

STANISLAUS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Meeting Minutes

Friday – March 17, 2017

Stanislaus County Probation Department – Training Room

MEMBERS/STAFF PRESENT

MIKE HAMASAKI, Chief Probation Officer, Chair
LETICIA RUANO, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department
ADAM CHRISTIANSON, Sheriff
BIRGIT FLADAGER, District Attorney
PHINNY KHAMVONGSA, Victim's Advocate, District Attorney's Office
STEPHANIE KENNEDY, Superior Court
TERRY WITHROW, Board of Supervisors
KATHRYN HARWELL, Director, Community Services Agency
DORIS FOSTER, Director, Alliance WorkNet
RICHARD DEGETTE, Director, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
CINDY DUENAS, Director, Center for Human Services
JODY HAYES, CEO's Office
ANGELICA RAMOS, CEO's Office
TRISHA BIRCHARD, Crime Analyst, Modesto Police Department
LT. FRANK MARTINEZ, Sheriff's Office
MICHAEL ATINSKY, Sheriff's Office
SGT. PEDRO BELTRAN, Sheriff's Office
DEPUTY CODY MADEROS, Sheriff's Office
MARCI ROGERS, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department
BELINDA PUTNAM, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department
JOHN BETTENCOURT, Deputy Probation Officer III, Probation Department
MARIANA RUANO, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department
DUVAHN FERREIRA, Deputy Probation Officer III, Probation Department
ERIC MCLOUGHLIN, IT Manager, Probation Department

MEMBERS ABSENT

SONNY SANDHU, Public Defender
GALEN CARROLL, Chief of Police, Modesto Police Department
THOMAS CHANGNON, Stanislaus County Office of Education

GUESTS PRESENT

DANE HELDING, Nirvana
MICHAEL POOLE, Friends Outside

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m. by Chief Probation Officer Mike Hamasaki. Members of the group introduced themselves. Representatives from Friends Outside (Michael Poole) and Nirvana (Dane Holding) were present.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment received.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 27, 2017 MEETING**

MOTION: Sheriff Adam Christianson. SECOND: Cindy Duenas. The minutes of the January 27, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

4. **GUEST SPEAKER**

Sheriff Adam Christianson introduced guest speaker, Isaac, who was one of the original participants in the SCCILS (Sheriff Custody Community Institute of Life Skills) program. Sheriff Christianson noted that this class was visited by Governor Brown. Isaac talked about his background and his life as a child which resulted in a negative view about law enforcement. He explained that he joined the SCCILS program while in custody and as a result of the assistance he received, his opinion about law enforcement has changed. This program has helped him with staying out of trouble upon his release. Sheriff Christianson emphasized that success stories such as Isaac are important to hear about and thanked Isaac for speaking with the CCP. Isaac received support from the group and contact information from some of the CCP members to help him pursue his education goals.

5. **STEPPING UP SUMMIT**

Richard DeGette, Director of BHRS, reported that an e-mail was received regarding joining the Stepping Up Initiative (SUI). He inquired if the CCP committee is interested in becoming formally involved in this project. A website is available containing a list of counties who have made the commitment and passed a resolution. An application template has been provided to submit a proposal to join and present information to the Board of Supervisors. Sheriff Christianson attended the Stepping Up Summit conference and noted that this resolution indicates the county recognizes support for mental health services.

6. **REPORTS: PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE-BASED GOALS**

Chief Hamasaki advised that Division Director Mark Ferriera, the CCP Program Manager, is on vacation and will present information on the format for reports at the next meeting. Chief Hamasaki introduced SPO Belinda Putnam who is now assigned to the Day Reporting Center (DRC). SPO Putnam presented a brief outline regarding the programs now available at the DRC (2017 DRC Program Catalog attached to original copy of minutes). She highlighted the following:

- a. Cambridge Academy provides basic life skills classes and have started offering classes last week.
- b. Leaders in Community Alternatives (LCA) will start offering assessments at the DRC on April 10th.
- c. Six beds are available at Nirvana.
- d. The referral process is being refined and DRC staff is working with the Sheriff's office to transfer offenders from in-custody programs to programming at the DRC. DPO III Bettencourt reviewed the process being utilized with these offenders.
- e. There are approximately 200 participants utilizing services at the DRC on a weekly basis.

Chief Hamasaki advised that the Probation Department is working on a snapshot type of report on the various programs being offered by the department on a monthly basis. This information will be shared with the CCP. He noted that those offenders who participate in programming at the DRC and graduate from the programs do not recidivate. He emphasized that referral is important, however, participation and completion of a program is critical.

Sgt. Beltran, Sheriff's Office, outlined information provided in the *Sheriff's Inmate Program Services* booklet (booklet attached to original copy of minutes). He highlighted new programs that have been added in 2017 which includes programming provided by Cambridge Academy and LCA. He noted that the Cambridge Academy Gateway program has approximately 35 participants. A fatherhood course and correspondence courses are also being offered. Computer courses are available with 27 computers available for this class. Sheriff Christianson acknowledged his staff for their efforts in working with the various agencies involved in the inmate program services.

Nirvana: Dane Holding reported that six-month snapshots will be presented on outcomes at the next CCP meeting.

Alliance WorkNet: Doris Foster reported that a request for proposal has been issued for Previously Incarcerated in the amount of \$320,000 to provide training to previously incarcerated adults in order to develop skills to assist in obtaining employment.

Victim Restitution: Phinny Khamvongsa, District Attorney's Office, reported she has conducted classes at the Sheriff's Office in the SCCILS program regarding restitution, shoplifting and theft. She is trying to do more outreach by getting connected with more of the CBO's. She has done a presentation to the Probation Department and wants to work closely with Probation to better track restitution and evaluate if the classes are effective.

Community Services Agency: Kathy Harwell reported that work is continuing with offenders regarding eligibility determination for MediCal. The next step is to generate data matches with Probation to understand more about the families being served and provide wraparound services.

6. COMMENTS

Richard DeGette, BHRS, noted a series of learning sessions for Laura's Law are being scheduled. A flier is being distributed. A report is being developed with findings and recommendations to be presented to the Board of Supervisors.

Cindy Duenas, Center for Human Services, advised that the Father Involvement network is working with various agencies to develop ways to get fathers more involved. A Father Conference is scheduled for April 1st at Modesto City Schools. A Dad's Boot Camp is also being brought to Stanislaus County, which is a program for new dads and is taught by dads.

Jody Hayes, CEO's Office, reported that a Focus on Prevention meeting was held that included many participants from the CCP committee. The end goal will be to develop a common agenda for this subject. Terry Withrow, Board of Supervisors, noted that the Stewardship Council level wants all sectors of the community involved. One of the areas of focus will involve strengthening families who have been involved in the criminal justice system.

7. NEXT MEETING:

Chief Hamasaki discussed the frequency of the CCP meetings and advised that a survey will be sent to the CCP members for their input regarding this subject.

The meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.