

STANISLAUS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday – September 24, 2014

Stanislaus County Probation Department – Training Room

MEMBERS/DESIGNEES PRESENT

JILL SILVA, Chief Probation Officer, Chair
ADAM CHRISTIANSON, Sheriff
BIRGIT FLADAGER, District Attorney
TIMOTHY P. BAZAR, Public Defender
MADELYN SCHLAEPFER, Director, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
STEPHANIE KENNEDY for Rebecca Fleming, Superior Court
ANGIE GONZALEZ, Superior Court
CINDY DUENAS, Center for Human Services
KRISTIE SANTOS for Kathryn Harwell, Community Services Agency
STAN RISEN, CEO
DORIS FOSTER, CEO's Office
SETH ROGERS, Sheriff's Department
CHERYL TITUS, Victim's Services, District Attorney's Office
ALAN CASSIDY, District Attorney's Office
MIKE HAMASAKI, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department
STEVE JACKSON, Division Director, Probation Department
DEBRA BUCKLES, 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

WILLIAM O'BRIEN, Board of Supervisors
JEFF ROWE, Alliance WorkNet
THOMAS CHAGNON, Stanislaus County Office of Education
GALEN CARROLL, Chief of Police, Modesto Police Department

GUESTS PRESENT

KEVIN CARROLL, Modesto Gospel Mission LUIS ZAVALA, El Concilio
ANNETTE SANCHEZ, El Concilio CAROLINA CALDERON, El Concilio

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m. by Chief Probation Officer Jill Silva. Members of the group introduced themselves. Representatives from El Concilio (Annette Sanchez, Carolina Calderon and Luis Zavala) and Modesto Gospel Mission (Kevin Carroll) were present.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public were present.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 7, 2014 MEETING**

MOTION: Sheriff Adam Christianson. SECOND: PD Timothy P. Bazar. The minutes of the August 7, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously.

4. **CCP PROGRAMS UPDATE**

The following is an update on the CCP programs:

- A. **Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and Intensive Supervision Unit (ISU):** SPO Dave Chapman distributed a graph titled “Number of Actively Supervised PRCS and 1170(h) Cases—March 2012 to August 2014” (attached to original copy of minutes). He reviewed the trending depicted on the graph of the number of all AB109 cases actively being supervised. As of August 31, 2014 the actively supervised totals were: PRCS = 781 and 1170(h) Mandatory Supervision = 625. He noted that the number of bench warrants has stayed steady and the RAT operations continue to pursue these offenders. SPO Chapman explained that the 400 Unit (PRCS) has nine DPO’s and consists of all PRCS offenders. The 1100 Unit (ISU) supervises the offenders on GPS unit and the PRCS sex offenders. Sheriff Christianson noted that this graph is an excellent educational tool and requested that the graph contain a more detailed legend in order to distribute this information to outside organizations.

SPO Chapman advised that the transient caseload Deputy Probation Officer has been doing outreach with various organizations to evaluate methods to serve this population. He has been working with the Garden Gate Respite and Golden Valley Corner of Hope to provide temporary housing and medical services.

SPO Marci Rogers advised that the trend indicating an increase in the number of bench warrants could be due to an increase in the number of violations with offenders not reporting to the Probation Department after their release from prison. The unit is evaluating different ways to work with the offenders before they are released and the new Day Reporting Center will assist with this issue. In addition, the RAT operations focus on these bench warrants and bringing these individuals back into the system. Division Director Steve Jackson advised that assessments are now being completed while offenders are in-custody as opposed to being done out-of-custody.

- B. **Day Reporting Center:** SPO Mark Ferriera advised that the final plans for the new Day Reporting Center (DRC) were sent to the State Fire Marshall on Monday (9/22) and could take up to two weeks for approval. Once approval is obtained, construction can begin.
- C. **Integrated Forensics Team (IFT BHRS):** Debra Buckles advised that the Garden Gate Respite is a BHRS service. This is a peer run organization and is used as an engagement strategy where transients can get basic services, such as a shower and a meal. It is primarily utilized by law enforcement and will be good asset for the Probation Department for the PRCS population.

As of this week, Ms. Buckles reported that there are 63 individuals enrolled in the Mental Health program and 39 participating in the DRCI intensive outpatient substance abuse program. FY2013-14 highlights included:

- 75% of the individuals that have been assessed for mental health programs are being enrolled in these programs.
- 28 individuals, upon release from custody, were enrolled in programming.
- 44% of the substance abuse assessed individuals were enrolled in a drug and alcohol program.

Ms. Buckles advised that proposed MHSA funds will be utilized to expand the housing services already offered to include nine single-occupancy units to assist the homeless population and provide an intensive transitional support program for quick intervention. The smaller unit will assist in dealing with behavior problems experienced with this population. This facility is located at the Garden Gate Respite facility. Emergency housing has also been proposed. An agenda item will be presented to the Board of Supervisors next week.

