

# STANISLAUS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday – June 24, 2015

Stanislaus County Probation Department – Training Room

### MEMBERS/DESIGNEES PRESENT

JILL SILVA, Chief Probation Officer, Chair

ADAM CHRISTIANSON, Sheriff

BIRGIT FLADAGER, District Attorney

SONNY SANDHU for Timothy Bazar, Public Defender

MICHAEL WILSON for Madelyn Schlaepfer, Director, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services

WILLIAM O'BRIEN, Board of Supervisors

STEPHANIE KENNEDY for Rebecca Fleming, Superior Court

KRISTIE SANTOS, Alliance WorkNet

STAN RISEN, CEO

DORIS FOSTER, CEO's Office

CINDY DUENAS, Director, Center for Human Services

JANICE CREE, Crime Analyst, Modesto Police Department

CHERYL TITUS, Victim's Services, District Attorney's Office

BAL SINDAL, Victim's Services, District Attorney's Office

MIKE HAMASAKI, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department

SETH ROGERS, Sheriff's Department

LETICIA RUANO, Division Director, Adult Field Services, Probation Department

DAVE CHAPMAN, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department

MARK FERRIERA, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department

ERIC MCLOUGHLIN, Probation Department

### MEMBERS ABSENT

KATHRYN HARWELL, Director, Community Services Agency

GALEN CARROLL, Chief of Police, Modesto Police Department

THOMAS CHANGNON, Stanislaus County Office of Education

### GUESTS PRESENT

ANNETTE SANCHEZ, El Concilio

MICHAEL BAGLEY, Nirvana

KEVIN CARROLL, Modesto Gospel Mission

MARIO RODRIGUEZ, El Concilio

PATRICIA BRIONES, 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, Patricia Briones and Mario Rodriguez), Modesto Gospel Mission (Kevin Carroll), and Nirvana (Michael Bagley) were present.

#### 2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment received.

#### 3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM MAY 8, 2015 MEETING**

MOTION: Sheriff Adam Christianson. SECOND: District Attorney Birgit Fladager. The minutes of the May 8, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.

#### 4. PROGRAM UPDATES

Chief Silva noted program updates should now focus on what is being observed in the programs and to report on increases/decreases in numbers, trends, or significant issues.

##### a. Probation Department - PRCS Units

Dave Chapman, Supervising Probation Officer, reported that PRCS releases are not decreasing but have remained stable or showing slight increases. He noted he is not sure if Prop 47 has had an impact on PRCS releases. Supervision is continuing to be provided with the same number of officers and RAT operations are being conducted regularly. Chief Silva advised that large decreases in numbers are not being seen because of the accelerated credits some offenders are receiving which result in an earlier release from prison. This is being experienced statewide; however the trends for Stanislaus County are above expectations while some other counties have experienced a drastic reduction in numbers.

SPO Chapman advised that the construction of the new Day Reporting Center is on target with an expected completion date of early July. A dedication ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. The CCP committee is invited to attend. Tours will be conducted at this time and a graduate from the DRC programs will be included in the program.

##### b. Probation Department – Mandatory Supervision Unit (MSU)

Mark Ferriera, Supervising Probation Officer, reported that the Mandatory Supervision Unit has been heavily affected by Prop 47. He noted that he looked at the numbers the year before Prop 47 and compared them to the numbers being seen seven months after the passage of Prop 47. He advised that prior to Prop 47, the unit was supervising an average of 563 mandatory supervision offenders. A high point was seen in March 2014 with 596 offenders. Since the passing of Prop 47, the MSU is averaging 484 offenders being supervised which is a 14-15% decrease. The high point was seen in November 2014 with 540 offenders and presently the MSU is supervising 436 offenders. SPO Ferriera advised that prior to Prop 47, the MSU was trying to triage the more serious offenders and banking some of the more compliant offenders. Since Prop 47, the number of banked cases is being eliminated and supervision is being provided to offenders for the duration of their mandatory supervision period. As a result, the officers are able to be more proactive with conducting searches and making contacts with offenders.

##### c. Center for Human Services

Cindy Duenas, Director, reported that referrals to the drug and alcohol groups have decreased. There has been no formal analysis of the number of participants on probation. Openings are available in all groups.

##### d. Jail Report

Sheriff Adam Christianson reported that Prop 47 provided approximately 300 additional beds to the average daily population (ADP) at the jail. The ADP has dropped and is slowly increasing with approximately half of the additional beds occupied. He anticipates that by November 2015, the same numbers will be seen as in November 2014. The in-custody programs are doing well; however it is difficult to hold offenders accountable for participation in out-of-custody programs. Presently, offenders are being held in custody longer because of the decrease in the ADP.

