

STANISLAUS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Meeting Minutes

Thursday – August 20, 2015

Stanislaus County Probation Department – Training Room

MEMBERS/DESIGNEES PRESENT

JILL SILVA, Chief Probation Officer, Chair

SGT. MAT HUFFMAN for Adam Christianson, Sheriff

BIRGIT FLADAGER, District Attorney

TIMOTHY BAZAR, Public Defender

DEBRA BUCKLES for Madelyn Schlaepfer, Director, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services

KATHRYN HARWELL, Director, Community Services Agency

STAN RISEN, CEO

DORIS FOSTER, CEO's Office

JANICE CREE, Crime Analyst, Modesto Police Department

TRISHA BIRCHARD, Crime Analyst, Modesto Police Department

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

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

DAVE CHAPMAN, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department

MARK FERRIERA, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department

DAVID COSTA, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department

MARCI ROGERS, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department

ERIC MCLOUGHLIN, Probation Department

MIKE BALIEL, SBT Department

MEMBERS ABSENT

CINDY DUENAS, Director, Center for Human Services

REBECCA FLEMING, Superior Court

WILLIAM O'BRIEN, Board of Supervisors

GALEN CARROLL, Chief of Police, Modesto Police Department

THOMAS CHANGNON, Stanislaus County Office of Education

KRISTIE SANTOS, Alliance WorkNet

GUESTS PRESENT

ANNETTE SANCHEZ, El Concilio

MICHAEL BAGLEY, Nirvana

JEANINE AGUILAR, Planned Parenthood

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), Planned Parenthood (Jeanine Aguilar), and Nirvana (Michael Bagley) were present.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment received.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 24, 2015 MEETING**

MOTION: Public Defender Tim Bazar. SECOND: District Attorney Birgit Fladager. The minutes of the June 24, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.

4. PROGRAM UPDATES

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

a. Probation Department - PRCS Units

Marci Rogers, Supervising Probation Officer, reported that at the end of July, PRCS releases averaged approximately 41 per month and numbers are remaining steady with receiving offenders from the State institutions. No decreases have been noted yet from Prop 47. Chief Silva advised that the accelerated credit adjustment could be contributing because some offenders are being released sooner. SPO Rogers continued reporting that no major trends have been observed in supervision and multiple families are living near each other. RAT operations are continuing to be conducted.

SPO Dave Chapman reported that the Day Reporting Center (DRC) is scheduled to open on Monday, August 24th with assessments being completed on the offenders being released from jail. This week staff has been working on getting the Center to an operational level. On September 1st, all programs will be shifted to the new Day Reporting Center. The providers were oriented to the facility earlier in August. Contracts are being signed by the providers and new programs will include Domestic Violence counseling/classes being provided by Sierra Education 52 weeks a year. The Anger Management program has been changed to a Moral Reconciliation Therapy class and has been expanded from two to three classes being offered. Domestic Violence classes are also expected to expand. Chief Silva noted that the goal of the DRC is to provide a one-stop location for services provided to PRCS offenders by the Probation Department and BHRS. The BHRS IFT program will be moving to the DRC to see clients, and effective August 31st, the officer who currently supervises PRCS mental health clients will be assigned to the DRC to complete assessments and offer treatment services. SPO Chapman reviewed the assessment process which will try to insure that those offenders coming through the DRC will be offered options for changing their life and behaviors. The effectiveness of the programs will be continuously evaluated. CEO Stan Risen commented that the dedication of the Day Reporting Center focused on the stories behind the DRC and commended Probation Department staff for their efforts in this project.

b. Jail Report

Sgt. Mat Huffman reported that he looked at the numbers reported a year ago to compare to today's numbers and noted that there has been no significant change. The one area that has significantly decreased is the number of 1170(h) cases. A year ago, there were 184 and today, there are 94 1170(h) cases in custody. As far as programming, the Sheriff's Office has contracted with the American Community Corrections Institute (ACCI) to provide evidence-based programming for correspondents and at its location. The District Attorney's Office and El Concilio are also utilizing this program. Curriculums are provided to the CBO's and positive feedback has been received. Sgt. Huffman noted that Prop 47 has changed the program eligibility for offenders. Classroom maximum size is 16 participants and classes are averaging 8 to 10 participants. Programming is more structured utilizing this service. Inmates are being assessed with the assistance of the Probation Department and program needs are being addressed. Sgt. Huffman advised that a hot line number has been implemented to assist offenders who are struggling. Offenders are contacted with services that are available. To date, three offenders have taken advantage of this hot line.

c. Integrated Forensics Team (IFT) – BHRS

Debra Buckles reported that the IFT will be moving to the DRC next week. On September 1st, BHRS will be able to bill MediCal for mental health services. In July, there were 66 participants in the mental health program with 29 in the substance abuse program. It has been noted that 80% of those participating in programs are staying out of jail. Year to date, 582 clients have been served in the mental health programming. Drug Court has been impacted by Prop 47 and changes are being evaluated.

