

Proposition 47 Local Advisory Committee, San Diego County

Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2024

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Hosted on Zoom:

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Committee Members present: Charlene Autolino, Community Representative; Jay Bowser, Community Representative; Rebecca Cardenas, San Diego County Sheriff's Department; Theodore Dizon, Community Representative; David Moncada, Community Representative; Nilanie Ramos, County of San Diego Behavioral Health Services; Natasha Robertson, San Diego City Attorney's Office; Heather Trocha, San Diego County District Attorney's Office; Nicholas Zinter, County of San Diego

Committee Members absent: Lynn Carr, San Diego County Medical Care Services; Jorge Gonzalez, San Diego County Probation Department; Jackie MacLean, County of San Diego Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities; Janie Regier, San Diego County Office of Equity and Racial Justice; Melissa Tralla, San Diego County Office of the Public Defender

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Nicholas Zinter welcomed participants and opened the meeting with an overview of the meeting agenda. Committee members introduced themselves and the public was invited to provide non-agenda public comment. No speaker slips were received for public comment and no participants made public comment.
2. Presentation: Progress Report on Prop 47 Cohort III, Quarter 8, and Year 1 Recidivism Outcomes for Cohort III
 - a. Dr. Octavio Rodriguez-Ferreira from the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) provided an overview of Prop 47-funded programs during the April 1 to June 30, 2024, reporting period. The presentation included enrollment statistics, demographic information on program participants, and overall trends in recidivism outcomes (measured by arrests and convictions) among people enrolled in Prop 47-funded programs as of December 31, 2023.
 - b. Questions from the Committee included clarifications on the types of speaking engagements participated in by Peer Reentry Leadership Academy alumni and offense types considered in recidivism data.
3. Presentation: Peer Reentry Leadership Academy
 - a. Rebecca Cardenas from the San Diego County Sheriff's Department delivered a presentation on the Peer Reentry Leadership Academy (PRLA), including

highlights from previous cohorts and an overview of speaking engagements participated in by alumni. The next cohort is scheduled for September 2024, with levels of interest in participation very high. In the likely event the next PRLA cohort reaches capacity, interested participants will be considered for the following cohort in Spring 2025.

- b. Comments from the Committee included a suggestion that people attending PRLA speaking engagements in custody complete surveys regarding their experience.
4. General Programmatic Updates
 - a. Nilanie Ramos from County Behavioral Health Services confirmed that the application for Cohort IV of Proposition 47 Grant Funding has been submitted. The County expects to be notified of its approval status in October 2024, with funds likely to be disbursed by January 2025.
 - b. Sarah Gordon from the County Public Safety Group delivered an update on the County's Alternatives to Incarceration project. The Board of Supervisors will consider a draft ordinance locally codifying the California Fair Chance Act on August 27. A contract with a community partner has also been awarded to provide housing and care coordination services for people with short-term and/or ongoing low-level interactions with the justice system.
 - c. Nicholas Zinter provided a brief overview of the statutory changes proposed to Proposition 47 through Proposition 36, which will be brought to California voters in the 2024 General Election. There is also a package of related, but milder, reforms moving through the California State Legislature.
 5. Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items
 - a. No additional public comment was received on non-agenda items.