

STANISLAUS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Meeting Minutes

Friday – May 9, 2013

Stanislaus County Probation Department – Training Room

MEMBERS/DESIGNEES PRESENT

ADAM CHRISTIANSON, Sheriff
MIKE HAMASAKI, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department
BIRGIT FLADAGER, District Attorney
TIMOTHY P. BAZAR, Public Defender
STEPHANIE KENNEDY for Rebecca Fleming, Superior Court
GALEN CARROL, Chief of Police, Modesto Police Department
KATHRYN HARWELL, Director, Community Services Agency
DEBRA BUCKLES for Madelyn Schlaepfer, Director, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
WILLIAM O'BRIEN, Board of Supervisors
TERRY WITHROW, Board of Supervisors
MONICA NINO, CEO
STAN RISEN, CEO's Office
DORIS FOSTER, CEO's Office
CINDY DUENAS, Director, Center for Human Services
JEFF ROWE, Alliance WorkNet
STEVE JACKSON, Division Director, Probation Department
NATASCHA ROOF, Division Director, Probation Department
KAREN CURCI, Administrative Services Manager, Probation Department
MARIA DEANDA, Community Services Agency
SONNY SANDHU, Public Defender's Office
DAN WIRTZ, Sheriff's Department
LT. RON LLOYD, Sheriff's Department
DAVID CHAPMAN, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department
MARK FERRIERA, Supervising Probation Manager, Probation Department
KELLY YEHL, Crime Analyst, Probation Department

MEMBERS ABSENT

THOMAS CHAGNON, Stanislaus County Office of Education

GUESTS PRESENT

DANE HELDING, Nirvana	YAMILET VALLADOLID, El Concilio
MIKE BAGLEY, Nirvana	TERESA ALCARAZ, El Concilio
JULIE BAKER, Second Chances	JOSE RODRIGUEZ, El Concilio
MARIA BENNETT, Second Chances	CINDI J. MARTIN, Second Chances

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 11:33 a.m. by Sheriff Adam Christianson. Members of the group introduced themselves. Representatives from Nirvana (Dane Holding and Mike Bagley), El Concilio, (Yamilet Valladolid, Jose Rodriguez, and Teresa Alcaraz) and Second Chances (Julie Baker, Maria Bennett and Cindi J. Martin) were present.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public were present.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 29, 2013 MEETING**

MOTION: Cindy Duenas. SECOND: DA Birgit Fladager. The minutes of the March 29, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.

4. **CCP PLAN – STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND STATISTICS / PROJECTIONS**

The following is an update on the CCP programs:

A. **Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and Intensive Supervision Unit (ISU):** Dave Chapman, Supervising Probation Officer, reported the following statistics:

- PRCS and ISU received 51 new cases in March 2013, with 30 projected from the State, and in April 2013, 41 new cases were received. These units continue to receive more cases than the State had projected.
- Actual totals through the end of April 2013: 1,093 cases. The units are currently supervising 675 active cases.
- Flash incarcerations for March was 51 cases and in April 37 cases, for a total of 385 cases to date.
- Two RAT operations were conducted in March – one in Riverbank and one in Patterson/Newman areas. In April, a RAT operation was conducted in Turlock and two RAT operations are planned in May for the City of Modesto.
- The Family Services Specialist (FSS) met with 40 individuals during March and April to interview them for services and eligibility for benefits.

SPO Chapman shared a quote heard during a search operation from an individual on parole for the last 20 years. This individual stated that the Probation officers are “hard.” This individual noted that he is normally back in prison within 30 days. He stated that he has been out of prison now for six months because “Stanislaus County is hard, and I’m keeping it straight.”

B. **Day Reporting Center (DRC):** Mark Ferriera, Supervising Probation Officer, noted that the DRC has been relocated from Salida to the Probation Department’s Adult Division building at 801 11th Street. Since that move, there has been an increase in offender participation. He reviewed the following 1170(h) statistics since realignment has been implemented:

- 790 offenders have been sentenced to local prison. Of those, 663 were split sentence cases where offenders had supervision and local prison.
- 127 were sentenced to jail only with no supervision tail.
- Of the 663 split sentence cases, 271 thus far have been released on mandatory supervision.

