

STANISLAUS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Meeting Minutes Thursday – March 3, 2022 Stanislaus County Probation Department

MEMBERS/STAFF PRESENT

MARK FERRIERA, Chief Probation Officer, Chair, Probation Department
LETICIA RUANO, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department
JEFF DIRKSE, Sheriff, Sheriff's Office
BIRGIT FLADAGER, District Attorney
JENNIFER JENNISON, PUBLIC DEFENDER
TRISHA BIRCHARD, Modesto Police Department
ARCELI OCHOA MARTINEZ, District Attorney's Office
BRITTANY HARKER, Victim's Advocate, District Attorney's Office
SARA REDD, Workforce Development
CONSUELO FELIX, LCA
JEREMY GREEN, LCA
REYNA RODRIGUEZ, LCA
ANGELICA RAMOS, CEO's Office
CYNTHIA DUENAS, Center for Human Services
DEPUTY STEVEN ROSALES, Sheriff's Office
LT. TIMOTHY BURNS, Sheriff's Office
DANE HELDING, Nirvana
MICHAEL BAGLEY, Nirvana
STEVEN GAXIOLA, Learning Quest
TRACIE MARTIN, Realignment Manager, Probation Department
RAUL DOMINGUEZ, CARE Manager, Probation Department
JANICE CREE, Data Manager, Probation Department
TERRY WITHROW, BOARD OF SUPERVISOR

MEMBERS/STAFF ABSENT

SCOTT KUYKENDALL, Stanislaus County Office of Education
AMANDA SHARP, DIRECTOR, Community Services Agency
BRANDON GILLESPIE, Modesto Police Department
DORIS FOSTER, DIRECTOR, Workforce Development

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by Chief Probation Officer Mark Ferriera. Members of the group introduced themselves.

Chief Probation Officer Mark Ferriera noted that the last time the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) met in person was on January 30, 2020.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public. No public comments were made during the meeting.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 2, 2021, MEETING

MOTION: Sheriff Jeff Dirkse. SECOND: District Attorney Birgit Fladager. The minutes of December 2, 2021, meeting were approved unanimously.

4. ANALYST UPDATE:

Crime & Intelligence Analyst Trisha Birchard shared a PowerPoint presentation providing a Day Reporting Center Class review of attendance and recidivism based on age group from 2019 to 2021: (The presentation is attached):

- ATTENDANCE BY AGE GROUP
- TERMINATION BY AGE GROUP
- COMPLETION BY AGE GROUP
- RECIDIVISM BY AGE GROUP
- RECIDIVISM BY AGE GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WHO COMPLETED CLASSES

The group discussed how class attendance affects recidivism rates. CPO Ferriera noted that programming attendance is significantly focused on, and the officers constantly remind offenders to attend their classes.

5. PROGRAM UPDATES:

Tracie Martin, Realignment Manager from the Probation Department, reported that from July 2021 to February 2022, the Probation Department partnered with other local law enforcement agencies and participated in 10 Regional Apprehension Team (RAT) operations, resulting in 49 searches and 20 arrests. Three additional RAT Operations are scheduled to take place during March and April, and possibly an additional two before the end of this fiscal year.

An offender was recently convicted of transporting illegal narcotics and given a 19-year Mandatory Supervision sentence, of which 8 years must be served in jail and 11 years on mandatory supervision. According to CPO Ferriera, the sentence of this AB109 case is the longest this jurisdiction has had.

CARE:

Raul Dominguez, CARE Manager from the Probation Department, shared the following CARE update:

Before CARE 2.0, the client count was 143. Since CARE 2.0, 50 new clients have been added, 10 from Turlock and 40 from Modesto.

- 43 clients are currently being case-managed
- 6 were closed due to already being linked to a full-service partnership
- 1 has client has been housed
- 2 originated from South Dakota and have been reconnected with their parents

Raul noted that they continue to deal with filling BHRS Clinician positions, but as the positions get filled, the client contacts have increased.

- In January, 296 client contacts were made, of which 60% needed some medical assistance, and 60% needed housing assistance.
- In February, 566 client contacts were made.
- CARE has started partnering up with the county and other city agencies to provide outreach services to the encampments in the community.

The need to hire more Behavioral Health Clinicians was emphasized, along with the fact that the CARE population can be challenging and change resistant. The issue lies in hiring staff who are willing and able to work with such a population.

Jail: Deputy Burns reported:

- ZOOM courses provided by Learning Quest, in addition to the Nirvana, LCA, and Sierra Vista classes, will be resuming the following week.
- The Programming Deputies will teach the Offender Corrections Course and Cognitive Awareness Course to the inmates in custody.
- The Agricultural Vocational Program started on Monday. The Vocational Programs consist of the Chicken Coop management, Landscaping, and Welding.

District Attorney's Office: Araceli Ochoa-Martinez from the District Attorney's Office reported that they had received 89 requests for victim restitution information last quarter, 60 restitution notices were submitted for filing, and 45 probation information requests were received.

