

STANISLAUS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday – June 7, 2017

Stanislaus County Probation Department – Training Room

MEMBERS/STAFF PRESENT

MIKE HAMASAKI, Chief Probation Officer, Chair
LETICIA RUANO, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department
BIRGIT FLADAGER, District Attorney
SONNY SANDHU, Public Defender
PHINNY KHAMVONGSA, Victim's Advocate, District Attorney's Office
TERRY WITHROW, Board of Supervisors
KATHRYN HARWELL, Director, Community Services Agency
DORIS FOSTER, Director, Alliance WorkNet
RICHARD DEGETTE, Director, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
MIKE WILSON, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
JODY HAYES, CEO's Office
ANGELICA RAMOS, CEO's Office
JANICE CREE, Crime Analyst, Modesto Police Department
LT. FRANK MARTINEZ, Sheriff's Office
DEPUTY JEFF GRAHAM, Sheriff's Office
SGT. PEDRO BELTRAN, Sheriff's Office
DEPUTY CODY MADEROS, Sheriff's Office
MARK FERRIERA, Division Director, Realignment Manager, Probation Department
BELINDA PUTNAM, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department
JOHN BETTENCOURT, Deputy Probation Officer III, Probation Department
VICKI MARTIN, Administrative Services Manager, Probation Department
DUVAHN FERREIRA, Deputy Probation Officer III, Probation Department
CRIS STRODE, Deputy Probation Officer III, Probation Department

MEMBERS ABSENT

STEPHANIE KENNEDY, Superior Court
CINDY DUENAS, Director, Center for Human Services
GALEN CARROLL, Chief of Police, Modesto Police Department
THOMAS CHANGNON, Stanislaus County Office of Education

GUESTS PRESENT

DANE HELDING, Nirvana	MICHAEL BAGLEY, Nirvana
RICHARD CHAVEZ, Friends Outside	DON CABALLERO, The Clay Transitional Living
PHIL CHATHAM, The Clay Transitional Living	MATT KEY, The Clay Transitional Living

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 (Richard Chavez), Nirvana (Michael Bagley and Dane Holding) and The Clay Transitional Living (Don Caballero, Phil Chatham and Matt Key) were present.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Don Caballero, Director, The Clay Transitional Living Homes, Madera County, presented information on their post-incarceration program. He noted they are working with Sgt. Beltran, Sheriff's Office, to assist clients in transitioning into mainstream living by providing guidance and education. Also present was a graduate from the program, who highlighted the importance of this program upon his release from jail. Mr. Caballero outlined how referrals are completed in Madera County, the individual attention each client receives, and that the focus of the program is to assist clients with finding employment. He advised they would like to offer this program in Stanislaus County and offer services to this area.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 17, 2017 MEETING**

MOTION: DA Birgit Fladager. SECOND: Doris Foster. The minutes of the March 17, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

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

Chief Hamasaki reported the results were received on the Prop 47 grant proposal, written by Karen Servas, and submitted by the Sheriff's Department. The proposal was not recommended for funding in the amount of \$2.9 million. The email indicating ranking for the counties will be forwarded to the CCP Committee.

Division Director Mark Ferriera advised the RFP process completed in December for vendors to provide services to PRCS offenders resulted in contracts with Nirvana, Cambridge Academies, and Leaders in Community Alternatives (LCA). LCA and Cambridge Academies specialize in individual employment services in both a one-on-one and group setting. Employment services are being provided at the Day Reporting Center (DRC) and since these services were duplicative of the services offered by Friends Outside, Friends Outside elected not to provide services at the DRC. Mr. Ferriera expressed his appreciation to Richard Chavez and Mike Poole from Friends Outside for providing services at the DRC for free for approximately 20 months at the beginning of the CCP programs before funding became available. Mr. Ferriera noted they will remain as a partner in the event Cambridge Academies or LCA cannot assist CCP clients and they will still attend the orientation session at the DRC.

Mr. Ferriera reported the following information regarding CCP programs:

- An Intensive Outpatient Treatment graduation will be held at the DRC on Friday, June 16th, at 9:00 a.m. Two women will be graduating from the program and he gave a brief history of these women and their progress in this program.
- Starting in May 2017, Probation Department Field Services DPO's are required to meet a minimum outcome for referrals. Each officer has to refer a minimum of 80% of their caseload to the DRC or Nirvana. There are approximately 200 offenders presently enrolled in programs at the DRC.
- The number of PRCS and MSU offenders combined has remained constant over the past year with 15 more PRCS (Post-Release Community Supervision) offenders this year and the number of MSU (Mandatory Supervision Unit) offenders has decreased by 28 over the past year. Prop 57, whereby offenders can earn their way out of State prison earlier, is expected to cause an increase in the number of PRCS cases. Chief Hamasaki noted that Prop 57 will allow for an accelerated release for offenders to State Parole and Jerry Powers, Director, Division of Adult Parole Operations, spoke at the CPOC meeting in May and advised that parole staffing is being increased. Chief Hamasaki noted Probation is working closely with the local parole office on safety in the community. Crime Analyst Janice Cree advised there were 647 individuals in the State parole system with 550 actually on parole in Stanislaus County, 38 are on suspended probation and 59 are in pre-parole.