C. **Integrated Forensics Team:** Debra Buckles, BHRS, reported that Behavioral Health is almost fully staffed and is anticipating their move closer to the Probation office.

D. **Community Services Agency:** Maria DeAnda, CSA, reported that their staff member who would be at Behavioral Health is on a leave of absence and CSA is recruiting for an individual to assist at BHRS. To date, 1.5 staff members are at this location and have seen 93 cases. In January, because of healthcare reform, it is expected that 90% of these individuals will be eligible for services.

E. **Nirvana:** Michael Bagley reported on the grant beds available for AB109 clientele. One person who had been admitted on January 24, 2013, completed 90 days of residential treatment and has moved on to the sober living housing area. He is currently employed and will be completing probation in August. Two more individuals have been admitted to the residential program with one more to be admitted next week.

5. **INVOICING/BUDGET UPDATE**

Karen Curci, Administrative Services Manager, Probation Department, reported that approximately \$8 million has been spent this fiscal year. BHRS is getting caught up with their invoicing.

6. SERVICE PROVIDER PRESENTATIONS

A. Nirvana Drug and Alcohol Treatment Institute

Dane Holding, Executive Director, reviewed the proposal submitted (proposal distributed and attached to original copy of minutes). Nirvana has been providing residential treatment services to the offender population since 1997. Amount of funding requested is \$91,250. The justification for this request is that this residential treatment is more cost effective than incarceration. Services provided to the residents include therapy, education, and job-skill assistance. Currently, there are very limited options for AB109 offenders needing residential treatment in Stanislaus County. The amount of funding requested will serve five clients per month or 60 clients per year in residential treatment. The average cost per month is \$1,520.83 which is an average cost of \$50.00 per treatment bed per day. Nirvana bills on a daily rate only for actual services provided. Nirvana will provide a 20% funding match for \$18,250, which will serve an additional 12 clients per year. With the matching funds, the total contract value is \$109,500 with the actual cost requested from CCP at \$91,250.

Nirvana uses the CalOMS (California Outcomes Measurement System) to track outcomes specific to this population. These stats are compiled by the state and are available to the county by utilizing their provider number. Mr. Holding noted Nirvana is approximately 20% above the state averages for outcomes completion and successful completion. Nirvana will report to the CCP monthly information regarding admits, successful completions and discharges. They will immediately report to probation any unusual incidences and positive drug tests, and will provide written reports bi-weekly to the Probation Department on progress or lack of progress along with the results of all UA tests and referrals made for the client.

Mr. Holding highlighted that the Probation Department can contact Nirvana with a referral and if a bed is available, then the client is admitted immediately. Presently, there are 36 beds available for men and 12 for women, with this amount to be increased to 20 beds in two months. Nirvana usually operates at 80-90% capacity so a bed is usually available. Current contracts and references were provided in the proposal.

B. Second Chances California

Julie Baker, Cindi J. Martin, LCSW, and Maria Bennett presented the following information (report distributed and attached to original copy of minutes) regarding the Second Chances program:

- Three components of pilot project which began on January 16, 2013: The Groom Elite Vocational Program, The Unbridled Hope Growth and Learning Program (or mental health component), and The Second Chances CA Adoption and Retraining Program.
- Planning and implementation:
 - Met with Probation Department for input in developing the referral process and protocol.
 - Began screening applications and conducting screening interviews.
 - Concurrently implemented EAL and Groom Elite sessions and discovered participants not involved in EAL component were dropping out of vocational component.
 - Mandated participation in both components.
- Pilot Project Structure: Group One attended vocational programming twice weekly for four hours for three months. Group Two attended vocational programming three times weekly for four hours for eight weeks. Both groups attended EAL sessions.
- Pilot project demographics: Average age was 37 years old; 13 male and 3 female participants; most were single; ethnicity was mostly Caucasian; 10 had GED; 6 admitted to having used drugs. Most lived in Modesto and public transportation was available to get to the program.
- Pilot project outcomes: Overall results noted a total of 22 referrals were received from the Probation Department. Ms. Baker reported that some of the clients had a degree of fear of working around horses and this fear will be evaluated during the screening process with the next group. The clients did overcome this fear and she emphasized that there were no injuries reported for both groups of the pilot project. The Equine Adoption and Re-Training outcomes included building relationships with potential employers.

