

STANISLAUS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Meeting Minutes

Friday – October 2, 2015

Stanislaus County Probation Department – Training Room

MEMBERS/DESIGNEES PRESENT

JILL SILVA, Chief Probation Officer, Chair
SGT. MAT HUFFMAN for Adam Christianson, Sheriff
BIRGIT FLADAGER, District Attorney
SONNY SANDHU for Timothy Bazar, Public Defender
MADELYN SCHLAEPFER, Director, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
WILLIAM O'BRIEN, Board of Supervisors
TERRY WITHROW, Board of Supervisors
CINDY DUENAS, Director, Center for Human Services
STEPHANIE KENNEDY for Rebecca Fleming, Superior Court
MICHAEL ATINSKY, Sheriff's Office
MICHAEL WILSON, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
KATHRYN HARWELL, Director, Community Services Agency
STAN RISEN, CEO
DORIS FOSTER, CEO's Office
JANICE CREE, Crime Analyst, Modesto Police Department
TRISHA BIRCHARD, Crime Analyst, Modesto Police Department
LETICIA RUANO, Division Director, Adult Field Services, Probation Department
DAVE CHAPMAN, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department
MARK FERRIERA, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department
DAVID COSTA, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department
MARC ROGERS, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department
ERIC MCLOUGHLIN, Probation Department

MEMBERS ABSENT

GALEN CARROLL, Chief of Police, Modesto Police Department
THOMAS CHANGNON, Stanislaus County Office of Education
KRISTIE SANTOS, Alliance WorkNet

GUESTS PRESENT

MICHAEL BAGLEY, Nirvana
MARIO RODRIGUEZ, El Concilio

DANE HELDING, Nirvana

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 El Concilio (Mario Rodriguez) and Nirvana (Michael Bagley and Dane Holding) were present.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment received.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 20, 2015 MEETING**

MOTION: District Attorney Birgit Fladager. SECOND: Cindy Duenas. The minutes of the August 20, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.

4. PROGRAM UPDATES

Chief Silva noted program updates now focus on what is being observed in the programs and reporting on increases/decreases in numbers, trends, or significant issues.

a. Probation Department - PRCS Units

Marci Rogers, Supervising Probation Officer, reported that the PRCS releases for October were low with 17 releases as compared with 41 releases in September, 24 scheduled for November, and 19 scheduled for December. SPO Rogers noted that during search operations, more guns and drugs are being found, and drug quantities (methamphetamine, marijuana and heroin) found are getting larger. During these operations, it has been necessary to contact Child Protective Services because children are found in the home and CSA Director, Kathy Harwell, noted that CSA referrals have increased. The group discussed that Prop 47 has resulted in a loss of leverage for drug use and possession.

SPO Dave Chapman reported that the Day Reporting Center (DRC) started doing assessments in mid-August and programming started in September. In the past four weeks, the following was reported:

- 209 appointments were scheduled with 164 assessments being completed - 78% showing up as scheduled. The 22% who did not show up as scheduled, resulted in a violation of probation. A letter and/or officer is sent to the address on file.
- Program attendance: 200 offenders could attend, and 145-150 actually attended – 75% of those who could attend classes are attending. Total attendance for four weeks was 590 participants.

SPO Chapman advised that a new assessment tool will be used called CAIS and training will begin next week for ten officers. This more up-to-date assessment tool is designed to identify risk needs and strengths for more effective referral to services, and will provide supervision strategies. After the week-long training session, these officers will use the tool for 60 days, and then be trained as trainers to conduct training sessions for the remaining officers in the units.

SPO Chapman reported that courses at the DRC have to be expanded because of the high numbers of participants. Presently, there are two domestic violence classes conducted which will expand to four classes in the next two weeks, with a projection to five classes being offered in the next 60 to 90 days. This is a State-mandated 52-week class. Nirvana will be working with the DRC on a transition course for offenders coming out of the prison system with an emphasis on transitioning the participant back to the community. This will be an 8-week course for two days a week. In addition, the Family Services Specialist is available at the DRC two days a week.

SPO Mark Ferriera reported that the PRCS population in the Mandatory Supervision Unit has seen a steady decrease in numbers with a 14% drop in active cases. He noted that more sizeable amounts of drugs are being found during field operations with 420 pounds of marijuana seized last week. The demographics of offenders have changed and supervision efforts are being more focused on sellers and, as a result, larger quantities of drugs are being found. Chief Silva reported that outcomes for SB678 have improved as a result of fewer drug violations and drug offenders are not being sent to prison. She also advised that the new CAIS system will provide management reports in order to evaluate which supervision strategies are the most dominant so that more appropriate services can be offered to offenders. This tool is a national assessment tool and will be used throughout the State of California.

b. Jail Report

Sgt. Mat Huffman reported that he met with Nirvana to discuss the Successfully Transitioning Back Into the Community program. Dane Holding and Mike Bagley from Nirvana explained that this is a pre-release program aimed at offenders who are being released after many years in custody. They outlined the parameters of the program and the need to identify areas of failure for offenders, along with their image, language and behaviors. They will address the subject of employment and child support. Measurements for this program will include attendance, completion of the program, and following those offenders who are on probation for completion of probation terms.

Sgt. Huffman advised that ICJIS program is in test mode scheduled to go-live in order to assess the effectiveness of the programs being offered. The recidivism rate will be tracked for each program to determine the program's success rate.

