

# STANISLAUS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday – January 30, 2020

Stanislaus County Probation Department – Training Room

### MEMBERS/STAFF PRESENT

MIKE HAMASAKI, Chief Probation Officer, Chair, Probation Department  
BIRGIT FLADAGER, District Attorney  
LAURA ARNOLD, Public Defender  
CHIEF GALEN CARROLL, Modesto Police Department  
BRANDON GILLESPIE, Assistant Police Chief, Modesto Police Department  
TERRY WITHROW, Board of Supervisors  
MARISELA OLIVA, Victim's Advocate, District Attorney's Office  
BRITTANY HARKER, Victim's Advocate, District Attorney's Office  
TERESA BROCKMAN, Workforce Development  
SARA REDD, Workforce Development  
DEBRA BUCKLES, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services  
CINDY DUENAS, Director, Center for Human Services  
JODY HAYES, CEO's Office  
ANGELICA RAMOS, CEO's Office  
DELILAH VASQUEZ, 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  
TRISHA BIRCHARD, Modesto Police Department  
OLIVIA LOPEZ, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department  
JANICE CREE, Data Research Manager, Probation Department  
JOHN BETTENCOURT, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department  
KANDY RAKONCZA, State Parole

### GUESTS PRESENT

CONSUELO FELIX, LCA  
AARON CRUMRINE, Friends Outside  
TREVOR LEMINGS, UC Berkeley  
JEREMY GREEN, LCA  
MONICA POLINSKY, Sierra Education

#### 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), LCA (Jeremy Green and Consuelo Felix), Sierra Education (Monica Polinsky) and UC Berkeley (Trevor Lemings) were present.

#### 2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment received.

#### 3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 5, 2019 MEETING**

MOTION: Chief Galen Carroll. SECOND: DA Birgit Fladager. The minutes of the September 5, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.

#### 4. **AB109 SUPERVISION UPDATE**

Crime & Intelligence Analyst Trisha Birchard presented the following AB109 Supervision Update: Class Data (AB109 Supervision Update presentation attached to original copy of minutes):

- **REFERRALS:** Fiscal Year 2019-2020 is predicted based on previous fiscal year data and the data is subject to change as the fiscal year progresses. Referrals count the number of referrals to class issued and not the number of people referred. There was a nearly 40% increase in referrals between FY2016-17 and FY2017-18 likely due to an increase in the number of classes offered and an increase in the number of referrals issued.
- **CLASS PARTICIPANTS:** The 25.4% increase in class participation between FY2016-17 and FY2017-18 is likely due to an increase in the class sessions offered and an increase in the referrals issued.
- **COMPLETION AND RECIDIVISM:** The increase in referrals and class participation between FY2016-17 and FY2017-18 is not as noticeable in completions. Recidivism is tracked for three years. The tracking period for 2016 for committing a new law violation ended in 2019, however, some cases may still be pending adjudication.
- **NEVER ATTENDED AND RECIDIVISM:** Never attended is the status given to referrals when the individual issued the referral does not attend class. In FY2015-16, 260 individuals were issued 289 referrals and of those 260 individuals, 165 recidivated. Likely due to the increase in referrals issued, the number of people who did not attend class in FY2017-18 increased 60.93% from FY2016-17.

Chief Hamasaki commented that efforts are being made by Probation Department staff to get offenders into programming because it is known that programming works. For offenders who complete class, the recidivism rate is approximately 20%.

#### 5. **REPORTS: PROGRAM UPDATES**

Leaders in Community Alternatives (LCA): Jeremy Green provided the following information for the time period September 2019 to January 2020:

- Housing subsidy provided to six participants.
- 32 engaged in vocational training, which includes forklift training, truck driving school and welding school.
- 15 participants obtained full-time employment for 40 hours a week and eight participants have completed 90 days of continuous employment.
- The first CBI class had four graduates. Four CBI classes are being offered three times a week with approximately 4 to 9 participants per class.
- 25 participants completed all 31 sessions and of those 25 participants, two have completed 90 days of employment, 3 have gone to Learning Quest to obtain their GED for vocational programming, 9 have enrolled in vocational training, 3 are currently employed full-time, one is getting ready to go work for Frito Lay, and there were 5 exits for no show and dropped out for various reasons.

