

STANISLAUS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Meeting Minutes

Friday – July 20, 2018

Stanislaus County Probation Department – Training Room

MEMBERS/STAFF PRESENT

MIKE HAMASAKI, Chief Probation Officer, Chair
LETICIA RUANO, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department
JEFF DIRKSE, Sheriff-Elect
BIRGIT FLADAGER, District Attorney
PHINNY REHMAN, Victim's Advocate, District Attorney's Office
MARISELA OLIVA, Victim's Advocate, District Attorney's Office
SONNY SANDHU, Public Defender
JULIAN AGUIRRE, Public Defender's Office
KATRINA LOHRE, Public Defender's Office
TERRY WITHROW, Board of Supervisors
DORIS FOSTER, Workforce Development
KATHRYN HARWELL, Director, Community Services Agency
CINDY DUENAS, Director, Center for Human Services
GALEN CARROLL, Chief of Police, Modesto Police Department
ANGELICA RAMOS, CEO's Office
TINA ROCHA, CEO's Office
SGT. PEDRO BELTRAN, Sheriff's Office
LT. SCOTT HOUSTON, Sheriff's Office
DEPUTY CODY MADEROS, Sheriff's Office
STEVEN ROSALES, Sheriff's Office
TRISHA BIRCHARD, Modesto Police Department
MARK FERRIERA, Division Director, Realignment Manager, Probation Department
JANICE CREE, Data Research Manager, Probation Department
VICKI MARTIN, Administrative Services Manager, Probation Department
ERIC MCLOUGHLIN, IT Manager, Probation Department
BELINDA PUTNAM, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department
JOHN BETTENCOURT, Deputy Probation Officer III, Probation Department
CRIS STRODE, Deputy Probation Officer, Probation Department
MARCO OLIVEIRA, Deputy Probation Officer III, Probation Department
MARIANA RUANO, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department

MEMBERS ABSENT

RICHARD DEGETTE, Director, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
STEPHANIE KENNEDY, Superior Court
THOMAS CHANGNON, Stanislaus County Office of Education

GUESTS PRESENT

DANE HELDING, Nirvana
DIANE HARRINGTON, LCA

RICHARD CHAVEZ, Friends Outside
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. Public Defender Sonny Sandhu introduced the two Social Workers, Julian Aguirre and Katrina Lohre, whose positions are being funded by CCP. Representatives from Friends Outside (Richard Chavez), Nirvana (Dane Holding) and LCA (Diane Harrington and Jeremy Green) were present.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment received.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 11, 2018 MEETING**

Correction was noted by Dane Holding, Nirvana, to reflect the number of participants who did not recidivate. With this correction, MOTION: DA Birgit Fladager. SECOND: DPO III John Bettencourt. The minutes of the April 11, 2018 meeting were approved as corrected unanimously.

4. **COUNTY-WIDE COLLABORATIVE REHABILITATION MODEL**

Chief Mike Hamasaki introduced Linda Denly from Owsley & Denly, Criminal Justice Strategists, who had the opportunity to tour the Re-Entry & Enhanced Alternatives to Custody Training (REACT) Center in April 2018 with Sheriff Adam Christianson. She noted this is an amazing facility and there is none like it in the State. She also toured the Day Reporting Center (DRC) and was impressed with the staff and programs. She presented the following information regarding the Stanislaus County Criminal Justice Rehabilitation Model:

- **What We Learned:** This facility was completed in a reform-oriented design which offers in- and out-of-custody programming and addresses medical and mental health issues. This is a collaborative effort with committed partners. The best architects, designers and builders were consulted.
- **Current Programs:** The Bureau of Inmate Services Programs included anger management, substance abuse, education and re-entry classes, and the DRC offered a variety of programming as well. They noted these programs appeared to be independent, however, they do map to the Focus on Prevention initiative. There is an end-to-end integrated concept that needs to be further evaluated.
- **Rehabilitation – What We Know:** Research and Science need to be followed and it is important to do what you know works. The Criminal Justice Model should include evidence-based programming, cognitive behavior therapy, and programming that begins in-custody and continues to be delivered out-of-custody. Programming should be offered for the right individuals based on their needs. Offenders of different risk levels should not be grouped together.
- **Creating Partnership Synergy:** Value-added partners should be included to address barriers, such as education, employment, family services and health.
- **In-Custody Re-Entry Pilot Model:** Address a population utilizing individualized case management.
- **Program Evaluation Methodology – Outcomes:** Include intermediate program outcomes and final program outcomes.
- **Recommendations:** Bring together county partners and stakeholders; identify divergent programs and programming gaps; where appropriate, leverage advantages and strengths; develop an integrated roadmap and rehabilitation/reentry model; and establish standards for evaluating programming outcomes/success.

Chief Hamasaki advised these recommendations are similar to the recommendations received from Dr. LaTessa from the University of Cincinnati. A contract is being negotiated with Dr. La Tessa and his team to work on changes for the Probation Department over an 18-month period.

