STANISLAUS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday – February 20, 2025 Stanislaus County Probation Department

Members/Designees Present

MARK FERRIERA, Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department
SCOTT HOUSTON FOR JEFF DIRKSE, Sheriff, Sheriff's Department
JEFF LAUGERO, District Attorney, District Attorney's Office
JENNIFER JENNISON, Public Defender
BRANDON GILLESPIE, Chief, Modesto Police Department
KEVIN PANYANOUVONG FOR RUBEN IMPERIAL, Chief, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

GUESTS:

Vicki Martin, Administrative Services Manager, Probation Department Michael Walker, Realignment Manager, Probation Department Tracie Martin, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by Chief Probation Officer Mark Ferriera. Members of the group present at the meeting were identified.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 04, 2024, AND DECEMBER 09, 2024, MEETING

MOTION: Public Defender Jennifer Jennison. SECOND: District Attorney Jeff Laugero. The September 4, 2024, and December 9, 2024 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION OF THE FIVE-YEAR SPENDING PLAN

Administrative Services Manager Vicki Martin from the Probation Department provided an overview of the CCP Five-Year Spending Plan, which did not include the Governor's budget projections released in January. The Governor's January budget projections indicated only minimal funding growth for FY 2025-2026. Ms. Martin pointed out that without any additional expenditure on the CCP budget and by spending the historical 85% of the allocated revenue, CCP funding can be extended through FY 2028, with a budget deficit anticipated in FY 2029. If spending reaches 100%, the deficit would begin in FY 2027.

District Attorney Jeff Laugero expressed concerns about funding resources and staffing to manage Collaborative Courts and Prop 36. If the budget improves, the District Attorney's Office will have the opportunity to submit a request for CCP funding consideration.

The implementation and challenges of Proposition 36 (Prop 36) were discussed, highlighting the importance of a clear treatment definition under Prop 36, which may cause delays and result in individuals being held in custody. It also addressed issues such as the shortage of certified treatment providers and the need for funding and resources to support the effective implementation of Prop 36. Chief Ferriera mentioned that various organizations, including the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC), will present before the California Senate next week to advocate for Prop 36 funding.

The CCP Executive Committee also discussed using CCP funding to cover IST fines and highlighted the need for clarity on the reimbursement process to ensure accurate CCP budgeting. Additionally, the importance of returning unspent CCP fund allocations to the CCP budget was emphasized.

The Probation Department requested flexibility with the "Crime Analyst" line item in the budget. This line item was designed for the Probation Department to contract with the Modesto Police Department for the services of a dedicated Crime Analyst since Fiscal Year 2015. The request is to allow the use of the allocated funding to hire a Crime Analyst for the Day Reporting Center (DRC) as a Probation Department employee, should the position become vacant. The request does not require additional funding.

MOTION: Jeff Laugero. Second: Jennifer Jennison. To approve the Probation Department's use of the allocated funding for the DRC Crime Analyst as a Probation Department employee was approved unanimously.

The CCP Plan is submitted annually for the Board of Supervisors' approval. The CCP Executive Committee discussed the budget situation and, not anticipating that the Governor's May budget revisions would increase the CCP budget, agreed to proceed with the submission of a rollover budget.

MOTION: Chief Brandon Gillespie Second: Jeff Laugero. To present a rollover budget to the Board of Supervisors was approved unanimously.

Chief Ferriera advised that the CCP Plan will most likely be presented to the Board of Supervisors on April 29, 2025.

Mr. Kevin Panyanouvong from Behavioral Health and Recovery Services announced his intent to retire in March.

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.