

STANISLAUS COUNTY

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 4, 2024
Stanislaus County Probation Department

Members/Staff Present

Mark Ferriera, Chief Probation Officer, Chair, Probation Department
Jennifer Jennison, Public Defender's Office
Jeff Laugero, District Attorney's Office
Tony Vartan, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
Brandon Gillespie, Chief of Police, Modesto Police Department
Sheriff Jeff Dirkse, Sheriff's Office
Michael Walker, Probation Department
Vicki Martin, Administrative Manager, Probation Department
Buck Condit, Board of Supervisor
Vito Chiesa, Board of Supervisor

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:31 a.m. by Chief Probation Officer Mark Ferriera.

2. Public Comment

There were no members of the public present.

3. CCP 5-Year Spending Plan Discussion with Board Supervisors Buck Condit & Vito Chiesa

Chief Probation Officer Mark Ferriera advised that in previous months, he had met with the Board of Supervisors to provide a debriefing of the CCP 5-Year Spending Plan. The purpose of today's meeting was for the CCP Executive Committee to collectively provide the Board of Supervisors an overview of the CCP 5-Year Spending Plan recommendations. The tentative date of the CCP presentation before the BOS is October 1, 2024.

The CCP Executive Committee presented their CCP budget requests to Board Supervisors Vito Chiesa and Buck Condit.

Chief Ferriera advised the BOS that the current budget will be updated following the meetings with the Board of Supervisors. The CCP Executive Committee will reconvene to continue discussing the CCP 5-Year Spending Plan to determine funding changes.

- In Fiscal Year 2024, CCP budgeted \$3,100,000 for the Sheriff's Office to build new recreational yards to meet out-of-cell state requirements. Since the funding was unspent, the Sheriff has requested to roll \$1,350,000 into Fiscal Year 2025 to continue construction, and the remaining amount will go back to the CCP budget. The voting members will discuss this request before it is reflected in the CCP budget.
- Ceres Police Department rescinded their CCP funding request for a CHAT-like Unit.

Supervisor Buck Condit discussed the need for a consolidated CHAT system to service all jurisdictions. Chief Gillespie agreed, noting that for this to happen, there must be an interest in investing in CHAT and the need for everyone to be on the same dispatch system.

Chief Ferriera provided the following CCP budget details (the budget is attached):

- For Fiscal Year 2024, 79% of the CCP budget was spent, with a remaining fund balance of approximately \$31.5 million. Typically, 85% of the budget is spent.
- The Department of Finance and California State Association of Counties (CSAC) numbers were received. The growth funding for the current FY is significantly lower than projected; the original projected amount was \$767,000, and now it is \$112,000. The Executive CCP has decided to include the revised growth amount for the first year of the CCP Five-Year Plan and not to include a growth projection for future years.
- By spending down the CCP budget at 85% with the added FY 2025 growth of \$112,000, the CCP Five-Year budget will continue to have a positive fund balance until FY 2028, when it will become a deficit.

Supervisor Chiesa expressed concerns about the budget's long-term sustainability and supported position requests in a phased approach should the following year result in a weak budget. He did, however, raise concerns about the Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) fines, noting they will increase from \$450,000 this year to \$4.4 million next year. He stressed that IST would continue to be a County or CCP responsibility. The \$450,000 used to pay this year's IST fine was from the BHRS CCP Budget. Supervisor Chiesa noted that the funding would be returned once a plan was implemented. He acknowledged the necessity of the programming requests and praised Chief Gillespie for offering the MPD CHAT Analyst's services to assist TPD and CPD. Despite this, he highlighted the lack of growth in the General Fund. He emphasized the importance of taking a phased approach in all initiatives and having a prioritization plan. Supervisor Buck Condit agreed with Supervisor Chiesa that budget sustainability is a concern.

The CCP Executive Committee had a lengthy discussion about the Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) and their plan for success to avoid additional fines. Barriers discussed were staffing challenges and the need for proper diversion programs. Supervisor Chiesa suggested researching the strategies counties experiencing success with IST are using. Ms. Jennison advised that BHRS will be shifting positions to the Public Defender's Office to assist the Early Representation Team as an added strategy to fix the IST issue.

Supervisor Chiesa highly encouraged having a prioritization plan for a budget with long-term sustainability. Lastly, he expressed the need for the Executive CCP Committee to consider supporting the construction of the Juvenile Justice Courtroom.

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.