

DRUG COURT/AB 109 FORUM

POSITIONING COLLABORATIVE COURTS ON THE REALIGNMENT CONTINUUM

BREAKOUT SESSION SUMMARY

What is 1 thing that is working in your county since Realignment/AB 109 went into effect?	
San Diego A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborative actions/Partnerships with community agencies • Treatment taking place at probation department/ Probation participation • Mental Health resources/re-entry team to assist with specific needs • Behavioral health/AOD screening /referrals • Validated risks assessments • Re-entry division located at the probation department • Leadership in development
San Diego B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Higher risk folks to DRC with multiple services at one location-wraparound-contracted out using EBPs • Forcing us to be creative: judges, D.A.s, P.O.s etc having to look at this differently • Technical violations no longer lead to prison. Less disruption in rehabilitation • *Probation and BH meeting and implementing EBP for assessment and treatment • *Better integration of co-occurring (mental health and Substance Use) services and assessments • Flash incarcerations • *In-custody treatment
San Diego C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AB-109 has things upside down right now. • Probation is really working hard! • El Dorado has great collaborative team going. • Contra Costa has evolved to soliciting other partners. • The SO & Probation have sent more staff to • realignment meetings. • Morale in our Probation Department is high – motivated • Staff (they feel that they are doing something more beyond enforcement).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Probation Department cares about more things – Opening their eyes to a bigger picture. • Public Defenders are surprisingly more about incarceration. • Importance of the by-in amongst Realignment Team.
Santa Barbara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration-DA, BH, Prob., MH, and Sheriff, putting faces to names, connections between agencies, incorporating all levels of management. • Buy in from department heads, forced leadership to step up. Putting plans into actions. Allowing changes to occur at a more rapid pace. Less talking more doing. • New funding opportunities • Using what we already know and applying it to AB109 • More service opportunities/resource opportunities for Tx • Individuals not vested are leaving for new employment opportunities. • Housecleaning..... • Forcing counties to implement EBP's • New excitement from stakeholders • Skill building • Sac. Co. has three day reporting centers
Benicia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Correction Partnership – Sheriff, court, Mental Health and behavioral health, Probation etc working together. Those partners outlined under the directive. DA and public defender involved. • Gathering Stats and Report out on numbers to plan for next year. Coming from county IT collecting from all agencies on line to share information. • Cooperation between sheriff and parole – parole violators in jail –Parole has some say in who gets released. • Pretrial interviews indicating release - writing reports to move the process along quickly- get them out faster – get them into treatment faster. • GPS and TAD devices to monitor def no longer incarcerated. • Flash incarcerations working well

What are 2 differences you have seen happen to your collaborative justice court (CJC) programs since realignment went into effect?	
San Diego A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited or no referrals • Resistance taking clients with prior strikes/high risk • Resistance from probation with referral process/criminal justice process • Strict D.A. gate keeping • Clients thrilled by lack of supervision
San Diego B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loosing funding for DUI court hoping to use realignment dollars to reinstate • Referrals are down in some counties-some counties found an opportunity to resolve this through increased collaboration and reviewing referral sources • Incentive to use Drug Court as it offers better supervision
San Diego C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judge lost the leverage of prison sentence that used worked. • Loss of consequences. • Importance of incarceration because it is immediate and prompt . . . then back to program. • What are other immediate sanctions being used? • PO is initiating incarceration. Interviewing utilized in offender case management & problem solving. • More agencies are benefiting – ie. Child Support
Santa Barbara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pushback from regular criminal court because of budget cuts and questions about how there is money to fund these programs when so many cuts have been realized • Not enough money or bodies to fill staffing positions in collaborative courts • Decline in referrals-no incentive for defendant's-they can do their jail time and be done..... • Not as many possession referrals because possession bookings are down • New types of charges i.e., theft, etc.. • The effect on non-drug cases- AB109 has forced the hand of the DA to file cases so individuals will be prison eligible • More time to actually focus on assessment and Tx instead of “billing” • Multi-Agency release form created to share information
Benicia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Losing participants – quitting because the consequences not as bad. • Broaden eligibility – because the numbers have been falling • Reduction in the number of referrals • Quick to take deals and take a jail term because they will get out sooner. • Reduction in the amount of time in drug court – built on recovery skills • PD is looking for the least restrictive and would be more appealing in a shorter program. (looking for help in creating a lower term drug court) • Promoting early terminations (Napa) through probation

What are 2 specific ideas you have gained from today's session?