Sgt. Huffman discussed the decrease in the number of AB109 and 1170(h) numbers and the accelerated number of releases because of the lack of proper beds for protective custody. The protective custody count is extremely high which has resulted in the accelerated releases. He explained that the program unit, Unit 2, which is a medium security unit, has 75% of these inmates looking at three strikes. As a result, there is only one general population unit left. Michael Atinsky, Sheriff's Department, discussed the need to develop a way to track inmates leaving jail who have not been referred to BHRS or the Probation Department.

c. Integrated Forensics Team (IFT) – BHRS

Michael Wilson reported that the IFT moved to the DRC and began services at the beginning of September. In September, there were 41 participants in the mental health program with 11 assessments, four admissions, and four discharges. The Substance Use Services also moved to the DRC and began services at the beginning of September with 26 participants in the program. There were 12 new admits in September and five discharges. BHRS Director Madelyn Schlaepfer noted that the three substances most used are methamphetamine, heroin and alcohol, and the clients seem to be younger in the programs than in the past.

d. Community Services Agency

Director Kathy Harwell reported that the Field Services Specialist is now at the DRC. More referrals are being made to Child Welfare with 201 referred in June and 297 referred in September. Staff will be rearranged to meet this trend. She noted that this increase is not unusual at this time of year.

e. Nirvana

Mike Bagley reported there were 10 referrals to the AB109 program from Probation in August and September. There were five admissions with three clients leaving and two staying. The two who stayed completed the residential treatment program and went on to the sober living program. They both are attending classes at the DRC and working with EDD for job preparation. There was one woman referred and admitted who is currently participating in BHRS and, because of the Community Recidivism Reduction (CRR) program, she was able to participate in the sober living program for a total of 90 days. She has been with the program for a total of five months and is now attending Modesto Junior College. She has received financial aid through MJC and has her own apartment. Mr. Bagley further reported on participants who have received additional program services through the CRR Grant funding. He noted that the CRR Grant funding is assisting with keeping clients for longer stays at the facility and engaging them in programming, which helps them make better decisions.

f. El Concilio

Mario Rodriguez reported that there were 16 referrals to El Concilio in September from various probation officers. He advised that El Concilio staff is re-certifying to become MediCal enrollers to assist clients with the enrollment process. He reported that El Concilio is assisting clients with the enrollment fee for the Domestic Violence class at the DRC.

h. Crime Analyst

Trisha Birchard reported that the Crime Analysts are studying the effects of Prop 47 on Stanislaus County by looking at the types of crimes being reported by the law enforcement agencies, arrests, jail population, number of probationers, District Attorney cases, and how numbers have changed since Prop 47 as compared to three years prior to its passing. A report will be available to present at the next CCP meeting.

5. **BUDGET UPDATE**

Chief Silva reported that the FY2015-2016 allocation for Stanislaus County is \$18 million, which is higher than the projected amount of \$14.9 million. Growth funds budgeted was the FY2013-14 amount of \$1.3 million, and the FY2014-15 growth funding is approximately \$300,000 less. A new funding formula has been adopted and the growth funding will be added to the base fund amount every year. Chief Silva advised that next month a proposal will be submitted to the CCP Committee to consider using a portion of these one-time funds to create a data warehouse for partner agencies to contribute to and decrease the workload required to gather data. The group discussed the importance of all partner agencies participating in the data warehouse, the subject of information sharing and confidentiality, and tracking the homeless population.

6. **CCP GOALS AND OBJECTIVES – DISCUSS WORK GROUPS**

Chief Silva reported that subcommittee meetings have been ongoing for each of the priority areas to establish measurements and action plans. The following updates were reported:

- a. Prevention: SPO Marci Rogers reported that NCCD has been contacted and the work group will be meeting with them next week. A follow-up report will be presented at the next CCP meeting.
- b. Data Assessment: Probation IT Manager Eric McLoughlin reported that this work group has discussed the legality and confidentiality issues and the costs involved with data sharing among the ICJIS partners, Modesto Police Department and BHRS. A meeting was also held with the Courts regarding citations and Prop 47. NCIC has been contacted regarding a project they have worked on in the West Bay. A budget in the mid-\$100,000 range is estimated for a data warehouse to be established. A meeting has been scheduled with the housing work group regarding the homeless issue and all the work groups will be involved to assess and correlate the data. In addition, the Modesto Police Department, various ICJIS departments, Courts, BHRS and the housing authority will be consulted. Crime Analyst Janice McCree noted that the security aspect is being addressed whereby different levels of access will be established. As follow-up, an e-mail will be sent regarding feedback for agencies to be considered in the data warehouse proposal.
- c. Housing: SPO Mark Ferriera reported that this work group will be consolidating with the Homeless Action Council (HAC) held by the CEO's office. The next meeting is scheduled for October 6th and the subject of goals, outcomes and measurements will be addressed.

- d. Increased Efficiency in the Public Safety System and Implement Effective Programs and Services:
SPO Dave Chapman reported that the Day Reporting Center has been open and discussions have been held with the Sheriff's Office regarding the types of programs available, the data available, and the effectiveness of the programs offered. Other partner agencies will be contacted in order to evaluate the DRC services. Sgt. Mat Huffman reported that an ICJIS component will be utilized to track the recidivism rate for each program. This process will take a year or two for the data to be available and then a seven-year scale is utilized for evidence-based programming to evaluate the measurements. The measuring process can occur, but data evaluation is a longer process. Sgt. Huffman discussed ICJIS access for the agencies, the information available, and the parameters of sharing available.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 6, 2015 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.