

STANISLAUS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Meeting Minutes

Friday – March 21, 2014

Stanislaus County Probation Department – Training Room

MEMBERS/DESIGNEES PRESENT

JILL SILVA, Chief Probation Officer, Chair
CAPT. BILL DUNCAN for Adam Christianson, Sheriff
BIRGIT FLADAGER, District Attorney
TIMOTHY P. BAZAR, Public Defender
MADELYN SCHLAEPFER, Director, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
ANGIE GONZALEZ for Rebecca Fleming, Superior Court
GAY MCDANIEL, Victim's Services, District Attorney's Office
ALAN CASSIDY, District Attorney's Office
WILLIAM O'BRIEN, Board of Supervisors
IRENE LOPEZ for Kathryn Harwell, Community Services Agency
STAN RISEN, CEO
DORIS FOSTER, CEO's Office
LT. RON LLOYD, Sheriff's Department
SETH ROGERS, Sheriff's Department
STEVE JACKSON, Division Director, Probation Department
DAN WIRTZ, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
KAREN CURCI, Administrative Services Manager, Probation Department
DAVE CHAPMAN, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department
MARC ROGERS, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department
MARK FERRIERA, Supervising Probation Manager, Probation Department
ERIC MCLOUGHLIN, IT Manager, Probation Department

MEMBERS ABSENT

JEFF ROWE, Alliance WorkNet
THOMAS CHAGNON, Stanislaus County Office of Education
GALEN CARROLL, Chief of Police, Modesto Police Department

GUESTS PRESENT

MICHAEL BAGLEY, Nirvana
KEVIN CARROLL, Modesto Gospel Mission
STEVE RHODES, Second Chances
DANE HELDING, Nirvana
JULIE BAKER, Second Chances

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m. by Chief Probation Officer Jill Silva. She noted that during this past week, she attended the Chief Probation Officers of California meeting where other counties, the Governor's office and the Department of Finance were represented. Chief Silva acknowledged the Stanislaus County CCP committee as an active, cooperative group and commended the group for their high level of participation and agreement. Members of the group introduced themselves. Representatives from Nirvana (Michael Bagley and Dane Holding), Second Chances (Julie Baker and Steve Rhodes), and Modesto Gospel Mission (Kevin Carroll) were present.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public were present.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 28, 2014 MEETING**

MOTION: DA Birgit Fladager. SECOND: PD Timothy P. Bazar. The minutes of the February 28, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously.

4. CCP PROGRAMS UPDATE

The following is an update on the CCP programs:

A. **Day Reporting Center:** Mark Ferriera, Supervising Probation Officer, reported that Don Nickerson, the Victims Advocate from the DA's office, came to three of the DRC classes to speak with AB109 offenders. He advised that a Deputy Probation Officer from this unit has gone to the Modesto Gospel Mission during the past two months. He noted that the number of offenders there has been moderate to light. Flyers have been distributed and posters have been put up, and as the word gets around, it is hoped that the transient population at the Mission will increase. SPO Ferriera reported that while there are terminations from the DRC, there has been an increase in the number of graduates from the drug and alcohol groups. He advised that one of the graduates would be a good candidate to come to the next CCP meeting and present her success story.

B. **Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and Intensive Supervision Unit (ISU):** Dave Chapman, Supervising Probation Officer, reported about a car theft victim he spoke with who wanted reconciliation with the offender. This victim wanted to know why he had committed the crime and wanted to confront him positively to try to change his life. SPO Chapman contacted Don Nickerson from the DA's office who spoke with this victim and she was very grateful for the follow-up. SPO Chapman advised that the defendant has been released and when he comes in for assessment, Mr. Nickerson will be present to approach him about meeting with this victim.

SPO Chapman advised that the Deputy Probation Officer now assigned to the transient population has been going through these cases and contacting them to determine where they are getting the basic necessities of life, such as food and shelter. He noted one case of an offender living with his mother most of the week and, therefore, that address has been assigned and this offender is no longer listed as transient. SPO Chapman also reported that this DPO has been going out into the field, and today he made contact with a transient who was subsequently set up to receive services at Nirvana. The DPO assigned to this caseload is utilizing the ACT (Assertive Community Treatment) model to go out into the field and find transients. Officers will be stationed in the Turlock and Riverbank Police Departments to contact and engage transients in those areas. Chief Silva commented that there is a high percentage of transient AB109 offenders. She noted that this has been a topic statewide because some counties are finding that these offenders are listing themselves as transient in order to avoid searches and being tested out in the field. She emphasized that the department wants to take every measure possible to find those who are transient in order to work with them and provide services.

SPO Chapman reported that Supervisor DeMartini and Chief Silva accompanied the PRCS and ISU Units during PRCS searches last week. Marci Rogers, Supervising Probation Officer, reported that the number of PRCS offenders remains steady and continue to report. GPS monitoring is at capacity. RAT operations are scheduled in the next two weeks in Modesto, Turlock and Oakdale.

