

# STANISLAUS COUNTY

## COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday – May 26, 2022

Stanislaus County Probation Department

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

MARK FERRIERA, Chief Probation Officer, Chair, Probation Department  
BIRGIT FLADAGER, District Attorney  
REED WAGNER FOR JENNIFER JENNISON, Public Defender  
DORIS FOSTER, Director, Workforce Development  
BRITTANY HARKER, Victim's Advocate, District Attorney's Office  
CHRISTINE HUBER, Director, Community Services Agency  
CINDY DUENAS, Director, Center for Human Services  
DEPUTY STEVEN ROSALES, Sheriff's Office  
SGT. JEREMY PEREA, Sheriff's Office  
DEPUTY JARED VAN GRONINGREN, Sheriff's Office  
CSO HANNAH PALMER, Sheriff's Office  
TRISHA BIRCHARD, Modesto Police Department  
VANESSA BRAVO, Probation Department  
FRANCISCO GUMATAOTAO, Probation Department  
LETICIA RUANO, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department  
JANICE CREE, Data Research Manager, Probation Department  
RAUL DOMINGUEZ, CARE Manager, Probation Department  
JEREMY GREEN, LCA  
REYNA RODRIGUEZ, LCA  
CONSUELO FELIX, LCA  
JEFF LAUGERO, District Attorney's Office  
MICHAEL BAGLEY, Nirvana  
STEVEN GAXIOLA, Learning Quest

#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 pm by Chief Probation Officer Mark Ferriera. Members of the group introduced themselves.

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

No public comment was received.

CPO Ferriera noted an amendment to the minutes from March 3, 2022, on the second paragraph of the second page to clarify that programming attendance, is significantly focused on, and the officers constantly remind offenders to attend their classes.

#### 3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 3, 2022, MEETING WITH THE NOTED AMENDMENT**

MOTION: Birgit Fladager. SECOND: Doris Foster. The minutes of March 3, 2022, meeting were approved unanimously.

#### 4. **PROGRAM UPDATES:**

Day Reporting Center (DRC): Francisco Gumataotao, from the Probation Department, reported The Probation Department engaged in three Regional Apprehension Team (RAT) Operations in collaboration with the Turlock Police Department, Waterford Police Department, and Oakdale Police Department in March and April, which resulted in 10 arrests. Additionally, he shared that the Tattoo

Removal Program, The Ink Doctor, has had 3 sessions at the DRC and has serviced 32 clients out of 82 that are currently enrolled. The next tattoo removal session is scheduled for July 5, 2022.

Jail: Sgt. Perea reported the following:

- A one-year project through the Union that will provide wages and benefits to inmates and their families is being offered to eligible inmates. Although the project is not part of programming, it would be treated similarly to a work furlough program; Sheriff Deputies would provide the transportation, and the schedule would consist of four 10-hour shifts, Monday through Thursday. Interviews will be in a couple of weeks, and those eligible will be hired as Union employees. This project could create job services for other inmates if all goes well.
- The solar panel farm project is due to start in July for 12 eligible inmates, with the possibility of being hired upon release from custody.
- All in-custody programming continues to be provided online, with the possibility of allowing in-person programming until early August but will remain open to online programming if that is what the provider chooses. CPO Ferriera questioned the reason behind having to wait until August to have in-person programming. It was noted that although that is the protocol they are following, they would like to have the providers back to doing face-to-face programming. However, due to scheduling issues continuing online is more convenient for some providers.
- A grant funding for agricultural vocational programming was received.
- The chicken coop program is going well, with 130 chickens.

Community Assessment Response and Engagement (CARE): Raul Dominguez, CARE Manager from the Probation Department, shared that the CARE staffing issues are improving, but unfortunately, they would be losing their SUD Counselor, Samantha. He appreciated Samantha's efforts as part of the CARE Team, giving her credit for some of the program's success stories, including Brad's Story on YouTube. Her last day with CARE will be June 1<sup>st</sup>. Raul advised that in recent months CARE has partnered with other county agencies to do community outreach by visiting the encampments throughout the county to provide onsite assistance and also started interacting with the community in downtown Modesto, introducing CARE and the services they provide. Additionally, he reported the following:

- 3203 total contacts have been made from January through April of 2022.
- 34 new clients started receiving services in 2022.
- 90 to 95 are actively receiving services.
- 206 clients have been serviced to date.
  - 30 are linked to services.
  - 22 clients have been provided housing.
  - 2 clients received emergency housing vouchers connected with the Housing Authority.
- 13 community outreaches were conducted from February through April, resulting in 46 encampment visits.

Raul advised that all the shelters are closed to new admits due to the uptick in COVID-19 cases and will reopen only if the people already in the shelters test negative for COVID-19 for two weeks straight.

