

STANISLAUS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday – April 11, 2018

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
STEPHEN ROBINSON for Birgit Fladager, District Attorney
TERRY WITHROW, Board of Supervisors
DORIS FOSTER, Workforce Development
DEBRA BUCKLES for Richard DeGette, Director, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
CHANDRA CAMPBELL, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
ANGELICA RAMOS, CEO's Office
TINA ROCHA, CEO's Office
SGT. PEDRO BELTRAN, Sheriff's Office
LT. FRANK MARTINEZ, Sheriff's Office
DEPUTY CODY MADEROS, Sheriff's Office
BROOKE FREEMAN, Sheriff's Office
TRISHA BIRCHARD, Modesto Police Department
MARK FERRIERA, Division Director, Realignment Manager, Probation Department
JANICE CREE, Data Research Manager, Probation Department
VICKI MARTIN, Administrative Services Manager, Probation Department
BELINDA PUTNAM, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department
JOHN BETTENCOURT, Deputy Probation Officer III, Probation Department
DAVID COSTA, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department
MARC ROGERS, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department
MARIANA RUANO, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department

MEMBERS ABSENT

SONNY SANDHU, Public Defender
PHINNY REHMAN, Victim's Advocate, District Attorney's Office
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
RICHARD CHAVEZ, Friends Outside
JEREMY GREEN, LCA
MICHAEL BAGLEY, Nirvana
KATE THOMPSON, LCA

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 LCA (Kate Thompson and Jeremy Green) were present.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment received.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 12, 2018 MEETING

MOTION: Sheriff Adam Christianson. SECOND: Stephen Robinson. The minutes of the January 12, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.

4. DATA ANALYSIS OF THE DAY REPORTING CENTER (DRC)

Crime Analyst Trisha Birchard presented The Day Reporting Center Class Review report (attached to original copy of minutes) and highlighted the following information:

- This review is from data collected between January 2013 through May 2017.
- Overall 2,568 individuals have been referred to one or more classes. Of these referrals, 73% were first referrals.
- Class Participation: 2,065 or 88.3% of referred individuals participated in class.
- Non-Attendance: Out of the 2,568 individuals who were referred to classes, 903 individuals did not attend class.
- Terminated and Recidivated: Terminated are individuals who attended class at least once as well as individuals who recidivated. 1,459 individuals terminated and 604 or 41.5% individuals terminated and recidivated.
- Completed and Recidivated: 714 individuals completed 760 classes and 165 or 23.1% of individuals that completed classes recidivated. Recidivism is defined by the Board of State and Community Corrections as follows: *Recidivism is defined as a conviction of a new felony or misdemeanor committed with three years of release from custody or committed within three years of placement on supervision for a previous criminal conviction.*
- Recidivism Trend by Outcome: An individual who either completes or terminates from class is tracked for three years from the end date for recidivism. 37.8% recidivated within the first six months; 50.7% within nine months; and 62.1% within one year.
- Time Elapsed between Class and Recidivism: 735 individuals recidivated.

The group noted it would be helpful to compare data before and after the opening of the DRC. Chief Hamasaki emphasized that the key is getting individuals to class since once they get to class, the recidivism statistics are good. Strategies are being developed for getting offenders to class and keeping them attending class. Dr. Ed LaTessa, a nationally recognized individual from the University of Cincinnati, completed a two-day evaluation of the Day Reporting Center, in-custody programs and the juvenile institutions, and presented strong recommendations for improvement and significant changes will be made. Division Director Mark Ferriera advised that Dr. LaTessa has evaluated over 1,000 correctional institutions throughout the country and he visited the Probation Department on March 13th and 14th. Dr LaTessa's comments included positive comments on the programs as well as suggestions for changes. A conference call has been scheduled for this week with Dr. LaTessa's team and the department will be asking them to return to assist with implementing suggested changes. The DRC vendors will be included. One recommendation made is to motivate offenders to go to classes and curriculum is being evaluated. Chief Hamasaki mentioned that a foundation has to be built to change the mindset of the offender before they attend classes.

