

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP
MEMBERSHIP LIST - FULL COMMITTEE**

For 2012 – As of August 27, 2012

Member	Name	Title
Chief Probation Officer	Don Meyer	Chief Probation Officer
Superior Court	Ed Pollard	Interim Court Executive Officer
County Supervisor or Chief Administrative Officer	Vacant	
District Attorney	Jan Scully	District Attorney
District Attorney Designee	Cindy Besemer	Chief Deputy District Attorney
Public Defender	Paulino Duran	Public Defender
Sheriff	Scott Jones	Sheriff
Sheriff Designee	Jaime Lewis	Sheriff, Chief of Corrections
Chief of Police	Rick Braziel	Chief of Police, Sacramento Police Department
Dept. of Social Services	Ann Edwards	Chief Deputy County Executive, Countywide Services Agency
Dept. of Behavioral Health	Tracy Bennett	Interim Director, Dept of Health and Human Services
Division of Alcohol and Drug Employment	Tracy Bennett	Interim Director, Dept of Health and Human Services
County Office of Education	Bill Walker	Sacramento Employment and Training Agency
County Office of Education Designee	Dave Gordon	Superintendent, Sacramento County Office of Education
Community Based Organization – Rehabilitative Services	Sue Stickel	Asst. Superintendent, Sacramento County Office of Education
Victim Representative	Vacant	
	Kerry Martin	Victim Witness Program Coordinator District Attorney's Office

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP
MEMBERSHIP LIST - EXECUTIVE (VOTING) COMMITTEE**

Member	Name	Title
Chief Probation Officer	Don Meyer	Chief Probation Officer
Superior Court	Ed Polloard	Interim Court Executive Officer
District Attorney	Jan Scully	District Attorney
District Attorney Designee	Cindy Besemer	Chief Deputy District Attorney
Public Defender	Paulino Duran	Public Defender
Sheriff	Scott Jones	Sheriff
Sheriff Designee	Jaime Lewis	Chief of Corrections
Chief of Police	Rick Braziel	Chief of Police, Sacramento Police Department
Dept of Social Services	Ann Edwards	Administrator, Countywide Service Agency

STAFF:

Criminal Justice Cabinet	Lynn Wynn	Principal Administrative Analyst
Superior Court	Trish Meraz	Director, Criminal Court Operations
Consultant	Fred Campbell	Criminal Justice Research Foundation

Dear HSCC Members,

I propose the following be presented as a letter to the Board of Supervisors:

The Sacramento County Human Services Coordinating Council joins with the Editorial Board of the Sacramento Bee and County Executive Brad Hudson in expressing deep concern that so little money is intended to be allocated for programs and services by the Community Corrections Partnership that reduce recidivism and help the possibility of successful transition back into society, especially for those with serious mental illness,.

We respectfully ask the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors to reject the plan proposed by the Community Corrections Partnership and insist they come back with a plan that includes robust community supports of at least 20 percent that would help fulfill the promises of realignment.

Sincerely,

Frank L. Topping, Secretary,
Sacramento County Mental Health Board

Member:

Sacramento County Disability Advisory Commission
Sacramento County Human Services Coordinating Council
Sacramento County Mental Health Services Act Steering Committee
Seated on the Board of Directors of the
CA Association of Mental Health Boards & Commissions

Editorial: Realignment isn't just about jails

By [the Editorial Board](#)

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The success of "realignment" – where judges sentence offenders convicted of nonviolent, nonserious, non-sex-related crimes to county jail instead of to state prison – depends on breaking the cycle of recidivism.

The challenge for counties is to do a better job than the state in reducing a 70 percent reoffense rate.

Many offenders have alcohol or drug abuse problems. Many have serious mental health problems. Many are poorly educated, unskilled and without family support. Turning lives around, so offenders can find a steady job and a place to live, is key. That is the challenge for counties.

To date, the Sacramento County Community Corrections Partnership has chosen to put the realignment money it gets from the state mostly into the jail.

The proposed spending plan the committee approved Aug. 23 for 2012-13 is no different.

Of the \$30 million total, \$21 million (69 percent) goes to the sheriff. Most of the rest (29 percent) goes to the Probation Department.

Proposals like the highly successful Sacramento Community Based Coalition program, presented in June – with classes, training, housing and employment, and recidivism rates of less than 19 percent for 2,200 offenders since 2007 – are nowhere to be found. That's a big missed opportunity.

County Executive Brad Hudson, to his credit, had recommended a different allocation – less for the sheriff and much more for community-based services. The dynamic in the partnership has got to shift away from a jail-based mind-set.

That said, some allocations in the Aug. 23 proposal make sense and the county should build on them:

- Pretrial release program: The most promising avenue for reducing jail population while maintaining public safety is to screen people who have been arrested and accused of a

crime, but who are awaiting trial. The committee approved funding for a robust program to determine who really needs to be detained before trial, and who should be allowed to remain in the community while their cases proceed in the courts. This could free 200-plus jail beds.

- Jail programs for offenders with high risk of reoffending. Chronic drug users or property offenders with drug issues tend to repeatedly cycle through the criminal justice system. The jail will do case planning while they are in jail, offer classes on substance abuse, cognitive behavior, GED preparation, and jobs (computers, welding, small engine repair, culinary and building maintenance). An intriguing proposal is to replicate a successful Nevada program where inmates train BLM wild horses, a mental health as well as vocational program.
- Adult Day Reporting Centers. These provide a nine- to 12-month four-phase program for offenders, offering classes, treatment and referral for GED preparation, vocational training, job placement, work crews, plus drug screening.
- Medications and services for the mentally ill. If we don't want jails to be revolving door warehouses for the mentally ill, we have to figure out how to deal with this population. A basic step is getting psychotropic medications and monitoring. The committee provided \$391,000 for offenders in jail and \$250,000 for those supervised by the Probation Department in the community.
- Transitional housing. Volunteers of America will provide 40 beds for emergency 60 to 90 day shelter with 24/7 security/monitoring for offenders to prevent homelessness.

The committee votes on a final plan Sept. 27; then it goes to the Board of Supervisors Oct. 16.

Under state law, it takes four of five supervisors to reject the plan. But supervisors – and the public – can hold the committee accountable for setting goals and reducing recidivism and jail population over time. Realignment shouldn't just be about funding sheriff deputy or probation agent positions.

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