

STANISLAUS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 18, 2011

Stanislaus County Probation Department – Training Room

MEMBERS/DESIGNEES PRESENT

CHIEF JERRY POWERS, Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department

TERRY WITHROW, Board of Supervisors

BIRGIT FLADAGER, District Attorney

ADAM CHRISTIANSON, Sheriff

CHRISTINE APPLGATE, Director, Community Services Agency

CINDY DUENAS, Center for Human Services

CHIEF MICHAEL HARDEN, Modesto Police Department

REBECCA FLEMING, Superior Court of California

TIMOTHY P. BAZAR, Public Defender

MADELYN SCHLAEFFER, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services

MIKE HAMASAKI, Division Director, Probation Department

CAPT. WILLIAM DUNCAN, Sheriff's Department

BRENDA SUAREZ, Sheriff's Department

STAN RISEN, Chief Executive Office

DORIS FOSTER, Chief Executive Office

LT. RON LLOYD, Sheriff's Department

DEBRA BUCKLES, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services

MEMBERS ABSENT

THOMAS CHAGNON, Stanislaus County Office of Education

JEFF ROWE, Director, Alliance WorkNet

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m. by Chief Jerry Powers. Members of the group introduced themselves.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public were present.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 10, 2011 MEETING**

MOTION: Chief Michael Harden. SECOND: Birgit Fladager. The minutes of the August 10, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

4. **UPDATES**

Chief Powers welcomed Supervisor Terry Withrow to the meeting and noted that the agenda and minutes of the CCP have been sent to all members of the Board of Supervisors. Chief Powers gave a brief synopsis of AB109 noting that the County's allocation for this fiscal year is \$6.10 million. In addition, \$424,000 has been allocated for one-time equipment needs, \$150,000 for planning and \$215,000 will be split this year between the District Attorney's Office and Public Defender's Office. Nine months of funding will be provided since AB109 will be effective October 1, 2011. According to CDCR statistics, the population expected is 215 individuals to be sentenced to State prison but these individuals will remain in County facilities. Approximately 500 offenders are expected to be released from State prison to Post-Release Community Supervision.

Chief Powers reviewed that proposals were submitted to CCP from the Sheriff's Department outlining the number of beds to be re-opened and programs to be expanded to meet this population. Chief Powers clarified that the State is not releasing inmates from prison early; only those sentenced effective October 1st will stay in County facilities. He noted some advantages to be that these individuals are already in the system, many of them have already been on probation and are known by the officers in the Probation Department, and that by keeping offenders in local facilities, programs can be offered to better assist these offenders and hopefully reduce recidivism.

5. THE NUMBERS – BUDGET

Chief Powers distributed a handout outlining proposed costs for Phase I and Phase II (copy attached to original of minutes):

Phase I			
Sheriff (150 beds/increase Alt programs and work programs)			\$2,325,000
State Parolee Bed Reimbursement – not to exceed			\$375,000
Equipment Expenses			<u>\$212,000</u>
		Subtotal	\$2,912,000
10% Admin Overhead			\$291,200
Probation (Supervision & DRC expansion)			\$2,032,000
Equipment Expenses			<u>\$212,000</u>
		Subtotal	\$2,244,000
10% Admin Overhead			<u>\$224,400</u>
		Total	\$5,671,600
		 Funding Total	 <u>\$6,434,125</u>
		 Balance	 \$762,525

Chief Powers noted that these numbers are based on being fully operational on October 1, 2011. However, these programs will not be fully going on that date. He explained the money expended for the State Parolee Bed Reimbursement noting that the Sheriff's Department is reimbursed \$77 per day per inmate for keeping parole violators in the local facility until they were sent back to State prison. Since these offenders will not be returning to State prison, this funding will cease. He noted that Parole will be keeping approximately 40% of the population which will include the serious and violent offenders and sex offenders.

Chief Powers discussed the Remaining Issues handout which includes Treatment/Programming, Task Force Efforts, contingency (10%) for unforeseen expenses of \$600,000, and expected savings from the start up delay. At the August 10th meeting, proposals from BHRS and Alliance WorkNet were presented. Alliance WorkNet submitted a memo to CCP (copy attached to original of minutes) outlining a breakdown of services and costs associated with providing one-on-one intensive assessment, counseling, employment planning, skill development, barrier resolution, job development and follow-up services for AB109 parolees. Chief Powers advised that these programs will probably become part of Phase II when the population to be served is actually known and programs could be better implemented.