##### e. Integrated Forensics Team (IFT) – BHRS

Michael Wilson reported that the number of cases seen at the DRC drug treatment center remain high. He noted that it is difficult to motivate offenders to seek treatment and remain in the programs. The Mental Health Court numbers have remained steady and those offenders coming out of prison do not always show up for treatment. The group discussed the impacts of Prop 47 on the types of crimes being committed and drug offenders being referred to Prop 36. Chief Silva emphasized that data should drive the CCP decisions and the Crime Analyst is collecting data to determine the areas to focus on.

f. Nirvana

Mike Bagley advised that the focus at Nirvana is on those participants staying with the program. The Criminal Recidivism Reduction grant funds have been received which added three beds a month. He explained that participants who complete the residential program go on to the sober living program with BHRS and then are able to return to Nirvana because of the additional grant money. A criminal thinking program has been initiated to assess criminal behavior. Women have been seen at Nirvana and he noted that women tend to stay at the women's center. He noted that this is probably because the women's center is smaller and has a home-type of atmosphere. He advised that a relationship is being developed with the Learning Center, Friends Outside and the Wellness Center to refer participants to their programs. In addition, Nirvana staff has been attending Fresno State University for training in the Nurturing Parenting Program.

g. El Concilio

Annette Sanchez reported that caseloads remain consistent and clients are seeking more support with food service stipends. Four clients have gained part-time employment and El Concilio has provided them with transportation, such as bikes, to assist with their getting to work. Clients have been seeking supervision for unification with their families and the clinicians have been assisting them with supervised visitation areas. There has been an increase in the number of self-referral cases. Ms. Sanchez advised that there has been an increase in the number of participants requiring medications and staff has been working on making the process easier to get prescriptions refilled.

h. Modesto Gospel Mission

Kevin Carroll reported the following:

- 75 occupants in the emergency men's shelter. There are 100 beds available in the program and the men typically receive 30 days in and 15 days out for this program. He advised that 10 of these beds will be available for 120 days for those men who are working and don't have drug and alcohol issues. They will be assigned a case manager who will work with them to eventually get housing.
- A record number of women and children are being seen at the Mission. The women and children's facility should begin construction in September.
- Relationships continue with the Probation Department and El Concilio with their availability on the third Tuesday of the month. Numbers have been increasing in this program.
- A hot line has been developed for pan handlers and transients. The number is (209) 502-4291. This service is available to law enforcement in the event they come upon a person who does not need to be arrested but needs shelter.
- Starting a small portion of a program with mental health dual diagnosis since more people are coming to the Gospel Mission with addiction problems. Referrals will be made to BHRS for those who requiring more assistance.
- Partnering with Stanislaus Justice Center and Children's Crisis Center to work with the children at the shelter. They are providing the ARC program.
- Expanding the medical clinic to include a dental chair.

h. Victim Restitution Program – District Attorney's Office

Bal Sindal reported that there has been an increase in the number of property crimes and an increase in the number of participants in the restitution classes. There has been a positive outcome from these classes in the amount of restitution that has been collected. Ms. Sindal advised that five to six people have called to arrange for payments to be made. Classes are being conducted at the Modesto Gospel Mission and last month 41 attended the class.

**5. YEAR FIVE UPDATE**

Chief Silva advised that the Year Five CCP Plan was presented to the Board of Supervisors on June 16<sup>th</sup> with a status quo budget recommended. The plan was approved and contracts are being renewed at this time. The final State budget has been released and base funding for realignment has been increased. Since last year's figures were used in the CCP Plan, the budget reserve will be maintained. The CCP Executive Committee will consider an RFP to add more services if funding is available after the new facility has opened. Data will be used to identify the needs. Also included in the State budget was another round of the Community Recidivism grants to the County Board of Supervisors. Another RFP will be initiated and there is no deadline to encumber the funds.

**6. CCP GOALS AND OBJECTIVES – DISCUSS WORK GROUPS**

Chief Silva advised that Probation Department staff will assume the roles of initial champions for each of the four subgroups identified in the establishment of the CCP goals and objectives. Work groups will be developed to work on the action plans for each of the priorities in order to define measurements. The following updates were reported:

- a. Data Assessment: SPO Dave Chapman reported the work group met on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Members of the group included the Sheriff's Office, Modesto Police Department, District Attorney's Office, Probation Department, BHRS, SBT and Courts. This group will identify the shared ICJIS data elements, types of data already being gathered, and sharing this information across all the systems. The CCP goals will drive the focus of this group. The initial meeting discussed the types of data the Crime Analyst will require, the confidentiality of data and issues surrounding the transfer of information. Definitions of data will also be established. Probation IT Manager Eric McLoughlin advised the group will be identifying the type of data to be collected, such as recidivism rates. One centralized location will be established with permission for the various agencies to obtain access. Other work groups will assist with identifying the data areas to be focused on. Chief Silva advised that members of the CCP Executive Committee are part of the ICJIS Committee. Sharing data will assist with the ability to run reports to evaluate the impact being made across the criminal justice system.
- b. Housing: SPO Mark Ferriera reported that the housing issue was discussed at two existing meetings – the Continuum of Care group and the Community Liaisons group -- which already involve many CCP members. Definitions will be established, such as one for homelessness. A meeting has been scheduled with all the stakeholders on July 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

Chief Silva advised that the other work groups will be forming and updates will be presented at the next CCP meeting.

**7. COMMENTS**

- Cindy Duenas, Director, Center for Human Services, advised that the main office for CHS has moved to 2000 W. Briggsmore Avenue, Modesto, CA. An Open House will be scheduled in mid-August.
- Chief Jill Silva advised that the Probation Department received a report from the Grand Jury which included a section regarding the Community Corrections Partnership. They did recommend encouraging community involvement and Chief Silva noted that the agenda is posted in accordance with the Brown Act, and that she and Sheriff Christianson have addressed the subject of realignment at a number of public meetings. A response will be sent to the Board of Supervisors and Presiding Judge of the Superior Court.
- Mike Bagley, Nirvana, questioned the availability of the Men in Recovery program offered by BHRS.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2015 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.