

STANISLAUS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Meeting Minutes

Friday – December 2, 2016

Stanislaus County Probation Department – Training Room

MEMBERS/STAFF PRESENT

JILL SILVA, Chief Probation Officer, Chair
MIKE HAMASAKI, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department
ADAM CHRISTIANSON, Sheriff
BIRGIT FLADAGER, District Attorney
BAL SINDAL, Victims Advocate, District Attorney's Office
TIMOTHY BAZAR, Public Defender
SONNY SANDHU, Public Defender's Office
STEPHANIE KENNEDY, Superior Court
WILLIAM O'BRIEN, Board of Supervisors
TERRY WITHROW, Board of Supervisors
PAUL RODGERS for Kristie Santos, Director, Alliance WorkNet
RICHARD DEGETTE, Director, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
MICHAEL WILSON, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
DEBRA BUCKLES, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
DORIS FOSTER, CEO's Office
JODY HAYES, CEO's Office
TRISHA BIRCHARD, Crime Analyst, Modesto Police Department
JANICE CREE, Crime Analyst, Modesto Police Department
SGT. MAT HUFFMAN, Sheriff's Office
RYAN GRIFFIN, Sheriff's Office
LT. FRANK MARTINEZ, Sheriff's Office
BROOKE FREEMAN, Sheriff's Office
PHINNY KHAMVONGSA, District Attorney's Office
LETICIA RUANO, Division Director, Adult Field Services, Probation Department
LEAH VALENTI, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department
MARCI ROGERS, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department
DAVID COSTA, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department
MARK FERRIERA, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department
VICKI MARTIN, Accountant, Probation Department
ERIC MCLOUGHLIN, IT Manager, Probation Department

MEMBERS ABSENT

KATHRYN HARWELL, Director, Community Services Agency
GALEN CARROLL, Chief of Police, Modesto Police Department
THOMAS CHANGNON, Stanislaus County Office of Education
CINDY DUENAS, Director, Center for Human Services

GUESTS PRESENT

MICHAEL BAGLEY, Nirvana
MARIO RODRIGUEZ, El Concilio
MARK APOSTOLON, El Concilio

DANE HELDING, Nirvana
RICHARD CHAVEZ, Friends Outside

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m. by Chief Probation Officer Jill Silva. Members of the group introduced themselves. Representatives from El Concilio (Mario Rodriguez and Mark Apostolon), Friends Outside (Richard Chavez) and Nirvana (Michael Bagley and Dane Holding) were present.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment received.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 14, 2016 MEETING**

MOTION: Sheriff Adam Christianson. SECOND: DA Birgit Fladager. The minutes of the October 14, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

4. **UPDATE ON CBO RFP PROCESS**

Chief Silva advised that the CBO RFP committee made their recommendations to the CCP Executive Committee earlier today. The Purchasing Department will complete the process, which includes notifying the RFP participating agencies. Six proposals were received and Chief Silva commended the RFP committee members for their efforts in reviewing and scoring these proposals. Three of the proposals will be recommended for funding with a fourth agency to be recommended to receive partial funding. The proposal areas included employment programs and substance abuse treatment. More information will be made available to CCP members at the next meeting. The recommendations will be presented to the Board of Supervisors later this month so contracts can be executed in January 2017.

5. **PROGRAM UPDATE**

- A. **Post-Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and Intensive Supervision (ISU) Units:** At the October CCP meeting, SPO David Costa reported the PRCS Unit had been experiencing an increase in the number of transfers from other counties. As a result, he evaluated the number of transfers from other counties over the last four years and found that the number of transfers to this county has not changed very much; however, the number of those staying in this county has changed. During the past three years, there was an average of 18 offenders leaving this county; however, this year the number of transfers was a +18 which actually resulted in 36 more probationers to be supervised, which amounts to a full caseload for an officer. SPO Costa advised this is a significant increase in the number of transfers staying in this county and he was not sure as to the reason for this increase.
- B. **Day Reporting Center (DRC):** SPO Leah Valenti reported that 29 offenders completed a class in November. Chief Silva suggested that the DRC outcomes report being prepared for the State be presented at the next CCP meeting. She noted that this report indicates the recidivism rate for those who have completed a class at the DRC. Over the past 2-1/2 years the recidivism rate was 15.6% for misdemeanor and felony convictions by offenders who have completed at least one DRC class, which is a 84.4% success rate.
- C. **Mandatory Supervision Unit (MSU):** SPO Mark Ferriera reported that the number of offenders in the MSU has decreased due to Prop 47. He advised that the monthly report with the realignment statistics is being revised in order to make this report more meaningful and will include graphs to indicate trends being evaluated.
- D. **Jail Report:** Sgt. Mat Huffman reported that a trend being noted is a decrease in the number of general population offenders wanting to attend programming and an increase in the number of protective custody offenders wanting to participate. The programming to the general population has been downsized in order to increase the programs offered to the protective custody inmates; however, with the implementation of Prop 57, the general population requests for programming have increased since they want to be released from custody sooner. Sgt. Huffman discussed the process being utilized for referrals to the DRC programs.

- E **BHRS:** Mike Wilson reported that a substance abuse class has been added in the afternoon at the DRC.
- F **Nirvana:** Dane Holding and Mike Bagley discussed the trend of probationers who come to Nirvana who have been engaged early in programming, either in-custody or at the DRC, are more focused on success and completing the program. In addition, participants who transfer from the residential treatment program to the sober living program desire to have this program available for more than 60 days since permanent housing is difficult to find.
- G **El Concilio:** Mario Rodriguez noted that El Concilio is seeing a trend of individuals who come here from other areas because of the services that are offered in this county, for instance, the Modesto Gospel Mission.
- H **Friends Outside:** Richard Chavez reported that those who come in on their own for services tend to not re-offend and want to move forward with their lives.
- I **Victim Advocate:** Bal Sindal reported three new advocates have been hired and classes will be offered again. She introduced Phinny Khamvongsa who will be the AB109 advocate.