San Diego A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The way we do business is changing-the whole team needs to take a step back • Most of the time people are willing to work together at coming up with something • Not limiting clients treatment to time frame • The treatment model needs to be refreshed
San Diego B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workgroup process for designing and implementing collaborative court for this population-probation to play a major role • **Re-entry court with Drug court model • Reception Centers/Day Reporting Center-one stop for reporting, assessment and services • Merging drug court and DV court-intriguing • Educating the bench and probation on substance issues and the value of collaborative courts
San Diego C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was fascinating to learn that some programs start while incarcerated – i.e. Needs assessment, DV counseling (by POs), education, etc. • Does anybody have experience with structuring “split sentences”? • More ideas on how to get our Bench more involved?
Santa Barbara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRCS offenders to Drug Court • Spending time developing relationships with resistant stakeholders • Looking at eligibility criteria, does it need to be modified to open doors to accommodate high risk-high need offenders • The need to define recidivism • Defining “screening” vs. “assessment” and using EB tools for screening and assessment • Is there a need for a full PSI when a felony offender is going to serve a short period of time in jail? • Not everyone will fit into or benefit from a treatment court • Introducing PRCS population into the Drug Court population
Benicia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education of our judges and working with the DA about AB 109 and EBP • Risk factor refers to re-offending not to the seriousness of offense. • Value of having an assessment to be able to establish the risk level • Substance abuse was a secondary risk factor

What are 2 actions you see yourself (and your drug court team) able to make to keep your CJC programs in a healthy position on the realignment continuum in your jurisdiction?

San Diego A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach and education – I can bring it up to people who may be able to take action and help me advocate for funding • Try to get some kind of continuum of care in comparison to the system we currently have
San Diego B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue discussion between probation, public defender and district attorney, treatment, sheriff (and bench) • Increase access to treatment for individuals in custody • Post release incentives and resources for treatment with accountability • Re-entry court (or even the process of re-entry) that starts in jail • Post release process in prison for PRCS for risk and needs assessment • *Working to direct some AB109 dollars to juvenile population • Suggest adult drug court judge have influence on CCP • CCP are public meetings-have supportive judges attend • Discuss prospects of re-entry court and how to implement it • *Visiting operating re-entry courts and DRCs in neighboring countries
San Diego C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having a Sentencing Expert. • Bring in non-profit service providers – i.e. Job trainer (how to get and keep a job). • Employers – i.e. Starbucks, Target. • Need to talk to our Stakeholders.(Combined #4 & #5)
Santa Barbara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inviting law enforcement to the table • Maintaining open communication between collaborative partners • Keeping up on education and research • Advocate for Drug Medi-Cal and Drug Court funding • Making friends with fiscal departments among agencies • P.O.'s are creating case plans collaboratively with offenders and Tx providers • Bottom line-Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accountability ▪ Data=\$\$\$\$ and buy in
Benicia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving clients through the program faster (leaving to the client to get done faster) • Give client credit for their time in drug court • Drug court teams need to look at criminogenic risk factors and need - traditional substance abuse does not do this. • Treatment needs to include the cognitive behavioral. Individualized case plans

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication and collaboration is very important • Changing criminal thinking
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Who will you reach out to work with to accomplish those 2 actions?

San Diego A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active D.A. to teach/train our D.A. • CCP Meetings • Jails psychiatric services
San Diego B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Probation-use other successes to motivate Courts • Sheriff • Use collaborative meeting agendas to address concerns and promote innovations • Pieces of wisdom: • Story of the 5 blind men and the elephant
San Diego C	See #4
Santa Barbara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AOD administrators • Agencies that will help us define data • AOC-for best practices • Chief Probation Officers • CADCP • NADCP/NDCI • Judge Manley or other judges do outreach to P.J.'s • Line staff in decision making
Benicia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Probation they are the driving force • Presiding Judge – evidence Based practices • Working on maintaining a protocol to access and utilize the funding - chief of Probation and board of supervisors