

STANISLAUS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday – September 13, 2017

Stanislaus County Probation Department – Training Room

MEMBERS/STAFF PRESENT

MIKE HAMASAKI, Chief Probation Officer, Chair
LETICIA RUANO, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department
BIRGIT FLADAGER, District Attorney
SONNY SANDHU, Public Defender
PHINNY REHMAN, Victim's Advocate, District Attorney's Office
TERRY WITHROW, Board of Supervisors
KATHRYN HARWELL, Director, Community Services Agency
DORIS FOSTER, Director, Workforce Development
MIKE WILSON for Richard DeGette, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
JODY HAYES, CEO's Office
ANGELICA RAMOS, CEO's Office
TRISHA BIRCHARD, Crime Analyst, Modesto Police Department
SGT. PEDRO BELTRAN for Sheriff Adam Christianson, Sheriff's Office
DEPUTY CODY MADEROS, Sheriff's Office
MARK FERRIERA, Division Director, Realignment Manager, Probation Department
BELINDA PUTNAM, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department
JOHN BETTENCOURT, Deputy Probation Officer III, Probation Department
VICKI MARTIN, Administrative Services Manager, Probation Department
DUVAHN FERREIRA, Deputy Probation Officer III, Probation Department
DAVID COSTA, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department
ERIC MCLOUGHLIN, IT Manager, Probation Department
MARC ROGERS, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department

MEMBERS ABSENT

STEPHANIE KENNEDY, Superior Court
CINDY DUENAS, Director, Center for Human Services
GALEN CARROLL, Chief of Police, Modesto Police Department
THOMAS CHANGNON, Stanislaus County Office of Education

GUESTS PRESENT

DANE HELDING, Nirvana	MICHAEL BAGLEY, Nirvana
RICHARD CHAVEZ, Friends Outside	MIKE POOLE, Friends Outside
DIANE HARRINGTON, LCA	JEREMY GREEN, LCA

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m. by Chief Probation Officer Mike Hamasaki. Members of the group introduced themselves. Representatives from Friends Outside (Richard Chavez and Mike Poole), Nirvana (Michael Bagley and Dane Holding) and LCA (Diane Harrington and Jeremy Green) were present.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment received.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 7, 2017 MEETING

MOTION: DA Birgit Fladager. SECOND: Doris Foster. The minutes of the June 7, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

4. PRESENTATION BY LEADERS IN COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES (LCA)

Division Director Mark Ferriera reviewed that an RFP process was conducted for contracts with outside agencies and Leaders in Community Alternatives (LCA) was awarded a contract and began programming in February at the Day Reporting Center (DRC). He noted this is one of the more popular classes with the offenders and has had positive outcomes. He introduced Diane Harrington, the Executive Director of LCA, and Jeremy Green, the Employment Coordinator, and they presented information about the employment and vocational training they started offering in April 2017 at the DRC and in-custody (presentation report attached to original copy of minutes). The following items were highlighted:

- LCA has been in business for 26 years providing a variety of evidence-based re-entry programs and electronic monitoring services at Day Reporting Centers across California.
- Participants in the programs are all justice-involved with family, environmental and educational challenges. They lack stable work experience and employment skills, and are typically not easily employable.
- Community-based service program: Referrals are made to LCA and participants are typically individuals under Adult Probation supervision and assessed as medium to high risk. They need employment and related support services and the only required criteria is the offender is able to physically and mentally engage in training and/or employment activities. Services include intake and basic employment, vocational and educational skills assessment; life skills and job readiness; barrier removal; financial literacy; vocational training; job placement; and support and retention assistance. Short-term and long-term outcomes are evaluated.
- In-custody services: 29 individuals are presently receiving services in job readiness, life skills workshops, interview preparedness, career exploration and motivation.
- Participants employed: LCA has provided services to over 100 participants at the DRC since April and 29 of these participants have obtained employment.
- Certification opportunities: Programs offered include boom lift, reach operator, forklift operator, confined space and OSHA 10.
- Vocational Training opportunities: Structural welding program and commercial driver's course. Participants must have high school diploma or GED, a driver's license and must show motivation to pursue this type of career.
- Program completion: Participants must be gainfully employed for a period of 35 to 40 hours with verifiable employability such as paycheck stubs. Two participants completed the program last month.
- Discussed employers utilized and challenges faced finding employers who are willing to hire previously incarcerated individuals. LCA assists with the financial aspects of training for the welding and commercial driver's programs.

