

STANISLAUS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday – June 24, 2025

Stanislaus County Probation Department

MEMBERS/DESIGNEES PRESENT

MARK FERRIERA, Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department
JEFF DIRKSE, Sheriff, Sheriff's Department
JEFF LAUGERO, District Attorney, District Attorney's Office
JENNIFER JENNISON, Public Defender
BRANDON GILLESPIE, Chief, Modesto Police Department
STEPHANIE KENNEDY FOR HUGH SWIFT, Stanislaus County Superior Court

GUESTS:

Vicki Martin, Administrative Services Manager, Probation Department
Michael Walker, Realignment Manager, Probation Department
Mark Zahner, District Attorney's Office
Wendell Emmerson, District Attorney's Office

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 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 FEBRUARY 20, 2025, MEETING

MOTION: Sheriff Jeff Dirkse. SECOND: Public Defender Jennifer Jennison. The February 20, 2025, meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION REGARDING PAYMENT OF THE IST FINE

The CCP Executive Committee discussed the CEO's request for the CCP funding allocated to the Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) Collaborative Court to cover half of the Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) fine. There are concerns about committing to cover half of all IST fines without clarity on two critical factors: the actual amount of future fines and the future CCP funding level. Without this information, there's a risk of overcommitting limited resources, which could impact other CCP budget priorities.

The BHRS Collaborative Court funding allocation for the fiscal year 2025-2026 is approximately \$2.3 million, which the CCP Executive Committee agreed could be used to cover half of the roughly \$4 million IST fine, with the remaining half to be paid from the BHRS special revenue. Additionally, any unspent CCP funding allocated to the BHRS Collaborative Court will be deducted from their following year's allocation. Once the IST fine reimbursement from the state is received, all Collaborative Court expenditures will be covered by that reimbursement.

The CCP Executive Committee agreed that it would be appropriate for BHRS Director Ruben Imperial to submit a detailed plan for covering the IST fine when requesting to use CCP funds allocated to the BHRS Collaborative Court.

MOTION: Jeff Dirkse. Second: Jennifer Jennison. To Oppose the commitment to pay half of the IST fine on an ongoing basis was approved unanimously.

MOTION: Jeff Dirkse Second: Jeff Laugero. To allow the BHRS Director, Ruben Imperial, to use the Collaborative Courts funding for either Collaborative Court or the IST fine, with any unused funds to be deducted from his allocation for the next year, was approved unanimously, with a consensus to address the issue on a year-by-year basis.

5. REVIEW/DISCUSSION OF THE FIVE-YEAR SPENDING PLAN

This item was not discussed.

The next CCP Executive Committee meeting will be on September 3, 2025, at 1:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.