Chief Silva advised that a report is being prepared by Crime Analyst Trisha Birchard to present to the Board of Supervisors regarding the impacts of Prop 47 to various county departments. The report will also address trends experienced over the course of realignment. Chief Silva expressed her appreciation to the agencies assisting with the preparation of this report.

d. Community Services Agency

Director Kathy Harwell reported that one additional staff member will be available at the DRC. CSA has contracted with El Concilio for inmate MediCal eligibility determination and to assist with enrollment.

e. Nirvana

Mike Bagley reported that in July and August, ten referrals were made to Nirvana from Probation. Five of these referrals were admitted and out of those five, two were non-compliant and three are current and doing well. Of the three current, one will transfer to the Community Recidivism Reduction Grant (CRRG) sober living program. He is attending classes at the DRC and receiving services from Friends Outside for job preparation. Another current participant has been in the residential treatment program. Mr. Bagley discussed the two participants who were discharged for non-compliance. He noted that one of these men had a dirty drug test after 27 days at the facility and was subsequently discharged. The other participant was discharged for non-compliance because of getting angry with Nirvana staff. The CRRG sober living program had three participants. One stayed for 60 days and was released to his family; one transferred to the Salvation Army after 30 days; and the third participant, a female, is still current.

f. El Concilio

Annette Sanchez reported that two case managers, Mario Rodriguez and Patricia Briones, are consistently available to the clients, which is important for participation by offenders. In the past month, 25 referrals were received by El Concilio. Each case manager has a caseload of 58 clients. Ten clients have received food baskets and 24 received housing referrals/leads, and El Concilio assisted with the deposit needed for housing and/or referrals to a hotel or landlord. They have also been working on building relationships with employers who are willing to work with this population. Of the 25 referrals, 11 are engaged in part-time employment. El Concilio assists clients with obtaining the clothes and tools needed for job placement. Tattoo removal services are available for employment purposes. Last month, 12 home visits were completed to verify home address of clients.

h. Victim Restitution Program – District Attorney's Office

Bal Sindal reported that 47 restitution cases have been seen since the last meeting and 12 forms have been received with information that is used during Court. Eleven victim restitution education classes have been conducted and a class has been added at the jail. Ms. Sindal advised that she has reached out to 251 CCP clients who are receiving restitution classes and 100 assessments have been completed. In the past two months, 23 Probation information requests have been received.

5. RECIDIVISM REDUCTION GRANT

Chief Silva reported that the State of California has provided additional funds for this grant. Last year, \$100,000 was provided and four service providers received funding through an RFP process. This year, an additional \$50,000 will be available. The RFP group met and the consensus was that the present provider list will be used and an agenda item presented to the Board of Supervisors in September with the recommendation to extend the current funding to the four service providers for an additional six months. A letter of intent will be submitted to the State by September 30th to continue funding.

6. CCP GOALS AND OBJECTIVES – DISCUSS WORK GROUPS

Chief Silva reported that subcommittee meetings have been ongoing for each of the priority areas to establish measurements and action plans. The following updates were reported:

- a. Prevention: SPO David Costa reported the work group has held two meetings since the last CCP meeting. Two goals have been identified for this priority: (1) Early intervention; and (2) Reduce recidivism. SPO Costa advised that the group decided a good focus for the early intervention goal would be to focus on the families of the offenders. A list of current community services already available will be compiled. The group will evaluate the referral process being used currently with offenders in order to assess how to better match the offenders and their families to the right services. Chief Silva recommended working with NCCD because they already have family assessment components available. SPO Costa advised that the SDEA Deputy Probation Officer is working on a prevention grant which has a camp available for children who have been exposed to violence and referrals might be available for children of domestic violence offenders. The agencies involved in this work group include El Concilio, Nirvana, Center for Human Services, the District Attorney's Office, and the Sheriff's Department and SPO Costa expressed his thanks to the various agencies involved.
- b. Data Assessment: Probation IT Manager Eric McLoughlin reported that this work group has met twice and a foundation is being established. He advised that this group will need to know what data the other groups will require to have tracked so they will be looking for feedback from the other groups regarding the information to be gathered. Chief Silva noted that data assessment was established as a separate goal but that data gathering will have a role in the other priorities established. She advised that GIS mapping being developed for the juvenile R.E.D. (Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities) grant with information such as arrest and census data, might be used to provide information regarding adult offenders. MPD Crime Analyst Janice Cree noted that MPD is in the process of realigning their districts so that all the City departments are using the same geographic boundaries and GIS mapping is being utilized.
- c. Housing: SPO Mark Ferriera reported that this work group met at the end of July and another meeting is scheduled for August 24th. This work group consists of representatives from Garden Gate, Telecare, El Concilio, Sheriff's Department, CEO's Office, DA's Office, Probation and the Modesto Gospel Mission. The group has spent time evaluating services already available in the County and has discussed establishing a definition for success. At the first meeting, services for offenders were identified and more information will be gathered at the next meeting. SPO Ferriera advised that many of the goals established by the work group are also goals of the Homeless Action Council (HAC); therefore, this work group will team with the HAC in order not to duplicate efforts.

- d. Increased Efficiency in the Public Safety System and Implement Effective Programs and Services: SPO Dave Chapman reported that this group has not met yet because the work group was waiting for the opening of the Day Reporting Center. Sgt. Mat Huffman (Sheriff's Department) advised that for the goal one of asset mapping of available programs and stakeholders, determining gaps, and benchmarking against other systems, led to the contract with ACCI programming because gaps were identified where stakeholders wanted to provide services that were not available. SBT obtained the licensing from ACCI and the teaching aspect is being provided by the stakeholders. Goal two to evaluate data to determine most effective programs/systems in order to reduce recidivism and identify effectiveness of programs/systems has led to expanding ICJIS to encompass programming. Part of the booking process will include a question regarding programming previously received by the offender and more questions will be asked regarding drug use for drug offenders. The information will be shared with stakeholders in order to evaluate class material. SPO Chapman advised the DRC staff is working with SBT to develop a module to determine the effectiveness of the DRC classes. Mike Baliel, SBT, reported that the DRC module is in the beta state and will be available for testing at the DRC.

7. **COMMENTS**

- Chief Jill Silva advised that she received an e-mail from the CDCR noting that a work group is being formed at the State level to gather data in the areas of housing and employment. The Housing Authority and Alliance WorkNet will be suggested.
- Jeanine Aguilar, from Planned Parenthood, reviewed the resources and education programs available in the community provided by Planned Parenthood. Fliers were available.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 2, 2015 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.