Probation Department: SPO John Bettencourt reported the “*Wall of Change*” has been installed at the Day Reporting Center (DRC), which will display certificates for participants completing CBI programming. Six participants have completed CBI (Cognitive Behavioral Intervention) programming, which teaches people how to think differently and make better decisions. There are 55 sessions in the CBI program with classes offered three days a week. The Substance Abuse curriculum had two graduates last month. There are 15 participants presently in the CBI class with a projected completion date of mid-March. The barriers for clients attending class have been evaluated and a van is available at the DRC to offer rides to offenders who have transportation issues with getting to class.

An in-custody “Thinking for a Change” class is scheduled to start at REACT on February 3, 2020, which is the same concept as CBI. On February 4, 2020, a CBI class will be offered at REACT for the general male population. Staff from the Sheriff’s Office and Probation Department are training for certification in the CBI curriculum. The DRC has funding to provide incentives to class participants. LCA offers an in-custody program and offenders continue this class at the DRC upon their release from custody. SPO Bettencourt emphasized the CBI trainings are intense with homework required between class sessions. DRC staff will be evaluating how to handle emergency situations and develop a safety plan.

Friends Outside: Aaron Crumrine reported 79 participants have received certificates from Life Skills classes. There are 50 participants enrolled in the Workforce Development program.

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

- Sheriff’s Office staff have been certified to teach CBI courses and ten offenders graduated from the last session held with ten enrolled in the next session.
- With the completion of the fifth session in December 2019 at REACT, there was a total of 840 inmates involved in programming and 399 (47%) completed the program. There are various reasons why inmates do not complete programming and Sgt. Beltran noted that 364 were released in 2019 and 77 were removed from programming.
- There are three levels of programming with Level I inmates at 30 days or less, Level II at 30 days to 12 weeks, and Level III at 12 weeks or more.
- Approximately one month ago, *Project Rebound* came to address inmates regarding college courses at California State University – Stanislaus. Modesto Junior College will be starting a pilot project of a five-week Humanities session at REACT in March 2020.
- Workforce Development offers a prison employment program, Paths to Employment, for subsidized employment for inmates in landscaping and welding.

Chief Hamasaki commented on the importance of a “warm handoff” between in-custody programming and continued programming at the DRC. The group discussed the importance of partnerships for consistency and attendance.

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services: Debra Buckles reported the following (handout distributed and attached to original copy of minutes):

- Detention Services: The mental health in-custody program provides group and individual therapy to inmates. For July 2019 to December 2019, 120 participants were served, 10% were open to treatment for 90+ days, and 47% transitioned from in-custody to outpatient services.
- Day Reporting Center: In the Intensive Outpatient Treatment (Substance Use Disorder) program, there were 38 participants in the program from July 2019 to December 2019. There were 60% of the participants open to treatment for 28 days, and 97% of those enrolled in the program were not arrested.

Workforce Development: Sarah Redd reported Workforce Development has contracted with the Probation Department to work with youth in Juvenile Hall in the “Let’s Work” program, which provides employment training services. This is not a CCP contract. Workforce Development is working with 87 youth in custody, seven youth have completed out of custody classes, and two youth are employed. Workforce Development received a grant for \$368,000 to offer the Prison to Employment program in landscape and welding to inmates at the Public Safety Center in order to transition to employment upon their release from custody. This program is offered as an incentive for in-custody offenders.

Victim Services: Marisela Oliva, District Attorney's Office, reported the following for September 5, 2019 to January 30, 2020:

- 67 new restitution cases were received.
- 110 victim restitution requests were submitted.
- Nirvana's Women of Hope class had 27 attendees. Three presentations were given from September 2019 to January 2020.
- 236 CCP clients received restitution education.
- Probation Orientation Meeting – 32 clients served.
- Probation Information requests: 84 Criminal Protective Order requests from May 31, 2019 to current.

Ms. Oliva introduced Brittany Harker, who will be assuming the role of AB109 Victim Services advocate effective immediately.

**6. COMMENTS**

Cindy Duenas, Director of the Center for Human Services, announced CHS is developing a Youth Navigation Center to assist the 18- to 24-year-old homeless population with navigating the system. There will be a drop-in center available and transitional housing for 24 months.

Laura Arnold, Public Defender, advised the Social Worker program is being enhanced to provide services based on needs assessments in order to assist with engagement. This program should be available in the Spring with a mental health clinician available.

Chief Mike Hamasaki announced he will be retiring at the end of February with his last day in the office on February 6, 2020. Division Director Mark Ferriera will assume the position of Chief Probation Officer in Stanislaus County.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting date will be set for April 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.