C. **Victim Advocacy Program:** Gay McDaniel, DA's Office, advised that the services being provided are valuable. From February 27th to March 20th, Mr. Nickerson was assigned 44 AB109 cases that were issued in the DA's office. She noted they are attempting to catch these cases as soon as they are issued. A report is run twice a week in order to get the restitution information in the DA's file. Out of the 44 contacts made, 11 requests for restitution were returned and submitted to the files. Mr. Nickerson attended seven victim restitution classes at the Probation Department and other community organizations with a total of 117 participants. He completed 33 restitution assessments and furnished information on five requests regarding PRCS offenders.

D. **Jail Report:** Lt. Ron Lloyd reported the following:

- a. 17 parolees in custody
- b. 13 holds only
- c. 1170(h) – 136 which represents ¾ of the sentenced population
- d. 57 AWP/HD
- e. 3455 (revocations) – 36
- f. 3454 (flash incarcerations) – 15

Last month, two housing units were closed and one of these units is scheduled to open later this week. Capt. Duncan reported that the SB1022 appeal was successful and \$40 million in funding will be awarded to add an additional 288 beds to the 456 beds planned utilizing the AB900 funding of \$80 million. He commended Patty Hill Thomas, from the CEO's office, for her outstanding job in the appeal process before the BSCC. Chief Silva noted that three counties presented an appeal and only Stanislaus County's appeal was granted.

- D. **Community Services Agency:** Irene Lopez reported that there have been 87 offenders from July 2013 through March 2014 who have been assessed for services at the DRC. She advised that the Case Manager presently at the DRC has been promoted and Teresa Brockman will assume this role along with another person who is presently going through the hiring process.
- E. **Second Chances:** Julie Baker, Director, reported there were five referrals with three of these interviewed so far. Two of these individuals are from the 1109 transient population. She noted she is working with SPO Ferriera on how to engage this population more and locate them. The next group will start the first or second week of April.
- F. **Nirvana:** Michael Bagley reported that since February, there have been five referrals, and one of these referrals was for the first female admitted from the AB109 population. There are four participants still active in the program. Three are on the waiting list and, since February, three people who were admitted walked away. Two participants will graduate from the program at the end of March. One of these graduates will continue in the sober living unit and one other will be housed at the BHRS sober living unit. Don Nickerson from the DA's Office came to Nirvana to give a presentation and the response was very positive. Dane Holding noted that 20 felons attended Mr. Nickerson's presentation and noted he had a good connection with the clients.
- G. **Modesto Gospel Mission:** Kevin Carroll noted they are looking forward to the partnership with the Probation Department. One of their staff goes to the parks on Fridays and will be passing out flyers emphasizing that the Mission is a safe place to go as long as there are no outstanding warrants. Last night, there were 68 men at the shelter. The women and children's center is full with 20 overnight clients there with 13 children. There are 50 men participating in the New Life program.

5. **FISCAL UPDATE**

Karen Curci, Administrative Services Manager for the Probation Department, reported that almost \$8 million has been received this year with expenditures at approximately \$5.5 million. They are continuing to work with the vendors on an acceptable format for invoicing this account, and working with BHRS on what will be spent by the end of the fiscal year in order to determine the fund balance.

CEO Stan Risen reported meeting with RAC and CAO's regarding the funding allocation. He noted that the struggle continues on how to revise the funding formula to hopefully include the poverty and unemployment factors in that formula. He reviewed that a gap is anticipated in the year 4 funding with an 8% drop expected in fiscal year 2014-2015. Chief Silva commented that the Governor attended the CPOC meeting yesterday and acknowledged that all the counties have needs and addressed the assumptions that were made regarding this population. One assumption noted was that the PRCS population was expected to decrease over time; however, nobody anticipated the second strikers to increase and they will be released to PRCS supervision. Therefore, it is expected that the PRCS population will stay level.

6. **YEAR FOUR DISCUSSION**

Chief Silva reported that the CCP Executive Committee met on March 11th to review the outcomes reports submitted by the participating CCP agencies. Letters were sent to the agencies regarding funding for Year 4 and requesting them to submit a detailed budget proposal by April 2nd. The Executive Committee will meet in April to review the budget proposals and develop a budget to submit to the Board of Supervisors.

Chief Silva advised that the Second Chances program was not recommended for AB109 funding next year. She recognized and commended Ms. Baker for her efforts with this program. Ms. Baker thanked the committee members for their support and noted that she will be searching for alternative sources of funding in order to continue this project. She advised they have formed a corporation, called Healing Arenas, in order to apply for funding. They are looking forward to providing emotional healing for this population.

7. **COMMENTS**

No comments.

8. **NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE**

An e-mail will be sent to the group regarding the date for the next CCP meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.