- SB266, which goes into effect in January, will allow for ten-day flashes for MSU cases. A presentation was made to the Courts and DA's Office to order a term of flash incarceration for MSU offenders.
- The CCP Plan for 2017 was presented to and approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 23rd. Mr. Ferriera thanked CCP members for their assistance with this plan.
- A meeting was scheduled with BHRS to discuss having a BHRS Specialist out-stationed with the Probation Department and having that person accompany DPO's on field activities in order to better connect offenders with services.

Jail Services: Sgt. Beltran reported the self-study correspondence course was started in March 2017 and 255 inmates are currently participating in this course. This is an evidence-based course designed for inmates who are not able to participate in a class facilitated by an instructor (i.e. maximum security offenders). As of July 1st, the programming services are going to be re-organized as the Bureau of Inmate Services with one manager in order to streamline services for the REACT Center due to open next year. Other new services have started including an ankle monitoring program which will be utilized with offenders who have been put into residential programs. Sgt. Beltran advised that an expansion process has been started to increase the space available for programs at the jail. A needs assessment has been completed and the project is now in the programming and design phase. Friends Outside is still in partnership with the in-custody services. Another project started is the Jail-Based Competency Program, in partnership with the county and State hospitals, to restore competency to offenders deemed incompetent. The contract mode is beginning and this program will focus only on inmates in Stanislaus County. Approximately 6 to 12 beds will be available with a 90-day average length of stay. The estimated go-live date is October 2017. Jody Hayes from the CEO's office acknowledged DA Sonny Sandhu for his work on this competency program.

Sgt. Beltran reported that the jail population today is at 1,260 inmates with 261, or 22%, of the population involved in evidence-based programming.

Nirvana: Michael Bagley and Dane Holding presented the *Nirvana Treatment Program Outcome Report* for January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 when Nirvana was contracted for 2.5 beds per month (report attached to original copy of minutes). He reviewed the following information:

- Number of referrals (93), the number of those admitted (29), and the number of successful completions (18).
- Number of offenders unsuccessful in residential treatment (11).
- Number of offenders that successfully completed residential treatment (18), the number that recidivated (9), and the number that completed probation after successful completion of residential treatment (9).
- Number of offenders that entered residential treatment (29), number of offenders that recidivated (10), and number of offenders that did not recidivate regardless of completion (19).
- Indicators:
 - Challenges encountered in serving offender population included (1) participants referred are at times not ready for treatment and walk away before engagement; and (2) Nirvana staff is sometimes unable to establish contact with referred offenders.
 - Trends noticed: (1) Participants who stay longer in residential treatment and move on to sober living are more likely to complete probation; and (2) participants who stayed more than 7 days have a better chance of not recidivating.

- Action Plan:
 - Nirvana will strengthen participant screening process to better identify participants who show willingness for change. They will be initiating an orientation phase to assist with group attitude.
 - Nirvana will continue to discuss indicators with probation to improve participant retention.
 - Nirvana will continue staff training to improve offender outcomes.
- Nirvana's new contract has increased the number of residential beds to 6 per month and added 4 sober living beds.
- Comparison with national statistics will be provided in the next report.
- Successfully Transitioning Into the Community (STIC) program continues to be offered in-custody with 9 completing the program and at the DRC with 21 offenders successfully completing this program in April.
- Friends Outside and Learning Quest will be coming into Nirvana to offer classes.

Alliance WorkNet: Richard Chavez reported that Friends Outside has been awarded a contract with Alliance WorkNet for three more years and will follow-up monthly with clients for a year. Doris Foster advised Alliance WorkNet is changing the requirements for statistics from vendors and will be evaluating long-term results for their clients with maintaining their job and work performance.

Victim Restitution: Phinny Khamvongsa, District Attorney's Office, reported she has been conducting classes at the Sheriff's Office and the participants have been asking questions about their restitution payments. She has also been urging victims to file for restitution and will be trying to do more outreach in the community in the future.

6. COMMENTS

Jody Hayes, CEO's Office, reported that Focus on Prevention – Strengthening Families, is developing a strong alignment with CCP and they would like to complement and not duplicate services. Many CCP members are on the Action Council and CCP members are welcome to attend Action Council meetings.

7. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be scheduled in September 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.