6. UPDATE ON PERFORMANCE-BASED GOALS

A. PREVENTION

SPO Marci Rogers reported that this work group has many stakeholders from various areas including Probation Department, BHRS, DCSS, CSA, faith-based organizations, school districts, CBO's, CEO's office and Sheriff's Office. After attending the results-based accountability (RBA) training, the original goals developed for this group were found to be too broad; therefore, a new definition and goals were established:

- a. Definition: Offenders and their family members become law abiding and experience an overall healthier lifestyle.
- b. Goals:
 - i. Create a family focused service system anchored by strong collaboration between probation and community based organizations.
 - ii. Ensure preventative and early intervention services are provided to offenders and their families.
 - iii. Establish an evaluation process.

The Prevention work group also reformatted the results, indicators and strategies presented at the August 2016 CCP meeting (handout attached to original copy of minutes). SPO Rogers pointed out that the CBO RFP process had not been completed and the services to be contracted were not yet defined. After the CBO contracts are in place, this work group will evaluate the services to be offered and determine if any gaps exist and more specific measurements will be developed. A pilot program will be implemented involving 15 offenders and their family members to utilize services available with the goal to reduce recidivism and provide early intervention to the families. Measurements will include areas such as improved education attainment, improved employment rates, improved household income, improved housing stability, improved personal development, decreased risk factors/increase family protective factors, decreased arrest and rearrests rates, and increase provider/client relationship.

B. INCREASED EFFICIENCY IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEM AND IMPLEMENT EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

SPO Leah Valenti presented the Program Performance Measures for this work group (handout attached to original copy of minutes) outlining the following:

- a. Population: Adult offenders attending programs in-custody and at the Day Reporting Center (DRC).
- b. Program Overall Result: To reduce recidivism and increase pro-social attitudes in adult offenders who complete programming in-custody and/or at the DRC. A post-test will be administered to evaluate areas which include how much did we do, how well did we do it, and is anyone better off.
- c. Strategies: These are the areas that programming will focus on.
- d. Partners: The list of partners includes various county departments, CBO's and community agencies.
- e. Action Plan: Outlines action area, status of action and the target date of completion.
- f. Data Development Plan: Outlines action area, status of action and target date of completion.

C. HOUSING

SPO Mark Ferriera reported that this work group met in November 2016 and discussion was focused on the low barrier shelter and the homeless access center. This work group has been merged with the County's Focus on Prevention group.

D. DATA/ASSESSMENT

Probation IT Manager Eric McLoughlin reported that the data warehouse is progressing; however, some resource issues have been experienced due to vacant positions throughout the County in various departments. Data is being received from the Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office and Probation Department.

7. PROBATION DEPARTMENT CCP MANAGER

Chief Silva reported the CCP Executive Committee, who is responsible for making recommendations regarding the CCP budget, met this morning to review the request to add a manager position to the Probation Department to oversee the realignment units and CCP operations utilizing a portion of the contingency funding in the CCP budget. Chief Silva noted that many changes have occurred in the department as a result of overseeing CCP contracts, projects, initiatives and RFP's. The CCP Executive Committee approved this recommendation; therefore, an agenda item will be presented to the Board of Supervisors later in December to authorize the addition of this position. The CCP Plan submitted to the State will not require an amendment since this request is a re-allocation of resources to assist in administering the plan. The five-year impact to the CCP budget was evaluated and sufficient funding is available. Chief Silva recognized and thanked Division Director Leticia Ruano for managing the CCP responsibilities and increased workload.

8. STEPPING UP SUMMIT

Chief Silva advised the "Stepping Up Summit" is scheduled for January 18-19, 2017 and every County is sending a group to this meeting. The team from Stanislaus County includes Assistant Chief Probation Officer Mike Hamasaki, Sheriff Adam Christianson, Richard DeGette (BHRS), Jody Hayes (CEO's Office), Sonny Sandhu (Public Defender's Office) and Doug Reynaud (District Attorney's Office). The Summit is an opportunity for local interagency teams to engage with diverse experts and peers from around the State to advance county plans to safely reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails. The group will present a report at the next CCP meeting.

9. **PROP 47 RFP**

Chief Silva advised the RFP has been issued by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC). Prop 47 is not directly related to CCP; however, this is funding from savings the State has experienced as a result of realignment to be allocated to community-based organizations. A government agency must be the lead agency for these funds. At the last CCP meeting, the group discussed mental health and substance abuse issues being seen in the County. The decision was made to work together to submit one proposal, which will emphasize support of the work being done through the CCP and Mental Health Services Act. CCP planning dollars will be used to facilitate the grant process through contracting with grant writer Karen Servas. A meeting has been scheduled for next week to decide which agency will serve as lead agency.

10. **COMMENTS**

Supervisor William O'Brien noted that this is the last CCP meeting he will attend and expressed his appreciation to the group for the work being accomplished and the direction of the group. Chief Silva thanked Supervisor O'Brien for his leadership, encouragement, and support for the CCP and the Probation Department.

BHRS Director Richard DeGette invited the CCP members to participate in a community forum, *Exploring the Stanislaus County Criminal Justice/Mental Health Intersection*, sponsored by the Mental Health Oversight & Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) scheduled for December 9, 2016 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Modesto Centre Plaza.

11. **NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be scheduled for Friday, January 27, 2017, at 11:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.