

STANISLAUS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Meeting Minutes

Friday – November 2, 2018

Stanislaus County Probation Department – Training Room

MEMBERS/STAFF PRESENT

MIKE HAMASAKI, Chief Probation Officer, Chair
LETICIA RUANO, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department
JEFF DIRKSE, Sheriff-Elect
BIRGIT FLADAGER, District Attorney
MARISELA OLIVA, Victim's Advocate, District Attorney's Office
SONNY SANDHU, Public Defender
MAUREEN KELLER, Public Defender's Office
STEPHANIE KENNEDY, Superior Court
SARA REDD, Workforce Development
CINDY DUENAS, Director, Center for Human Services
LISA CLIFTON, CEO's Office
SGT. PEDRO BELTRAN, Sheriff's Office
LT. SCOTT HOUSTON, Sheriff's Office
TRISHA BIRCHARD, Modesto Police Department
MARK FERRIERA, Division Director, Realignment Manager, Probation Department
JANICE CREE, Data Research Manager, Probation Department
ERIC MCLOUGHLIN, IT Manager, Probation Department
JOHN BETTENCOURT, Deputy Probation Officer III, Probation Department
MARIANA RUANO, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department
MARC ROGERS, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department
DAVID COSTA, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department

MEMBERS ABSENT

TERRY WITHROW, Board of Supervisors
RICHARD DEGETTE, Director, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
GALEN CARROLL, Chief of Police, Modesto Police Department
KATHRYN HARWELL, Director, Community Services Agency
THOMAS CHANGNON, Stanislaus County Office of Education

GUESTS PRESENT

DANE HELDING, Nirvana
WILLIE BARRAGAN, Friends Outside
JEREMY GREEN, LCA
RICHARD CHAVEZ, Friends Outside
CONSUELO FELIX, 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 and Willie Barragan), Nirvana (Dane Holding) and LCA (Consuelo Felix and Jeremy Green) were present.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment received.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM JULY 20, 2018 MEETING**

Correction was noted by Sgt. Pedro Beltran to correct name of FETCH program. With this correction, MOTION: Sheriff-Elect Jeff Dirkse. SECOND: DA Birgit Fladager. The minutes of the July 20, 2018 meeting were approved as corrected unanimously.

4. **CLASS PARTICIPATION AT THE DAY REPORTING CENTER (DRC)**

Crime & Intelligence Analyst Trisha Birchard presented the following Individual Class Review information:

- Individual Classes: Reviewed 17 classes from 2013-2017. The areas of focus included number of referrals, number of participants, referral outcomes and recidivism. Challenges of this review included the amount of data available and the length of time a class was offered.
- Top 3 Participation: Participation was determined by the participant being referred to the class and they subsequently attended at least a minimum of one class. Top 3 classes included Domestic Violence for Women with 85.2% participation; Domestic Violence for Men with 82.5%; and Seeking Safety (domestic violence course for victim) with 80.3% participation.
- Top 3 Non-Attendance: These numbers reflect the number of offenders referred to the class who never showed up. The top 3 classes included Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT) with 32.5%; High School Equivalency with 35.7%; and Thinking for a Change with 43.9%.
- Top 3 Terminations: This number included classes with the highest number of participants terminated from classes. The most common reason for termination is excessive absences. Three absences results in a termination from class. The Intensive Outpatient Therapy class had 78.5% terminations; Domestic Violence for Women had 84.6%; and High School Equivalency had 86.6%.
- Top 3 Completions: Each class has its own requirement for completion. The top 3 class completions included Intensive Outpatient Therapy – Aftercare had 41.2%; Anger Management had 36.3%; and Principles & Values had 35.3%.

5. **REPORTS: PROGRAM UPDATES**

Victim Services: Marisela Oliva, District Attorney's Office, reported the following for July 20, 2018 to November 2, 2018:

- 46 new restitution cases were received.
- 21 victim restitution requests were submitted.
- Nirvana's Women of Hope class had 21 attendees. This is a victim restitution education class and two presentations were given from January 2018 to July 2018.
- Victim restitution education classes were provided to CCILS class, starting on September 6, 2018 with six attendees.
- 73 CCP clients received restitution education.
- Probation Orientation Meeting – 28 clients served.
- Probation Information requests: 39 Criminal Protective Order requests from July 2018 to current.

Leaders in Community Alternatives (LCA): Jeremy Green reported the following information for the time period August to October 30, 2018:

- 27 clients engaged in vocational services (forklift movement and truck driving school) and 22 individuals completed these programs.
- One individual entered housing with Nirvana and successfully completed the program in September.
- 21 individuals obtained employment and 15 of those individuals maintained that employment for a period of 90 days.

The issue of motivation was discussed and Mr. Green advised that barriers have been evaluated and addressed. The subsidized employment program has been useful and employers are emailing him with jobs available. The Probation Department referrals are doing well and DPO's are being more strategic with providing referrals.

