

# STANISLAUS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday – December 18, 2014

Stanislaus County Probation Department – Training Room

### MEMBERS/DESIGNEES PRESENT

JILL SILVA, Chief Probation Officer, Chair  
ADAM CHRISTIANSON, Sheriff  
BIRGIT FLADAGER, District Attorney  
TERRY WITHROW, Board of Supervisors  
TIMOTHY BAZAR, Public Defender  
MADELYN SCHLAEPFER, Director, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services  
STEPHANIE KENNEDY for Rebecca Fleming, Superior Court  
KRISTI SANTOS for Kathryn Harwell, Director, Community Services Agency  
CINDY DUENAS, Director, Center for Human Services  
STAN RISEN, CEO  
DORIS FOSTER, CEO's Office  
TRISHA BIRCHARD, Crime Analyst, Modesto Police Department  
ANGIE GONZALES, Superior Court  
SETH ROGERS, Sheriff's Department  
LT. RON LLOYD, Sheriff's Department  
CHERYL TITUS, Victim's Services, District Attorney's Office  
BAL SINDAL, Victim's Services, District Attorney's Office  
ALAN CASSIDY, District Attorney's Office  
MIKE HAMASAKI, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department  
KAREN CURCI, Administrative Services Director, Probation Department  
MICHAEL WILSON, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services  
DAVE CHAPMAN, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department  
MARC ROGERS, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department  
MARK FERRIERA, Supervising Probation Manager, Probation Department  
ERIC MCLOUGHLIN, IT Manager, Probation Department

### MEMBERS ABSENT

JEFF ROWE, Alliance WorkNet  
THOMAS CHAGNON, Stanislaus County Office of Education  
GALEN CARROLL, Chief of Police, Modesto Police Department

### GUESTS PRESENT

DANE HELDING, Nirvana	LUIS ZAVALA, El Concilio
PATRICIA BRIONES, El Concilio	TERESA GOMEZ, Mi Vida Empieza
ROSA AGUILAR, Mi Vida Empieza	OLGA CALOCA, Mi Vida Empieza
AKPENE RANSON, Civil Grand Jury	BOB SMITH, Civil Grand Jury

#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m. by Chief Probation Officer Jill Silva. Members of the group introduced themselves. Representatives from Nirvana (Dane Holding), El Concilio (Luis Zavala and Patricia Briones), Mi Vida Empieza (Teresa Gomez, Rosa Aguilar and Olga Caloca), and the Civil Grand Jury (Akpene Ranson and Bob Smith) were present.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment received.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 17, 2014 MEETING**

MOTION: Sheriff Adam Christianson. SECOND: DA Birgit Fladager. The minutes of the October 17, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously.

4. **CCP PROGRAMS UPDATE**

The following is an update on the CCP programs:

A. **Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and Intensive Supervision Unit (ISU):** SPO

Dave Chapman relayed a story about a three-strike offender being supervised by the PRCS Unit. He noted this person has been attending the "Thinking for a Change" program for counseling services. He has been an active participant in the program with perfect attendance. SPO Chapman will invite this person to the next CCP meeting to share his experience. SPO Chapman reported that the DPO working with the transient population has been making contact with these offenders through the Modesto Gospel Mission and Nirvana. Last month, 23 contacts were made and DPO John Bettencourt reported that on one day recently, 27 offenders were contacted through the Modesto Gospel Mission. He commended the partnership with Nirvana and the Modesto Gospel Mission for their assistance with contacting these offenders.

SPO Marci Rogers advised that several RAT operations have been conducted during the past two months. These operations have been targeting bench warrants and the units have been successful in getting these offenders back into custody and receiving services. She reported that Prop 47 has impacted the unit and the Probation Department is working with other internal and external partner agencies to manage this caseload.

B. **Day Reporting Center:** SPO Mark Ferriera advised that the concrete slab has been poured for the new DRC, but framing has been stalled because of the weather. He reported that the two in-custody assessment DPO's who have been assessing offenders for release, will now be transitioning to assessing offenders for programs in the facility and assisting offenders with programming by facilitating courses. These DPO's have been being trained on the new process and how to facilitate courses.

SPO Ferriera reported that this unit has also been impacted by Prop 47 since these offenders include a large portion of the mandatory supervision population presently supervised by the unit. Many of these cases have been reduced to informal and formal probation status and being placed on one-year misdemeanor parole periods. This trend will probably continue for the next month.

SPO Ferriera reported that many of the classes at the DRC are starting to increase in size; therefore, classes are being added to the schedule. The "Thinking for a Change" program has been very successful and beneficial for the PRCS population and DPO's will be trained to facilitate these classes and other in-custody classes, which will include classes from the American Corrections Institute curriculum and address subjects such as anger management, job skills, and substance abuse.