- Program Projections/Recommendations:
 - Mandate vocational and growth and learning components of Second Chances California.
 - EAL minimum of 4 sessions before onset of vocational training.
 - Addition of Client Advocate to support substance abuse recovery commitment.
 - Continuation of random drug testing.
 - Vocational training to be followed by intensive two-pronged after care program.
- Program Justifications: Ms. Baker and Ms. Martin shared comments from clients served by the programs and emphasized that one changed life affects many individuals. They found that participants in the program were motivated to learn and engaged as evidenced by their punctuality and faithful attendance.
- Program Budget:
 - Plan A: \$87,750
 - Plan B (adds after-care program): \$150,825
 - Plan C (adds internship program): \$187,625

C. **El Concilio:** Teresa Alcaarez, Program Lead for the Re-Entry Program, distributed information (attached to original copy of minutes) regarding program highlights in San Joaquin County. This program has been very successful with 45 referrals from the San Joaquin Probation Department. Of these clients:

- 93% (42 clients) have had their cases closed successfully for probationary purposes.
- 23 (51%) have obtained full-time employment and housing. They are employed full-time with benefits at organizations such as Diamond Foods, OG Packing, and Chinchio Packing.
- 12 (26%) are working full-time but have not yet obtained independent housing.
- Two have obtained California driver's licenses.

Funding in the amount of \$150,000 is being requested to serve up to 120 individuals in Stanislaus County with intensive case management. Information was presented at the CCP meeting held on March 29, 2013. Ms. Alcaarez advised that El Concilio serves medium and high risk individuals and obtain referrals from the Probation Department.

7. PHASE 3 DISCUSSION

Public Defender's Office: Public Defender Bazar noted that he presented a request to the Board of Supervisors for additional funding for the Indigent Defense Fund (Memo attached to original copy of minutes). He explained that this fund is separate from the Public Defender's Office and pays for the portion of the indigent defense delivery system not funded by their office. Two attorney firms have a contract with the County to provide services when the Public Defender's office cannot handle a case because of a conflict. The Board of Supervisors suggested that the increase in costs being seen at this time are a result of realignment; therefore, the Public Defender's Office is requesting additional funding to fund positions for two attorneys as well as one legal clerk in the amount of \$200,000, bringing the total request for funding to \$622,000.

PD Bazar discussed the process to be followed to fund the Phase III CCP Plan. He noted that the entire CCP committee should voice their opinion for funding which will be reviewed and evaluated by the CCP Executive Committee in order to develop the CCP Plan. This plan will then be presented to the Board of Supervisors for their approval. The CCP Plan for Phase III will be disbursed to the CCP Committee for their review and comments before presentation to the Board. Stan Risen, CEO's Office, suggested considering two levels of funding. Level I funding based on the base allocation and Level II funding to include the unknown growth funding amount. Sheriff Christianson stressed that caution and flexibility is vital in funding programs. He noted that the goal of this committee is to fund as much as possible of the community-based programs. The base funding anticipated for Phase III is \$14.5 million, with a fund balance of \$4 million.

Supervisor O'Brien pointed out that the question is not "if" the State will cut funding, it is "when" the State will cut funding. He advised that the Board of Supervisors would be interested in determining the true costs of AB109 for County departments. It is important to determine what portion of the general fund is being used for AB109. He noted that the Board realizes that crime rates are going up because of AB109. Mike Hamasaki, Probation Department, commented that recidivism rates will be shared at the next CCP meeting.

8. **COMMENTS**

No comments made.

9. **NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE**

The Executive Committee will meet later this month to build a budget and Phase III CCP Plan to send to the CCP Committee for review and comments.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.