STANISLAUS COUNTY
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday – August 13, 2026
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
TJ MOFFETT FOR BRANDON GILLESPIE, Chief, Modesto Police Department
STEPHANIE KENNEDY FOR HUGH SWIFT, SUPERIOR COURT
RUBEN IMPERIAL, Chief, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

GUESTS:
Vicki Martin, Administrative Services Manager, Probation Department
Tracie Martin, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department
Terry Withrow, Board of Supervisors' Office
Raul Mendez, CEO's Office

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**
   The meeting was called to order at 1:35 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 MARCH 12, 2026, MEETING**
   MOTION: Sheriff Dirkse. SECOND: District Attorney Jeff Laugero. The March 12, 2026, meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

4. **DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF THE FIVE-YEAR SPENDING PLAN/ COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP (CCP) LINE ITEMS**
   The Probation Department's Administrative Services Manager, Vicki Martin, presented the actual spending rates for each department at the fiscal year 2026 year-end, highlighting a total expenditure rate of 86%, a fund balance reduction to $22 million, and explanations for variances and the onset of deficit spending. The Five-Year Spending Plan Discussion included the following:

   The percentage of the budget spent by each department: Sheriff's Office at 94%, Probation Department at 90%, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services at 76%, Public Defender's Office at 78%, District Attorney's Office at 72%, and miscellaneous items at 74%, for an overall spend rate of 86%. After accounting for returned funds and medical offsets, the fund balance at the end of fiscal year 2026 was $22 million, with $4.7 million spent down from reserves.

   Chief Ferriera noted that the CCP is now in deficit spending, using fund balance to cover expenditures exceeding revenue, and projected that if 100% of the budget had been spent, $12 million would have been drawn from reserves.

   Chief Ferriera and Ms. Martin led a detailed review of the five-year spending plan, covering spending scenarios, tiered program cuts, projected fund balances, and the impact of new requests. Ms. Martin presented fund balance projections under different spending rates (100%, 92%, 85%), showing that at 100% spending, the fund balance would drop to $16.8 million by the end of 2027, while lower spending rates would extend reserves but still result in deficits by 2029..

   In past meetings, the group created tiered program cuts. Chief Ferriera described the impact of eliminating Tier 1 and Tier 2 programs, including the Mobile Crisis Team, CARE, CHAT, the Sheriff's Ag program expansion, SOAR, Legacy Alliance, CSA, and the Data Warehouse, noting that even with these cuts, deficits would emerge by 2030 or 2031.

   Chief Ferriera discussed CSAC's estimate of $1.7 million in growth for the fiscal year, noting that growth is not keeping pace with expenditures and that most line items have 3% escalators.

Public Defender Jennifer Jennison submitted a proposal to fund the Hub, with support from Supervisor Terry Withrow. They proposed using the currently unused Legacy Alliance funds to expand services at the Hub, including additional staff, clerical support, rent, and mental health counseling. The budget would be $593,052 annually for three years, with a 3% escalator. The need is largely driven by the expiration of grant funding that previously supported these services. Several participants view the program as highly successful and potentially self-sustaining through future grants and donations. A nonprofit, Hub Community Fund, has been established to accept donations.

Chief Ferriera expressed concern about approving new or continued spending while the CCP is already drawing down reserves and is projected to enter deficit spending. He stated that he would not support any additional program funding and would prefer to eliminate or reduce programs before the CCP reaches a point where employee layoffs become necessary.

The group had a lengthy debate about reallocating Legacy Alliance funding to support the Hub Program for three years and zeroing out the Legacy Alliance Line Item.

MOTION: Sheriff Jeff Dirkse. SECOND: District Attorney Jeff Laugero. To zero out the Legacy Alliance line item and fund the Hub program as proposed, with the motion passing with six aye (yes) votes and one nay (no) vote. CPO Ferriera voiced opposition to the funding of the Public Defender's Hub Program and was the lone nay vote.

Concerns were repeatedly raised about ongoing deficit spending, the use of CCP funds for general fund positions, and the need for structural budget analysis, prompting plans for further departmental review. They highlighted the financial cliff facing the CCP, noting that deficit spending will continue and that difficult decisions about program cuts are inevitable.

The group also had a lengthy discussion about CCP funds being used to cover positions and expenses that should be funded by the County's General Fund, including custodial deputies, attorneys, and attorney trainees, among others, and questioned the appropriateness of this practice.

Supervisor Withrow and others suggested conducting a detailed analysis to distinguish between CCP-funded and General Fund-funded positions, with each department tasked with identifying appropriate funding sources for its programs.

The group agreed and proposed scheduling another meeting in the coming weeks to review the departmental analysis and discuss potential budget adjustments, acknowledging that deficit spending is likely and that further analysis is needed to address the projected deficit by 2029. At the next meeting, they agreed to:

- Conduct a detailed analysis to identify which positions and programs are currently funded by CCP that should be funded by the general fund, and vice versa, including justification for each. (All departments)
- Develop strategies over the next two years to reduce the projected deficit in fiscal year 2029, including supplementing with grant funding and identifying further cuts. (All departments)
- Assess the full-time employee staffing impacts and labor implications of the potential tier approach.
- Discuss the historical obligation to present a Five-Year Spending Plan.
- Behavioral Health and Recovery Services: To potentially cover the MCERT program under behavioral health's own budget, which could help with budget adjustments.

The CCP Executive Committee will reconvene to continue discussing the Five-Year Spending Plan. An invitation to the membership will be sent by Executive Assistant Eva Carrazco.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.