Nirvana: Dane Holding and Michael Bagley from Nirvana reported the following:

- The Residential Program referrals for November and December were minimal and averaged 3 to 4 clients a month. They have been operating at 50% capacity for the past two years but plan to reach maximum capacity by June.
- The Women's Residential Program has 12 occupied beds out of 16 available.
- The Sober Living Program admitted 13, 10 were successful, and 3 were unsuccessful. The number of clients that remain in the program averages 60 days.
- Onsite COVID-19 testing is readily available, and onsite vaccinations are provided by the county once a week.
- Telehealth is available for outpatient treatment services and assessments.

Center for Human Services: Cindy Duenas, Director for the Center for Human Services, reported the following:

- Youth Navigation Center is now open and servicing young adults between 18 and 25 years of age.
- Any young adult age 18 to 25 exiting custody and is homeless can be referred directly to the Youth Navigation Center for housing, education, and employment assistance.
- During the first 60 days of opening, the center was operating at COVID-19 capacity with 12 beds, and 39 clients were provided shelter. She advised the group that 22% of the 39 clients were former foster youth.
- Telecare Co-located within the Youth Navigation Center manages the moderate to severe mental health population.
- SUD groups are available onsite and offsite in both Patterson and Oakdale.

Cindy shared that a funding development is in the works for a home key project to develop 14 units for young adults between 18 and 25.

Learning Quest: Steven Gaxiola reported the following:

- 27 PSC students are enrolled in HSE services.
- 3 REACT students are enrolled in HSE services via ZOOM.
- 8 students receive educational services at the DRC.
- 7 students are enrolled at the Learning Center.
- HiSET Exam is now available at the DRC; 3 exams were administered within the last month resulting in 2 passes and 1 fail. The HiSET exam consists of five subtests: Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.

Public Defender's Office: Jennifer Jennison, Public Defender, gave the group an update on staffing. She stated that the decision was made to fill the BHRS Clinician position, which had been vacant for two years, with a BHRS Behavioral Health Specialist II, and that everything is going well. Furthermore, two CCP-funded Caseworker Client Support Specialists are doing well, and three part-time Caseworkers have been hired. Chief Ferriera commended the Public Defender for her efforts in filling the positions and the program's favorable outcomes.

Workforce Development: Sara Redd reported that the Workforce Development is currently servicing in and out of custody youth. Since the last update 5 out of custody youth and 3 in custody youth completed the program.

LCA: Jeremy Green, Director of Program Services, announced that LCA will make several staff changes, including the employment of a new Executive Director and a Head Accountant. He mentioned that Consuelo Guzman and Richard Perez are scheduled to attend CBI-Employment Train the Trainer Training. Reyna Rodriguez is also certified as an ART Train the Trainer.

Mr. Green informed the audience about the services offered by LCA at the Day Reporting Center. He stated that LCA has been offering DRC participants the CBI-Employment curriculum, which is designed for employment, since 2020. The curriculum lasts 32 sessions and is followed by job placement or vocational training. CBI-Employment runs three times a week, with four lessons each day covering various modules such as job searching. He stated that participants' typical length of stay ranges from three months to a year. If the participant decides to pursue vocational training, LCA will continue to provide the required help, ensuring that individuals have all the necessary skills to succeed. Once the training is done, LCA will place the participants in jobs and track them for another 90 days, at which point they will be declared LCA graduates. Aside from CBI-Employment, Aggression Replacement Training (ART) is offered twice a week and focuses on social skills related to anger management.

Chief Ferriera noted that the focus is to align all the programming offered at the Day Reporting Center with University of Cincinnati's curriculums because it is evidenced based and proven effective.

Reyna Rodriguez provided the following update:

- 23 in-custody youth are receiving ART Programming.
- 9 out of custody youth completed ART; 9 are due to graduate on April 7th.
- 1 out of custody youth has completed CBI, and 2 are due to graduate on April 4th.

Consuelo Guzman provided the following update:

- CBI-Employment
 - CBI classes are averaging 16 participants between modules 1-4 and continuing to operate with new classes starting every 2 weeks.
 - 5 participants have obtained full-time employment.
 - 7 participants are currently attending a vocational program.
 - 4 participants completed vocational programming.
 - 7 participants completed the CBI curriculum.
 - 6 participants completed and graduated LCA and remain employed full time.
- Aggression Replacement Training (ART)
 - 4 graduated on February 10th.
 - 6 are actively participating and are expected to graduate on April 21st.

Consuelo advised the group that both her and Richard Perez have been certified with University of Cincinnati to monitor groups that LCA is conducting. They utilize the continued quality improvement tool to ensure fidelity of the program by identifying areas of strength or areas for improvement in the following:

- Group Structure/Format
- Facilitator Knowledge / Modeling
- Teaching Skills
- Behavior Management
- Communication
- Interpersonal Characteristics

6. COMMENTS:

None.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date will be set for May 26, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.