

STANISLAUS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Meeting Minutes

Thursday – September 5, 2019

Stanislaus County Probation Department – Training Room

MEMBERS/STAFF PRESENT

MIKE HAMASAKI, Chief Probation Officer, Chair, Probation Department
LETICIA RUANO, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department
DAVE HARRIS, District Attorney's Office
MARISELA OLIVA, Victim's Advocate, District Attorney's Office
LAURA ARNOLD, Public Defender
TERRY WITHROW, Board of Supervisors
TERESA BROCKMAN, Workforce Development
DEBRA BUCKLES, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
CINDY DUENAS, Director, Center for Human Services
ANGELICA RAMOS, CEO's Office
KATHRYN HARWELL, Director, Community Services Agency
SGT. PEDRO BELTRAN, Sheriff's Office
DEPUTY JARED VAN GRONINGREN, Sheriff's Office
DEPUTY STEVEN ROSALES, Sheriff's Office
LT. SCOTT HOUSTON, Sheriff's Office
LT. MICKY LABARBERA, Sheriff's Office
BROOKE FREEMAN, Sheriff's Office
TRISHA BIRCHARD, Modesto Police Department
EMILY HERRERA, Division Director, Realignment Manager, Probation Department
SAM SHARPE, CARE, Probation Department
JANICE CREE, Data Research Manager, Probation Department
BELINDA PUTNAM, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department
JOHN BETTENCOURT, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department

GUESTS PRESENT

DANE HELDING, Nirvana
JEREMY GREEN, LCA

JEFF ESSEX, LCA
AARON CRUMRINE, Friends Outside

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m. by Chief Probation Officer Mike Hamasaki. Members of the group introduced themselves. Representatives from Friends Outside (Aaron Crumrine), Nirvana (Dane Holding), and LCA (Jeremy Green and Jeff Essex) were present.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment received.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM MAY 31, 2019 MEETING**

MOTION: Public Defender Laura Arnold. SECOND: Lt. Scott Houston. The minutes of the May 31, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.

4. **AB109 SUPERVISION UPDATE**

Crime & Intelligence Analyst Trisha Birchard presented the following AB109 Supervision Update: Recidivism and Demographics information (AB109 Supervision Update presentation attached to original copy of minutes):

- The time period evaluated was from October 2011 through June 2019.
- AB109 Supervision by Race: The majority of those on AB109 supervision were white, which slightly over represented the county population by +4.4%. The second largest group, Hispanic, were under represented by -9.8% to the county population. The third largest group, Black, were the second most disproportionate, over representing the county population by +8.2%
- AB109 Supervision and Arrests (not convictions): 2,777 AB109 probationers were arrested 10,208 times. 82.3% or 8,399 arrests for felony charges; 15.5% or 1,581 arrests were for misdemeanor charges; and 228 (2.2%) were for other infractions. Ms. Birchard noted not all the AB109 arrests resulted in cases going to the District Attorney's Office. Arrests included Violations of Probation, flash holds, and those booked into jail.
- AB109 Supervision and Housing: 177 individuals on active supervision report transient as their address. The majority, 85.3%, of the individuals are on PRCS. Between October 2011 and June 2019, the last known address for 720 (14.8%) of AB109 individuals was transient.
- AB109 Supervision and Arrests: Other than flash holds or violations of supervision, drug offenses (1,705), burglary (1,141), and weapon offenses (777) were the most frequent arrest charges. 136 probationers were arrested for robbery, 23 for aggravated assault, and 3 for rape. 151 probationers were arrested 183 times for domestic violence. Ms. Birchard noted that one person could have been arrested multiple times.
- PRCS Supervision and Recidivism: Between October 2011 and June 2019, there were 3,378 new grants of PRCS. 1,394 resulted in a new law violation. 65.3% of the new law violations occurred while under supervision. 1,197 individuals attended at least one class at the DRC. Recidivism can be expected to change once the three-year period is exhausted.
- PRCS Supervision and How Soon Recidivism Occurs: New law violations peaked at five months with 170. 22.5% of new law violations occurred within 6 months after being placed on supervision. 45.9% of new law violations occurred within one year.
- 1170H Supervision and Recidivism: 2,020 grants of 1170H (Mandatory Supervision) began between October 2011 and June 2019. 1,432 resulted in a new law violation. 51% of the new law violations occurred while under supervision. 484 individuals attended at least one class at the DRC. Recidivism can be expected to change once the three-year period is exhausted.
- 1170H Supervision and How Soon Recidivism Occurs: 16.3% of new law violations occurred within 6 months after being placed on supervision. New law violations peaked at 11 months with 135. 36.6% of new law violations occurring within the first 12 months.

The group discussed having a comparison of AB109 data to pre-AB109 data. Chief Hamasaki explained that State Parole added flash incarcerations to parolees after implementation of AB109; however, they no longer do flash incarcerations because of a lawsuit. The use of flash incarceration by Probation might be discontinued and subsequently, the number of arrests will decrease, which will result in some offenders are not being held accountable. Flash incarceration does have benefits and the elimination of flash incarceration would also cause recidivism rates to decrease. Probation is proactive in conducting searches and holding offenders accountable for technical violations after numerous events have occurred. Chief Hamasaki explained that probation and PRCS offenders are not comparable because offenders on probation are not lifetime offenders and are not coming out of State prison. The suggestion was made to separate the data by year in order to evaluate trends.