District Attorney's Office: Brittany Harker reported the following information:

- 41 clients received restitution education.
- 9 victim restitution requests were submitted.
- 24 Probation Information requests about victim information and Criminal Protective Orders.

Brittany shared that the AB109 Victim Advocate position is currently vacant, and they are actively working on filling the position.

Nirvana: Michael Bagley from Nirvana for January 2022 through April 2022 reported the following:

- 10 clients were admitted to the Residential Program.
- 5 clients completed successfully, and 2 moved on to the Sober Living Program.
- 3 clients were unsuccessful.
- 5 clients are actively in the Residential Program: 4 males and 1 female.

- 3 clients were admitted into the Sober Living Program: 2 completed successfully, and 1 actively continued to be in the program. He noted that one of their successful completions is training to be a House Manager for Nirvana.
- 5 graduated from the STIC Program out of the DRC, and 2 more are expected to graduate in May.
- Programming at the REACT Center is being conducted via ZOOM, and programming for the females will soon follow.

Leaders In Community Alternatives (LCA): Jeremy Green announced that Jake Villanueva, Executive Director of LCA, will send surveys to the agencies they serve regarding their deliverables.

Consuelo Guzman from LCA reported the following:

**CBI-Employment Adult:**

- New classes start every two weeks.
- 27 participants are currently enrolled.
- 10 participants are employed full-time, and retention is being tracked.
- 6 participants are attending a vocational program.
  - The vocational programs are DeHart Technical School HVAC, Central Valley Barber School, Cal Trade Welding, J&R Trucking Class A
- 9 participants completed a vocational training program within the last 90 days.
  - 6 completed Forklift vocational training.
  - 2 completed Volt Cellar Operations.
  - 1 completed J&R Truck Driving and has obtained his Class A license.
- 6 participants completed the CBI curriculum (32 sessions) within the last 90 days.
- 2 participants graduated LCA and remain employed full-time.

**Aggression Replacement Training (ART):**

- ART is an ongoing training.
- 6 participants are expected to graduate on June 30, 2022.

Consuelo announced that 2 LCA staff have completed UCCI's Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Employment Adult (CBI-EA) and are now fully certified to train others within LCA. Additionally, she reported that LCA is now facilitating CBI-Employment via ZOOM to participants currently in REACT. The following three groups are being facilitated:

- General Population, Protective Custody, and Women.

Reyna Rodriguez provided a brief update on youth programming in and out of custody. She advised that ART in custody programming will be replaced with CBI Programming starting on June 27, 2022.

Learning Quest: Steven Gaxiola reported the following:

- 24 PSC students are enrolled in HSE services.
- 4 REACT students are enrolled in HSE services via ZOOM.
- 6 students receive educational services at the DRC.
  - 1 student graduated and is attending Cal Trade Welding School.
- 8 students are enrolled at the Learning Center.
  - 1 student graduated and is now attending MJC.
- 13 HiSET Exams were administered within the last month at the DRC.

Workforce Development: Doris Foster, Director of Workforce Development, reported the following:

- 181 justice-involved adult participants were serviced in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.
  - 79 were employed, making no less than \$18.06.
  - 47 received some educational training.
  - 7 are currently on a work experience that will result in full-time employment.
  - 14 are in the process of getting their GED.
  - 1284 is the number of times the 181 justice-involved participants were contacted during the job readiness process.

- 24 are currently on a work site receiving work experience to transition to on-the-job training where they can receive wages and obtain full-time employment.
- Supportive Services:
  - 8 received paid housing.
  - 39 received cash assistance to pay for tools needed and clothing.
  - 45 were provided transportation assistance.

Doris also reported that 42 youth were serviced, of which 24 received services in custody and 21 were serviced out of custody. She shared that youth were provided summer employment in positions where they could obtain good work skills that would help them get better job opportunities.

Cindy Duenas, Director of the Center for Human Services, expressed her concerns about what barriers might cause individuals not to take advantage of all the support and activities offered to them in the community. She noted that many of their clients being assessed for substance use are opting to go to a residential treatment instead of an outpatient setting because they don't have housing. Doris stated she would reach out to Learning Quest to inquire about their clients and if they could provide stats that would be helpful. The group discussed client options, including housing, employment, and incentives.

**5. COMMENTS:**

CPO Ferriera reported that the Executive CCP Committee is developing the CCP Plan and Budget for FY2022-2023. He stated that the Executive CCP Committee met at least six times during this Fiscal Year, noting that it is the most significant budget, the biggest increase year over year, and the most meetings they have ever had. The tentative date to go before the Board of Supervisors for the approval of the CCP Plan and Budget is June 12, 2022. A copy of the completed plan will be routed to the CCP group for review.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting date is August 25, 2022, at 1:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 2:09 pm.