Carole Urie – Oral Re.: Returning Home Foundation. SB 544 construction of jails and visitation requirements.

Yadira De Santiago – Oral Re: Day Reporting Center – Parole. Lifers Symposium planning meeting on 7/13/16 at 11:00 a.m., at Santa Ana Day Reporting Center. Invited Law Enforcement and policy makers.

PARTNERSHIP COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNED: 2:57 P.M.

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*** KEY ***

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1	Todd Elgin	A = Abstained
2	Mary Hale	X = Excused
3	Sandra Hutchens	N = No
4	Sharon Petrosino	P.O. = Partnership Order
5	Tony Rackauckas	•
6	Steve Sentman	
7	Steve Kea (Alternate)	
8	Kim Pearson (Alternate)	
9	Steve Yonemura (Alternate)	
(1st number = Moved by;	2nd number = Seconded by)	
		STEVE SENTMAN
		Chair

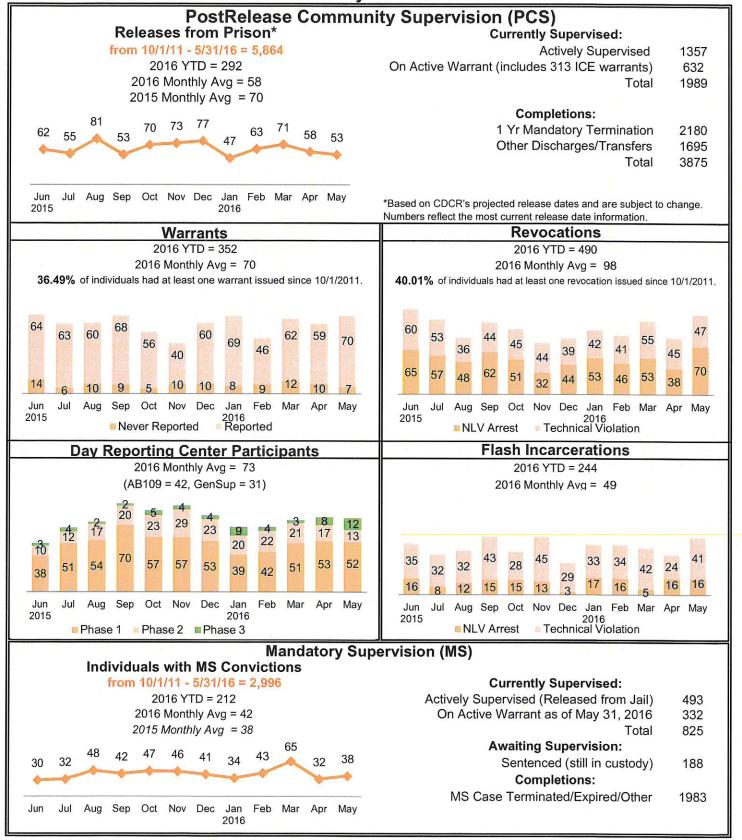
Jamie Ross, Deputy Clerk of the Partnership



Orange County Probation Department Steven J. Sentman, Chief Probation Officer



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'I'm looking for a fresh start,' say ex-cons attending job, resource fair in Anaheim

By SCOTT SCHWEBKE 2016-05-24 18:46:07



ANAHEIM – Austin Barry stood outside of the Honda Center on Tuesday looking for a little redemption and a job.

Just eight days out of prison for a robbery conviction, the 24-year-old Mission Viejo resident was among 200 former offenders who attended the Orange County Re-entry Resource Fair, which connected felons with employment opportunities, legal advice and drug-treatment programs.

"I'm looking for a fresh start, which is kind of hard for any person with a record," said Barry, who served a 2 1/2-year sentence at the California Correctional Institution in Tehachapi.

The second annual fair was sponsored by nonprofit Orange County Re-Entry Partnership; Bl Incorporated, which operates the county's two probation and parole reporting centers; and the Orange County Public Defender's Office, which had attorneys on hand to help ex-offenders fill out paperwork to try and get some felonies reduced to misdemeanors under the state's Prop. 47.

The job fair aimed to help attendees avoid committing future crimes, said Meghan Medlin, board chairwoman of the nonprofit.

"It can be hard for them to navigate the system," she said.

Barry, bearded and wearing a white dress shirt, made his way from table to table, gathering brochures.

He once held a well-paying job as a support tech for a software development firm. Now, he would be satisfied with an entry-level job as a hotel clerk or a laborer.

"I'm open to anything," Barry said.

"It's definitely hard," he said. "A person may look good on paper. But when employers run a criminal background check, it shuts down the job interview."

Scott Jeffrey, 37, of Anaheim, doesn't have any felony convictions but went to the resource fair seeking help in staying sober and for legal assistance for several outstanding bench warrants.

Jeffrey led a double life; as a Southern California Edison employee earning \$100,000 a year, and as an alcoholic who turned to cocaine and then methamphetamine, he said. Jeffrey lost his job and girlfriend and became homeless.

"It was horrible," said Jeffrey, who began taking illegal narcotics about five years ago. "It isolated me from family."

Then in February Jeffrey became the first addict to participate in "Drug Free Anaheim," an initiative by Mayor Tom Tait. The program encourages chronic drug users to walk into Anaheim police headquarters and get a free ride to a rehabilitation center.

Drugs were also at the root of 27-year-old Daniel Escobar's difficulties. The Santa Ana resident has been in and out of the Orange County jail system a dozen times, he said, most recently for methamphetamine distribution.

"I came to the resource fair because at this point in my life I want to make changes and need help," said Escobar, adding he hopes to find employment as a laborer.

A popular spot at the fair was at a booth operated by Crown Ace Hardware, a Huntington Beach company that has 16 stores in California and Arizona.

Two years ago, like other businesses in an international push called Ban the Box, Crown Ace removed the box from its job applications, which prospective employees had checked if they had a criminal record.

Since then, Crown Ace has had success in hiring ex-offenders to work in its stores, said Dean Bramlett, the company's human-resource manager.

"Our company believes in helping the community," she said. "Everyone deserves a second chance."

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