5. **REPORTS: PROGRAM UPDATES**

Victim Services: Marisela Oliva, District Attorney's Office, reported the following for May 31, 2019 to September 5, 2019:

- 51 new restitution cases were received.
- 82 victim restitution requests were submitted.
- Nirvana's Women of Hope class had 27 attendees. Two presentations were given from May 31, 2019 to September 5, 2019.
- 210 CCP clients received restitution education.
- Probation Orientation Meeting – 50 clients served.
- Probation Information requests: 72 Criminal Protective Order requests from May 31, 2019 to current.

Workforce Development: Teresa Brockman reported San Joaquin County has received a Prison to Employment Award from the State and Stanislaus County has been sub-awarded \$367,000. San Joaquin County's contract with the State will not be completed until October 2019; therefore, no services can begin until after the completion of that contract. Workforce Development intends on providing services to a minimum of 30 justice-involved participants, who will receive direct and indirect services based on each individual needs. Services to be provided include job skills training, vocational training, work experience, job placement assistance, paid internships and assistance with obtaining right-to-work documents.

Probation Department: Emily Herrera, Division Director, Realignment Services, reported the University of Cincinnati was on-site last week to conduct CBI-DV (Cognitive Behavioral Intervention-Domestic Violence) training to instructors from various local community-based organizations (CBO's). This program will be the first evidence-based practice program to be implemented in the State for domestic violence counseling and, if successful, will be a model program for other counties. One of the challenges presented with this program is to train more domestic violence instructors because the class has a ratio of 16 offenders to two instructors or ten offenders to one instructor.

The Day Reporting Center (DRC) and Sheriff's Department are working on getting the open-ended Cognitive Behavioral Intervention programming implemented, which will start offenders while they are in custody and the offenders will continue to attend programming at the DRC upon their release from custody. Operational and scheduling challenges are being addressed and this program should begin in October 2019.

Successful RAT (Regional Apprehension Team) operations have been conducted with Modesto, Turlock, Oakdale and Ceres Police Departments. Approximately 12 arrests resulted from these operations, mostly for bench warrants, which is the purpose of these operations. Future operations are being scheduled for Turlock, Ceres and the Sheriff Department's contract cities.

The DRC is implementing incentive-based programs and a "wall of fame" for offenders who complete certain modules of their programming.

Leaders in Community Alternatives (LCA): Jeremy Green distributed an outline (attached to original copy of minutes) of the modules and sessions included in the Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Offenders: Seeking Employment (CBI-EMP). He advised this curriculum was implemented in July 2019 with 12 participants and, subsequently, four have graduated from the program. He reported the scheduling for this program has been modified with Module One, which is an open group, being offered all the time. Presently, there are 10 participants in Module One, 10 participants in Module Two, and 12 participants are scheduled to start in September. CBI-EMP will also be offered at REACT starting next week and participants who are on probation will continue programming at the DRC with adjustments being made as needed.

Mr. Green provided the following information for the time period June 2019 to August 2019:

- 14 graduates.
- 19 engaged in vocational training, which includes forklift training, truck driving school and welding school with 15 who completed.
- 5 individuals were provided subsidized housing and one person recently moved into his own apartment.
- 10 participants obtained full-time employment for 40 hours a week.

Assessment Center: SPO John Bettencourt reported that over the last three months PRCS offenders have been showing up upon their release from prison. During the summer, a total of three violations have been written. He noted the offenders are making the connection between being released and showing up at the Probation Department. When the prison contacts the Probation Department to indicate an offender is too mentally ill to take public transportation, staff contact the DRC and BHRS to establish a link for the offender to get the appropriate services.

Jail: Sgt. Beltran reported the following (handout distributed and attached to original copy of minutes):

- REACT Enrollment Session for May 20 to August 12, 2019 had 287 enrolled with 154 inmates completing the program. There are three different levels of programming with the following numbers who have completed the program:
 - Level I (30 days or less): General Population Women: 27; Protected Custody Men: 44; and General Population Men: 17.
 - Level II (30 days to 12 weeks): General Population Women: 2; Protected Custody Men: 19; and General Population Men: 6
 - Level III (12 weeks or more): General Population Women: 3; Protected Custody Men: 20; and General Population Men: 16

Sgt. Beltran advised his staff works closely with DRC staff to get offenders into the proper courses upon their release. Vocational courses, landscaping and welding, had a summer break and are now being offered again. The Animal Services partnership is ongoing. In the future, the Sheriff's Office will be working with Workforce Development to coordinate employment for those offenders completing the vocational training programs. Sgt. Beltran provided information on the "Barracks Behind Bars" program and meetings will be scheduled with CBO's and partners to work on this project. They will also be working on an agricultural vocational program partnering with the University of California system.

Nirvana: Dane Holding reported the following for the time period January 2019 to June 2019:

- 125 referrals
- 35 admits
- 16 completions with 7 active
- 12 self-discharged or walked away. Of those 12, 8 to 9 of them left within the first 5 days.
- 15 completed the STIC program

Mr. Holding advised Probation offenders are currently contracted for six beds at Nirvana; however, he advised that Nirvana's programs just got approved for MediCal coverage which has subsequently opened up more beds because PRCS offenders on MediCal were moved from the Probation beds to MediCal beds.

6. **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting date will be set for January 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.