Data Research Manager Janice Cree advised other sections will be added to the DRC Class Review report to be presented at the next CCP meeting. The CCP committee suggested presenting this data twice a year.

5. REPORTS: PROGRAM UPDATES

Division Director Mark Ferriera shared information about a case referred to the Intensive Supervision Unit in February 2018. This offender had a record which included multiple convictions and he had been sentenced to prison for 17 years in November 2011. He was released in February 2018, approximately seven years into this sentence. While this offender was being assessed by the Probation Department, he talked about his numerous prior convictions. The question of why this individual was released was considered and the CDCR was contacted. The Probation Department learned this offender was a Prop 57 release. Prop 57 was passed in November 2016 and allows offenders to earn their way out of State prison after completion of the sentence for their base offense. This individual is being supervised and has been put into programming at the DRC. This is an example of the difficulties encountered because of an offender's criminal history. CDCR was contacted regarding the number of Prop 57 releases to be expected and the CDCR has not supplied this information. The Governor, in his State budget, projected 57 releases in FY2017-2018.

Mr. Ferriera also reported the following:

- The CCP Plan will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on April 24th. This report includes photographs and historical data dating back to 2011 in order to study trends seen since realignment started. The CCP Plan will be sent to the CCP committee via email.
- The RFP for community-based organizations at the DRC and jail closed in January and the RFP panel chose four vendors for FY2018-19 which included Nirvana, LCA, Learning Quest, and Sierra Vista. One-year contracts will be prepared and criteria will be changed based on Dr. LaTessa's recommendations.

Jail: Sgt. Beltran reported the following:

- The REACT center should be occupied by the end of May. The first group to be transferred has been housed together and are interacting with REACT staff. Agencies are being contracted with to offer programming, such as CPS who will be teaching a parenting class. Deputy Stephen Gonzales has been added to primarily work with REACT in a case management capacity.
- The vocational landscaping program continues with five in-custody inmates participating in this program which goes out of the facility.
- On-line PREA training for staff is available.
- The updated Bureau of Inmate Services brochure will be distributed.

Workforce Development: Doris Foster, Director, reported they have had discussions with CDCR regarding the provision of services and have gathered statistics indicating that Workforce Development has served 257 clients who have been previously incarcerated. These clients are not offered separate programs. A maintenance mechanic training program is being provided through Modesto Junior College specifically for Workforce Development and 20 clients are in this program. The average wage is \$518 per week for entry level positions.

BHRS: Debra Buckles introduced Chandra Campbell, who is the new Forensic Manager at BHRS. Ms. Buckles advised that BHRS staff met with Dr. LaTessa and are looking forward to a different approach for programming at the IFT program. Chief Hamasaki noted that a report combining the strengths and recommendations generated by Dr. LaTessa's visit, along with a plan, will be presented to the CCP.

Nirvana: Dane Holding and Michael Bagley reported the following:

- 2016-17 recidivism rate was reported at 69% who did not recidivate and the rate is now 64%. For those participants who completed programming, the recidivism rate is 78% who did not recidivate. This rate indicates that engagement is very important.
- Nirvana Treatment Program Outcome Report for January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018 was distributed (report attached to original copy of minutes).
- Changes have been made to the waiting list procedure with a dedicated phone line for Probation clients.

LCA: Jeremy Green reported from January 2018 through March 2018 that 35 of their clients obtained full-time employment, 23 maintained employment for 30 days and 7 have completed the program. Work is being done around retention and engagement. One client has completed the welding certification program and there was one graduate of the commercial driving program.

Friends Outside: Richard Chavez reported that 23 clients attended orientation, 11 were enrolled in the workshop, with ten coming to class and completing the program.

6. **COMMENTS**

CPO Mike Hamasaki expressed thank you to Program Department Administrative Services Manager Vicki Martin, Sheriff's Office Budget Manager Brooke Freeman, and the CEO's Office for their contributions to the budget portion of the CCP Plan, and to Division Director Mark Ferriera and his team for their work on this report. Sheriff Christianson also expressed his appreciation and noted that the plan has been shared with Senator Harris, whose representative toured REACT recently.

7. **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting date will be set for July 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.