5. DATA ANALYSIS OF THE DAY REPORTING CENTER (DRC)

Crime Analyst Trisha Birchard presented The Day Reporting Center Participant Review, Section 2 information (report and presentation attached to original copy of minutes):

- Individuals who received referrals – completed: Individual participants were evaluated based on their risk level determined by the Probation Department when they initially go on supervision. 2,918 individuals received referrals; 605 completed all classes; and 123 (20.3%) completed classes and recidivated which means that 79.7% did not recidivate. This data was gathered from January 2013 through December 2017.
- Individuals who received referrals – terminated: 2,231 individuals were terminated from class, 960 (43.0%) of those individuals recidivated which means 57% of those individuals who either partially attended or did not attend at all did not recidivate.
- Referrals: A single individual can receive multiple referrals. During the period examined, 5,478 referrals were issued to 2,918 individuals. Of those referrals received, 941 (17.2%) were completed and 4,354 were terminated.
- Class Participation: The majority of the individuals were classified in the moderate risk level. The high risk individuals had low participation until August 2015 and then they significantly increased in participation going from 34 participants to 128 participants (276.5%) as a result of more emphasis by DPO's on referring these individuals to programming.
- Class Completion: This data depicts the number of class participants who completed a recommended class based on their risk level. During the time period examined, high risk participants accounted for 25.1% or 217 of the classes completed. High risk completions increased significantly between January 2016 and December 2017 going from 71 to 128 participants or approximately 433%.
- Attended & Terminated: This is the number of participants who have attended class and subsequently terminated. The primary reason for the terminations is excessive absence. The high risk group shows a steady increase in terminations from November 2015 through December 2017, increasing from 6 to 45 or 650%.
- Recidivism by Risk: Using the BSCC definition of recidivism, which uses a 36-month period during which a new felony or misdemeanor conviction is acquired, data for 2015, 2016 and 2017 do not yet include the entire 36-month period.

Future reports will focus on data regarding specific classes which are having the most impact on participants. Chief Hamasaki emphasized that engagement is key in reducing the recidivism rate and when the new REACT Center opens programming will start there and move to the DRC.

6. REPORTS: PROGRAM UPDATES

Victim Services: Phinny Rehman, District Attorney's Office, reported from January 2018 to July 2018, they reached out to approximately 45 clients at Nirvana and completed nine weeks of classes. Collaboration continues with the Probation Department and 58 requests were received from DPO's.

Leaders in Community Alternatives (LCA): Jeremy Green reported the following:

- 25 clients engaged in vocational services (forklift movement and truck driving school).
- 23 received certification for forklift movement.
- Two clients are in commercial truck driving school to obtain their license.
- From April 1st to June 30th, 24 individuals have obtained employment and 23 participants have completed the program and maintained employment for 40 hours per week.
- Three individuals received subsidized employment (LCA subsidizing wages at \$6 per hour for 90 days).
- Housing component being worked on with MOU's and participation agreements in place effective July 1st. Participants will receive assistance with paying rent for up to 60 days until their employment is established. Mr. Green explained he is working with various housing providers and evaluates the location and safety of the units under consideration.

Jail: Sgt. Beltran introduced Lt. Scott Houston, who will be managing the in-custody programs, and reported the following:

- Continuing to work with the Probation Department and outside agencies to provide the in-custody programming to offenders who continue to attend classes at the DRC upon their release.
- Learning management web-based system will be available soon to provide on-line courses to offenders. The system will also be used to provide training to staff and volunteers at the facility.
- A parenting program is available through Friends Outside with a component offered to assist fathers with reading to their children via an audio-video system. Approximately 8 to 10 students are participating in the parenting program.
- An Animal Services program called FETCH (Facilitating Education Training and Corrections Through Honest Work) will be available to the female population at REACT.
- Advised they are meeting with Modesto Junior College to provide a curriculum at the jail.

CPO Hamasaki commented that the next phase of Focus on Prevention is Strengthening Families, which will be looking at working with offenders from the DRC and REACT and engaging their families in order to focus more on the preventive route of the family side.

Friends Outside: Richard Chavez reported their first orientation class was completed yesterday with 8 students completing the class. The next session is scheduled for July 30th.

Workforce Development: Doris Foster, Director, reported they have been engaged in the statewide prison to employment initiative and approximately \$37 million was put aside in the FY2018-19 state budget to establish this initiative. Workforce Development will be applying for a grant and held a community forum with approximately 50 attendees. The State presented information, which was well received.

Nirvana: Dane Holding reported the following:

- For the last quarter, 18 were admitted to the residential program resulting in 12 completions. Of the 6 who did not complete, they were only there for three days or less.
- Of the 12 who completed the residential program, 8 went to sober living and 7 have successfully completed.
- Eight offenders successfully completed the STIC (life skills program) at the REACT Center and 12 completed STIC at the DRC.

At the next meeting, a report will be available on recidivism rates.

Probation Department: Division Director Mark Ferriera commented that programming at the Day Reporting Center (DRC) is being refined and offenders are being separated according to risk level so minimum-risk offenders are not attending classes with high-risk offenders. Protocols have been established. A quality control piece has started at the DRC and programs are being observed to ensure the curriculum is being presented correctly. Co-ed groups have been eliminated per a recommendation from Dr. La Tessa. A contract is being developed with Dr. La Tessa and his group from the University of Cincinnati. A quote has been received for services which includes evaluating programming at the DRC for effectiveness. One issue to be addressed is the development of an evidence-based cognitive behavioral domestic violence batterers treatment curriculum since there are none available and a 52-week class is ordered upon conviction. Technical assistance will be available from Dr. La Tessa's group once a month for several days.

Mr. Ferriera reported the RFP programs started on July 1st. Sierra Vista will be starting the 52-week domestic violence class in custody and, upon release, offenders will continue the program at the DRC. CPO Hamasaki advised the Probation Department will be making many changes over the next two years as a result of working with Dr. La Tessa and his team.

7. **COMMENTS.**

Public Defender Sonny Sandhu advised that Judge McFadden has set up a meeting for August 21st to discuss domestic violence training with a group who presents at the annual family violence council conference.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting date will be set for October 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.