The Integrated Forensic Team (IFT) presented a proposal to CCP (copy attached to original of minutes) for Phase I. Debra Buckles, BHRS, explained that IFT is a Mental Health Services Act, multi-disciplinary program, providing comprehensive mental health and co-occurring services for adults with priority given to individuals on probation. Services include case management, crisis response, family support, housing and employment assistance, mental health rehabilitation, medication support, peer support and 24/7 coverage. The IFT serves approximately 100 clients, with 40 of them receiving intensive services. Ms. Buckles advised that to date, outcomes of this program have been very good.

Ms. Buckles reviewed the staffing and expenses that would be incurred to provide mental health related services to the inmates released from state prison to county supervision. Total costs for the IFT expansion for Phase I are \$325,980 annually and \$244,485 for nine months. The IFT expansion would be able to increase the program's intensive services capacity and serve an additional 25 clients.

Public Defender Bazar asked a question regarding violent crime offenders being excluded from this program. Ms. Buckles explained that the admission criteria to IFT was established by the Mental Health Court and this criteria includes: (1) serious mental illness; (2) at risk for incarceration or homelessness; and (3) cannot be a parolee. She noted that violence does not necessarily preclude someone from IFT.

Chief Powers asked if the addition of 25 beds to the IFT program could be a mixture of level of treatment offered and modify the program as required. Ms. Buckles emphasized that the program is at capacity already and serving more clients at this level would be difficult. An expansion of this program is necessary in order to accommodate both serious and mid-level clients.

Christine Applegate, CSA, updated the group on utilizing a Social Worker IV in order to evaluate and qualify individuals for SSI. When individuals are receiving treatment, the Social Worker will try to get the individual on SSI for living expenses. She noted that it takes approximately nine months to get through the SSI process. Federal funds can be applied for to offset the cost of this Social Worker. Chief Powers advised that CDCR will release some information on an inmate, including what facility they are coming from and the medications being used. Since a psychiatric component would be needed in order to continue medications, Ms. Applegate suggested that BHRS, CHS and CSA work as a subgroup with HSA.

Chief Powers reviewed the contingency funds which could be expected from each proposed expense:

- IFT: Two-month delay expected - \$25,000 savings
- Sheriff's Department: \$320,000 – beds will be occupied at jail facilities, but the expansion of programs will be delayed. RIF lists will be utilized to fill staff vacancies.
- Probation: \$240,000
- **Total: \$585,000 total reserve**

Chief Powers discussed the need to consider establishing a regional task force to apprehend absconders. He noted there will be offenders who were released from jail early and do not show up for mandated appointments, and those parolees who are released from State prison, given \$200 to return to their county, and subsequently do not report to Probation as ordered. An apprehension team could be funded consisting of members from the Sheriff's Department, Police Department and Probation. There would be public safety value in allocating funds for this type of task force. Chief Powers proposed that \$100,000 be considered for this team and after the first nine months, numbers can be evaluated.

Chief Powers proposed to allocate:

\$244,000	IFT
<u>\$100,000</u>	Regional task force
\$344,000	TOTAL
\$762,000	Balance from Phase I
<u>(\$344,000)</u>	
\$418,000	Balance for Phase I

\$600,000 Contingency (10% from each area)

\$1,000,000 Total Contingency

6. **NEXT STEPS**

Chief Powers suggested a formal proposal be presented to the Executive Committee in order to prepare an agenda item to present to the Board of Supervisors at their September 20th meeting. Once the core proposal is completed, it will be necessary for this group to keep meeting in order to evaluate the budget, population and programs. The realignment budget will be prepared with flexibility and it is not anticipated that Board approval will be required to amend spending requirements within each department. Stan Risen advised that Doris Foster, CEO's Office, will be setting up meetings with each area in order to establish the budget journal for realignment.

7. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting date was set for **Tuesday, August 23rd**, from **11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Lunch will be provided. The meeting will take place at the Probation Department in the Training Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.