Jail: Sgt. Beltran reported the following:

- As of September 4, 2018, in-custody programs were started by the CCP Prop 47 Grant awardees. The group is expected to graduate in early December. Programs included are the following:
 - Learning Quest: Money Management, Career Readiness, and College Readiness.
 - Sierra Vista Children's Center: Parenting class and Domestic Violence class referred to earlier. He clarified the Domestic Violence class (PC1203.097 Batterer's Intervention Treatment) is open only to inmates in the programming facility.
 - LCA: Life Skills and Employment Skills courses.
 - Nirvana: STIC (Successful Transitioning Into the Community) and Nurturing Fathers Parenting.
- Working on a vocational welding program in partnership with Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE).
- In negotiations with Animal Services for the FETCH program (Facilitating Education Training and Corrections Through Honest Work) which will be available to the female population at REACT.
- Working on implementing a military veterans unit with specific programming for these offenders while in custody.
- REACT facility presently has 140 inmates in the unit, 26 have been released, 12 were removed from programming, and 68 completed programming. He discussed the classification system for this programming unit noting this is a minimum-security facility.

Friends Outside: Richard Chavez reported on the steps required to enter the job development program. A full assessment is completed which includes a career and grade level assessment and background. After the assessment, participants are sent to a two-week workshop which offers classes in job readiness, job retention, resume writing and application process, and interviewing skills. Individuals are case managed depending on their conditions such as work history and skills. Trainings are provided, support services are provided and a follow-up is completed. Mr. Barragan discussed barriers and how to obtain long-term successes with offenders. He noted that in the past, the emphasis was on job placement and now emphasis is on follow-up. Follow-up is done for a year in order to make sure individuals are in the right job and address problems. Individuals are contacted monthly in order to develop a strong relationship of trust which is critical to maintaining follow-up with offenders. Treating individuals with respect and decency is key to success. Performance measurements must be met in order to maintain the contract.

Workforce Development: Sara Redd, Workforce Development, reported for the first quarter of this fiscal year they had 166 individuals self-declare and they are engaged in services.

Nirvana: Dane Holding reported the following for July 1 to October 30, 2018:

- 48 offenders were referred by the Probation Department.
- 14 offenders were admitted into the residential treatment program with 7 successfully completing the program and 7 non-completions. Usually those not completing the program were at Nirvana five days or less.
- Two participants were admitted to sober living. Both were successful and one switched over to LCA and is still living in the sober living housing and the other rented his own apartment.
- 11 participants completed the STIC program facilitated at the DRC.
- In July, 8 participants graduated the STIC program at the REACT Center and a new class started in September that currently has 12 participants.
- 34 offenders have been removed from the waiting list. Challenges encountered include offenders lacking motivation for change self-discharge within a few days. Some offenders are unwilling to come in when a bed is available.

Probation Department: Eric McLoughlin, IT Manager, reviewed the need for a data warehouse designed to have Probation Department, District Attorney and Sheriff's Office data in one place. He noted this project is about 90% complete but has been on hold because of lack of staffing resources. A candidate for the position to assist with this project is in the background process.

Division Director Mark Ferriera reported discussions have been held with CDCR for video-conferencing with PRCS offenders before they are released from custody. This program started in August. Approximately 40 to 60 days from their release date, offenders housed in facilities with this function available are scheduled for video-conferencing. They are informed about what to expect upon release from prison including information about probation terms and court orders. DPO III Tamica Barney will present a report on this program at the next CCP meeting.

Mr. Ferriera reported that Dr. LaTessa held a kick-off presentation at the end of September to review his evaluation of programming at the Probation Department, especially at the DRC, and what works in evidence-based programming. The department continues to progress in the project with a two-day training session conducted in October for staff and community-based organizations. Subcommittees are being developed to evaluate needs. A contract has been executed for this fiscal year and will be continued into next fiscal year.

Mr. Ferriera discussed information about the 52-week domestic violence batterer's treatment program, which is started while the offender is in custody. Upon their release, Sierra Vista continues this class at the DRC where the class is offered with expanded hours two days a week. Classes are offered until 7:30 PM to accommodate offenders who work.

6. COMMENTS.

- Sgt. Pedro Beltran, Sheriff's Office, advised they are looking for a contact person to try to provide DMV services in the jail.
- Cindy Duenas, Center for Human Services, advised the California Community Reinvestment Grants program was included in The Adult Use of Marijuana Act. Grants will be available to local health departments and qualified community-based nonprofit organizations to support activities for communities disproportionately affected by past federal and state drug policies to include job placement, mental health treatment, and substance abuse disorder treatment. Funding for \$10 million will be available in FY 2018-19 and \$20 million in FY 2019-20. Two webinars are scheduled for later this month.
- Lisa Clifton, CEO's Office, reported on the Strengthening Families work group project to learn about the families of the offenders served at the DRC. Two separate families were met with to see what their needs are and the challenges they are facing. The design team met to design a prototype of what would be the right type of intervention services or programs to offer these families. Ms. Clifton reported on follow-up with these families. More research interviews are to be conducted with feedback from probation officers to assist these families.

7. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting date will be set for February 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.