- D. **Community Services Agency:** Kristy Santos advised that the CSA worker is presently on leave and three candidates are in background. In August, 34 individuals were scheduled for appointments with 10 no-shows and two cancellations. In September, 20 individuals were assisted with enrollment in CSA and MediCal programs. CSA is working with the Sheriff's Office to enroll inmates into MediCal under AB720. A pilot process is in place utilizing the phone and since the beginning of August, 13 inmates were enrolled. Ms. Santos expressed appreciation to the Sheriff's Office for allowing inmates access to the phone in order to keep appointments with CSA staff. The process might change when the RFP is completed and a contractor is hired to be available within the facility.
- E. **El Concilio:** Luis Zavala advised that in August, eight additional clients were received with 24 active clients presently. Three clients are obtaining tattoo removal and two referrals were made to education at Modesto Junior College. El Concilio is pursuing more organizations that are willing to work with felons. There are five clients engaged in full-time employment and two clients in part-time jobs.

Annette Sanchez noted that El Concilio had a visit from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC). Chief Silva advised that the BSCC also visited the Day Reporting Center and Nirvana. Ms. Sanchez noted the BSCC was pleased with the type of services being provided and the number of employers that El Concilio has available to obtain employment for their clients. She discussed the lack of transportation problem with the BSCC.

- F. **Modesto Gospel Mission:** Kevin Carroll reported the following:
- 77 men at the emergency shelter
 - 46 men in the long-term program
 - 21 women in the program
 - 23 women in the emergency shelter program with 7 children
 - 3 people in the GED program
 - 25 people involved in diplomas
 - 3 graduates who are working in the community
 - Established a community care group partnering with the Dry Creek Trail Association for maintenance in the neighborhoods.
 - Interfacing more with mental health in order to assist the homeless
 - Working with Modesto Police Department and discovered that 84 people served were from out of the county. CEO Stan Risen requested that information be documented regarding the agency that bought the bus ticket for an out-of-county individual and how long the individual has been in this county. Zip code and last known address are being tracked for all individuals being served.

5. **FISCAL UPDATE / RAC PROPOSED FORMULA**

Chief Silva referred to the "Estimated Allocations" report (attached to the original copy of minutes) and acknowledged that nine CAO's/CEO's came together and worked hard to come up with a formula that all 58 counties could accept. There was a unanimous vote of approval from all participants. Chief Silva explained that the base formula took into consideration many aspects including caseload, the effects of 2011 realignment, crime and population, and other special factors, such as if there was a State prison in the area and poverty. As far as the growth formula, 80% of this formula will be utilized in the future to reward successes and improvement in probation outcomes; and 20% of the growth formula will reward successes in reducing prison incarcerations. A transition, or one-time payment, will go to those counties that are going to be transitioning from the higher base funding of the previous formula. Chief Silva reviewed that funding for Stanislaus County last year was \$16.1 million, which included both the growth and the base allocation. This year a decrease in funding was anticipated because the State made the assumption there would be a drop in the number of PRCS cases. Therefore, funding for FY2014-15 was estimated at \$15.2 million which is slightly lower than anticipated by approximately \$500,000. When this budget is finalized, the CCP Executive Committee will be reconvened to revise the CCP budget in order to compensate for this loss in funding and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for approval. In the future, it is anticipated that the base allocation will grow to \$17.4 million for FY2016-17.

CEO Stan Risen commented that the decrease in funding of approximately 10% will be experienced statewide and the RAC decided these new formulas will be phased in. The group discussed the performance issue tied to the formula, probation violations, and the definition of recidivism which is being developed and refined by the BSCC which will include measurement factors to be considered.

Chief Silva reported that the contracts for FY2014-15 are being completed and signed and Karen Curci advised that insurance requirements are being provided to the CCP providers.

6. RECIDIVISM REDUCTION FUNDING

Chief Silva advised that the State approved a special funding to be provided to the County Board of Supervisors. Stanislaus County is expected to receive a one-time funding amount of \$100,000. This money can be expended over a four-year period. The funding is available only to community-based organizations and will be awarded on a competitive basis. The maximum amount that can be applied for by an organization is \$25,000. A Board agenda item was presented to the Board of Supervisors on September 16, 2014 to participate in this program. The Board must submit a letter of interest to the State in order to participate and this participation must be supported by the CCP (letter and Board Agenda Item attached to original copy of minutes). Chief Silva explained that a committee will be formed of CCP members to work on the RFP for this funding. Stephanie Kennedy, Superior Courts, noted that the Courts will be applying for separate funding. She advised that \$15 million will be available statewide to the Courts and this county could receive up to \$600,000. If this funding is received, part of the focus will be on addressing the needs of the mentally ill with an emphasis on Veterans Court.

MOTION: Sheriff Adam Christianson. Second: DA Birgit Fladager. To submit a letter of intent from the Chief Executive Officer to the Board of State and Community Corrections on behalf of the Board of Supervisors to participate in the Community Recidivism Reduction Grant program. Motion approved unanimously by the CCP Committee members.

6. COMMENTS

No additional comments. The next meeting will be scheduled for Friday, October 17th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Probation Department Training Room.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.