C. **Jail Report:** Lt. Ron Lloyd reported the following:

- Total 3056 (State parole violators) in custody: 16. Hold only – 6 and Sentenced – 6.
- 1170(h) split sentence in-custody: 188 and 74 are on AWP/HD.
- Total 3455 (PRCS violators) in custody: 38 with 3 on AWP/HD.
- Total 3454 (flash incarcerations) in custody: 10.

Lt. Lloyd advised that AB109 constitutes the vast majority of the sentenced population. Prop 47 has caused this count to decrease and no 80% credit has been needed since this proposition went into effect. Sheriff Christianson reported that because of Prop 47, 218 inmates were released and recidivism is being tracked. He does not expect a dramatic drop in average daily population as a result of Prop 47. He noted that Senator Hancock visited the jail facilities and spoke with several class participants.

**D. Integrated Forensics Team (IFT BHRS):** Mike Wilson reported the following:

- 41 individuals in the IFT program. The mid-level program is at capacity.
- Substance abuse and mental health staff are available in-custody to do an assessment and facilitate offenders receiving services on an outpatient basis when released. Adult Drug Court and outpatient community programs have been offering services in-custody which facilitates the transition to continuing to receive services upon release.
- Advised that Adult Drug Court needs to have a rules of court change from a felony conviction to a misdemeanor in order to allow for participation in this program.

**E. Community Services Agency:** Kristy Santos reported that in November the CSA worker at the Probation Department signed up 19 clients for services. At BHRS, to date, a total of 325 clients have signed up for MediCal. The in-custody program has had 64 inmates sign up for MediCal since August through the jail staff and CSA eligibility staff. She thanked Lt. Lloyd and the custodial staff who assist the inmates with this program sign-up. Chief Silva noted that it would be beneficial to track the impact on CCP funds of those who have signed up for services and their actual use of these services.

**F. Victim Restitution:** Cheryl Titus, District Attorney's Office, introduced Bal Sindal, the new AB109 victim restitution advocate. Ms. Sindal reported that 38 victim restitution cases were received. Letters were sent out and six restitution requests have been made. Six classes were conducted this month with 97 participants. Twenty assessments were received and 30 requests were received from the Probation Department. She noted she has researched rehab programs to provide restitution education in the Modesto, Patterson, Ceres and Turlock areas. She has also established contacts in organizations already offering classes to follow-up on restitution being made as a result of this education.

**G. Nirvana:** Dane Holding reported that in October and November there were 6 referrals with 4 successful completions. Two of these went home for follow-up by the Probation Department and two were referred to Friends Outside and the Center for Human Services. He noted that these referrals came from the Modesto Gospel Mission and the Probation Department and these types of participants tend to complete the program. Mr. Holding advised that a list is being compiled with the names of participants, both completed and active, to give to the Probation Department for data gathering.

**H. El Concilio:** Patricia Briones reported that El Concilio has received a contract from CSA to house staffing inside the jail to assist with the enrollment for health insurance. This will take effect on February 1, 2015. Louis Zavala reported that 15 referrals were received in October and 10 referrals in November. He noted that they have been having a problem contacting the transient population since there are no phone numbers or addresses or Probation Officer assigned. He reported that in October and November, 8 clients have received ID's, 12 resumes were completed, and they are working with four agencies for job placements. Over the holidays, 10 baskets were distributed.

**5. CCP SURVEY RESULTS AND FUTURE STEPS**

Chief Silva reviewed the CCP Survey results (report attached to original copy of minutes). This survey was conducted in order to gather information to assist with establishing goals and objectives for the CCP and measuring effectiveness. She noted the following question results:

- A. Question 1: Are CCP meeting a good use of your time?  
 Yes: 43%            No: 0%            Sometimes: 57%  
 Chief Silva commented that these meetings are a significant commitment of time from each agency and at some times of the year, the meetings may be more useful. She noted that a goal should be to make these meetings more meaningful to the group.
- B. Question 2: Do you believe you can express your opinion during meetings and that your opinion matters?  
 Yes: 79%            No: 0%            Sometimes: 21%  
 This was a good response with three individuals voicing the “sometimes” opinion.
- C. Questions 3: Do you feel information shared during CCP meetings helps you to have a better understanding of how Public Safety Realignment is impacting our county?  
 Yes: 50%            No: 7%            Sometimes: 43%  
 Chief Silva noted that this question was divided almost in half regarding this question between the “yes” and “sometimes” areas. She introduced Trisha Birchard, the Crime Analyst working with the Modesto Police Department, who has been meeting with the Probation Department, Sheriff’s Office and DA’s office to determine what information is available and how to best access this information. She advised that work is needed in the ICJIS system to get information available at the program level in order to evaluate recidivism levels and program completion statistics for PRCS offenders.
- D. Question 4: Are the statistical reports and updates provided by departments and service providers useful?  
 Yes: 50%            No: 14%            Sometimes: 36%  
 The Crime Analyst should be able to assist in this area of understanding the reports provided, and that reports are user-friendly and apply meaning to what the CCP is doing.
- E. Question 5: What suggestions do you have for improving agency program/progress reports?  
 This was an open-ended question and Chief Silva noted that one of the CCP’s highest priorities should be in the area of quantitative success reporting and how offenders have stayed out of custody. She noted that the success stories shared are qualitative information which is important is providing positive feedback given the negative feedback received regarding realignment and the impacts of Prop 47.
- F. Question 6: Do you have any suggestions as to how the CCP meetings can be more productive and an effective use of your time?  
 The answers to this question focused on creating goals and objectives for the CCP and evaluating the purpose the meetings. Chief Silva reported that she did reach out to other counties regarding establishing CCP goals and objectives, and while most other counties have not done this, the State is urging CCP’s to show what is being accomplished with the funding being received from the State.
- G. Question 7: How frequently should the CCP meet?  
 Monthly: 36%            Bi-Monthly: 28%            Quarterly: 36%  
 Chief Silva noted that the feedback to this question was equally divided and emphasized that if the CCP decides to meet every other month, that the meetings are useful and the information dispersed is effective. Once goals and objectives are established, the frequency of meetings should be clearer as work groups might be formed which could make quarterly meetings for the entire CCP committee possible.

H. Question 8: Do you feel the CCP should establish overarching goals and objectives in order to measure effectiveness of the CCP Plan?

Yes: 93% No: 7%

Chief Silva noted that the response to this question very clearly showed that goals and objectives need to be established in order to measure the effectiveness of the CCP Plan.

I. Question 9: Do you feel the CCP should utilize a facilitator to develop goals, objectives, and measurements?

Yes: 50% No: 50%

Chief Silva noted that the answer to this question was split, and she suspected some of the group might have thought an outside consultant would be utilized. She emphasized that a facilitator from within the County could be used so that Chief Silva could be an active participant. Christy Almen from the Community Services Agency was suggested and will be contacted to meet with Chief Silva and subsequently facilitate a group meeting in February.

J. Question 10: Other than recidivism, are there measurements you would like to see the CCP track?

Chief Silva noted that many answered this question and highlighted areas such as recidivism rates, comparability with other counties, tracking budget allocations and utilization, quality of life outcomes, and program effectiveness. CEO Stan Risen commented that this group has gone through a maturing process and commended the agencies involved on working so well together.

#### 6. **RECIDIVISM REDUCTION FUNDING – RFP RECOMMENDATIONS**

Chief Silva explained that the State put in place a separate amount of funding to provide community recidivism and crime reduction services through community organizations. Stanislaus County is eligible to receive \$100,000 and the Board of Supervisors authorized the CCP to oversee the administration and oversight of this funding; therefore, an RFP process was conducted. Karen Curci, Administrative Services Manager of the Probation Department, and a committee of six other CCP members evaluated the seven proposals submitted (report attached to original copy of minutes). Four agencies have been recommended to receive funding in the following amounts:

- Friends Outside: \$15,016 over two years
- NAMI Stanislaus: \$17,088 over two years
- Learning Quest: \$25,000 over two years
- Nirvana: \$25,000 for one year

Ms. Curci noted that some of these vendors are already in place and have proposed an expansion of their present services or offering a new program. The full \$100,000 amount has not yet been utilized and amounts will be negotiated with these contractors to amend the program they have proposed.

MOTION: Cindy Duenas. SECOND: Madelyn Schlaepfer. The four programs recommended by the CCP RFP evaluation committee should be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for their evaluation and approval was approved unanimously.

#### 7. **COMMENTS**

DA Birgit Fladager commented that the population served is increasing as a result of changes in the law, such as Prop 36 and Prop 47. The population getting out of prison, or not going to prison, is changing and growing. In January 2015, a new process will begin as a result of the three-judge panel decision. This new process will involve looking at two-strikers previously convicted of a serious crime or felony. These offenders previously were eligible for parole after 80% of their time was served and the new law will make them eligible to be considered for parole after they have served 50% of their time. It is estimated that 5,000 to 6,000 inmates in prison could be eligible for consideration for parole. She noted that this will be another population group to be worked with getting out of prison with only half their time served.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.