5. REPORTS: PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE-BASED GOALS

Division Director Mark Ferriera reported on comparisons of numbers for the past 12 months to today:

- PRCS is up by 4-1/2% and MSU is down by 14%. Overall, caseloads are down by only one percent.
- RAT (Regional Apprehension Teams) operations: Five RAT operations have been completed since the last CCP meeting, including three with Modesto Police Department, one with the Sheriff's Office and one with Turlock Police Department, which resulted in 11 arrests. Three operations are scheduled for September/October.
- Day Reporting Center (DRC): During March and April, more emphasis is being placed on referrals from DPO's to the programs and, as a result, there has been an increase in the number of referrals to the DRC. From March to July, referrals have increased by 44% with approximately 185 referrals every month.

- Crime Analyst Trisha Birchard, whose services are contracted through the Modesto Police Department, is now located three days at the DRC and one day at MPD. The goal for further CCP meetings will be to have a work product to present. Data will focus on analyzing services offered, providing outcomes on what the PRCS population is doing, and how the DRC is progressing.
- Flash incarcerations on Mandatory Supervision Unit (MSU) cases: SB266, passed in January, allows for flash incarceration of MSU cases. Mr. Ferriera advised that he and SPO David Costa have presented information on flash incarceration at the Criminal Forum meetings and the District Attorney's office. He noted poor outcomes with getting flash incarcerations ordered on MSU offenders. Since May, 47 MSU cases have been ordered and only four have included flash incarceration. Mr. Ferriera explained that MSU population are offenders who, before realignment, went to prison and are now held at the local level. These offenders are assigned a period of supervision. SB266 allows DPO's to return offenders who violate probation to custody for a period of up to 10 days. If an offender does not agree with the flash incarceration, then a court date must be set. However, the judges are not ordering flash incarcerations, which must be ordered at the time of sentencing. Public Defender Sandhu and DA Fladager discussed the benefits of flash incarcerations for the defendants.
- IFT graduation scheduled for September 15th.

Eric McLoughlin, IT Manager for Probation Department, reviewed the Data Warehouse is funded by CCP and allows for shared data between the District Attorney's office, Sheriff's Department and Probation Department. He advised delays have been experienced because of lack of staff available to work on this project. A meeting was held with IT staff from the three departments and a draft agreement is in place on how this data is to be shared and who has access. A meeting will be scheduled with the CCP Executive Committee to review this agreement.

Sheriff's Department: Sgt. Pedro Beltran reported the following:

- A 12-week SKILS program started on August 21st and will finish on November 13th with 50 inmates enrolled.
- A vocational landscape program has been started which involves taking inmates out of the facility for training. Those who complete this program will receive a certificate of completion.
- A welding vocational program will start with five inmates and the logistics of this program are being developed.
- A needs assessment tool is being utilized to assist in determining which classes to use for inmates and discharge planning.
- Instructor evaluations are being implemented to maintain consistency.
- Classroom expansion project: Meeting with architects today. CEO Hayes advised that \$1.2 million is in the final budget with recommendations to the Board of Supervisors to expand existing public safety buildings.
- Pilot project on correspondence course: This is an evidence-based course being offered through the mail. Since August, 83 courses have been mailed with 81% being sent back completed.
- Substance abuse and anger management are courses most requested.

BHRS: Mike Wilson reported that an afternoon substance abuse group will start. In-custody staff remain busy and a high-risk parole individual is being serviced at the DRC.

Victim Services: Phinny Rehman, District Attorney's Office, reported that 93 victim restitution reports were submitted since June and 15 have submitted a restitution form. Classes are being conducted at the Sheriff's Department to address restitution and includes victim impact statements. Classes are also offered at Nirvana. Probation has submitted 53 requests since March.

Nirvana: Dane Holding reported there were 31 referrals with 19 admitted. Six out of the 10 who left walked away before five days. Feedback forms are being completed by participants. Participants who stayed longer in residential treatment and moved on to sober living are more likely to complete probation. Nirvana has strengthened participant screening process to better identify participants who show willingness for change. An intake/orientation counselor has been hired for the corrections clients. New clients are engaged daily by this counselor in order to identify any potential barriers to treatment. Since this has been implemented, the number of walk aways has decreased significantly.

Friends Outside: Richard Chavez advised that clients were followed for one year and now they will follow clients for a longer period after their exit date. Doris Foster, Workforce Development, advised that wages earned by participants are being tracked in order to determine self-sufficiency.

6. **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting date will be set for January 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.