

# STANISLAUS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

## Meeting Minutes

Friday – June 17, 2011

Stanislaus County Probation Department – Training Room

### MEMBERS/DESIGNEES PRESENT

JERRY POWERS, Chief Probation Officer, Chair, Probation Department

JILL SILVA, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department

DICK MONTEITH, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

MICHAEL TOZZI, Court Executive Officer, Superior Court of California

CHIEF MICHAEL HARDEN, Modesto Police Department

SHERIFF ADAM CHRISTIANSON, Sheriff's Department

TIMOTHY P. BAZAR, Public Defender

BIRGIT FLADAGER, District Attorney

MADELYN SCHLAEPFER, Director, BHRS

CHRISTINE APPLGATE, Director, Community Services Agency

LORI SCHUMACHER for Cindy Duenas, Center for Human Services

JEFF ROWE, Director, Alliance WorkNet

### MEMBERS ABSENT

THOMAS CHANGNON, Stanislaus County Office of Education

#### 1. **INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Chief Jerry Powers. Members of the partnership introduced themselves.

#### 2. **BACKGROUND / SB 678**

Chief Powers reviewed Senate Bill No. 678 (handout attached to original of minutes), signed in October 2009 by Governor Schwarzenegger, authorizing each county to establish a Community Corrections Partnership Incentive Fund along with a committee to oversee these funds. These funds are provided to Probation Departments to establish evidence-based programs designed to reduce recidivism. SB 678, co-sponsored by Senators Leno and Benoit, passed through both the State Senate and Assembly unanimously, to allocate money saved by the State due to reducing the prison population.

#### 3. **OVERVIEW OF ARRA PROGRAMS**

Chief Powers explained that the seed money for funding SB 678 came from ARRA (American Recovery & Reinvestment Act) funds. Stanislaus County received \$400,000 in stimulus money in order to evaluate an alternative program for those offenders released from jail or not going to jail. These ARRA funds were used for risk assessment and the opening of the Day Reporting Center in January 2011. The Day Reporting Center is operated out of the Salida Sheriff's Office substation and is staffed by two Deputy Probation Officers. This center is used as a central location for mid-range probationers, identified as at-risk, to report for job counseling and drug testing.

#### 4. **FY 11-12 ALLOCATION / AB 109 AND REALIGNMENT**

The Community Corrections Performance Incentive Act of 2009 provided approximately \$175,000 along with \$400,000 in stimulus money. AB 109 (parole realignment bill) passed and the legislature decided that the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) should guide discussions on this realignment. The SB678 program is in place with the infrastructure in place to expand as funding for AB109 becomes available.

5. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

With the passage of AB109, an Executive Council will be established within CCP to forward a local community corrections plan to the Board of Supervisors for approval and implementation. Chief Powers advised that the \$175,000 in funding is completed and this funding will be forthcoming to the county. The Year One allocation to the county for AB109 is approximately \$7.8 million. This funding was originally scheduled for July 1, 2011, but this has been pushed back to October 2011 (Summary Sheet handout included with original copy of minutes).

Chief Powers reviewed the inmate population expected for release to Stanislaus County (handout attached to original copy of minutes). The county can expect approximately 500 inmates with jail beds not available to meet this need. CCP will need to evaluate how to utilize the funds available to find capacity, both within and outside the jail facilities, to accommodate these inmates. CCP will need to devise what system and programs to develop for these offenders. The ultimate goal is to keep the community safe.

Sheriff Christianson reviewed the challenge expected on the local jail capacity. He noted that 1,058 beds are available in three local facilities at the present time with an inmate population presently of 999 inmates on June 1<sup>st</sup>. He reviewed the number of offenders along with their offenses.

Chief Powers emphasized that with the implementation of AB109, the criminal justice system is slated to change over the next few years. He outlined opportunities available utilizing detention along with the release of lower level offenders. He discussed the possibility of opening additional jail beds that were closed because of a fire at one of the jail facilities, along with the expansion of the Day Reporting Center.

Chief Powers requested input from each attendee regarding their department's concerns over the AB 109 realignment proposal:

DA Birgit Fladager noted that both San Francisco and San Diego Counties have started re-entry courts and programs and that ideas could be obtained from these counties. She expressed concern over covering the additional requirements of the Courts because of the realignment.

Madelyn Schlaepfer, BHRS Director, expressed concern over funding for drug court as this funding is lumped together with other entitlements.

Michael Tozzi, Superior Courts, noted that the Courts are watching as the language of AB 109 is developed to evaluate the scope and responsibilities that the Courts will inherit.

Christine Applegate, CSA Director, advised that her agency will need to place the inmates released on a compassionate release. She noted that presently Adult Protective Services can advise but does not place these individuals.

Jeff Rowe, Alliance WorkNet Director, noted that ARRA funding has allowed his organization to work with gang members and that while this money will not be available after June 30<sup>th</sup>, his department will continue with services as much as possible.

Lori Schumacher, CHS, advised that Family Resource Centers will be critical in providing support to communities and that CHS is trying to develop more services to be offered to offenders.

Tim Bazar, Public Defender, voiced optimism that good will happen with the reductions in incarceration and incentives in place to obtain accurate information as to what programs work. His office will be able to look at a more accurate picture of who these offenders are and to decide how to treat or incarcerate.

Chief Michael Harden, Modesto Police Department, reported that police chiefs are divided on their support of AB 109 but he noted that with adequate funding, a better job is anticipated at the local level.

6. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next meeting of the CCP will be scheduled in July. An e-mail will be sent to CCP members to ascertain a date for the next meeting. Members of the committee are urged to send a designee from their department if they are unable to attend the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.