

STANISLAUS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Meeting Minutes

Thursday – August 25, 2022

Stanislaus County Probation Department

Members/Staff Present

Mark Ferriera, Chief Probation Officer, Chair, Probation Department

Leticia Ruano, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department

Jennifer Jennison, Public Defender

Brittany Harker, District Attorney's Office

Doris Foster, Workforce Development

Michael Walker, Realignment Manager, Probation Department

Raul Dominguez, CARE Manager, Probation Department

Janice Cree, Data Manager, Probation Department

Trisha Birchard, Crime Analyst, Modesto Police Department/Probation Department

Jeff Laugero, District Attorney's Office

Consuelo Guzman, Leaders in Community Alternatives

Steven Rosales, Sheriff's Office

Dane Holding, Nirvana

Michael Bagley, Nirvana

Marco Oliveira, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department

Vanessa Bravo, Crime Analyst, Probation Department

Jeff Davis, Community Services Agency

Marina Bettencourt, Learning Quest

Isela Gutierrez, Learning Quest

Patricia Sanchez, District Attorney's Office

Members/Staff Absent

Stephanie Kennedy, Superior Court

Brandon Gillespie, Modesto Police Department

Sarkis "Tony" Vartan, BHRS

Terry Withrow, Board of Supervisors

Scott Kuykendall, SCOE

Cynthia Duenas, Center for Human Services

1. Call to Order and Introductions
The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m. by Chief Probation Officer Mark Ferriera. Members of the group introduced themselves.

2. Public Comment
There were no members of the public present.

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3. Adoption of Minutes from May 26, 2022, Meeting
The May 26, 2022, meeting minutes were unavailable for approval and will be approved at the next meeting.
4. Analyst Update
Crime and Intelligence Analyst Trisha Birchard shared a PowerPoint presentation providing a program review for the Day Reporting Center from 2013 to 2022. The presentation focused on the number of referrals issued and received; referral outcomes; three years of recidivism tracking; recidivism and subsequent bookings; and referrals resulting in non-attendance, termination, or completions. (The presentation is attached.)
5. Program Update:
CARE:
Raul Dominguez, CARE Manager from the Probation Department, reported that for the year 2022, CARE averaged 920 individual contacts per month. Between 290 and 300 are CARE clients or other clients within the CARE community to whom they are trying to provide services and assistance.

The top three services provided per month are medical services followed by substance use disorder services to include assessment and treatment, and then food and clothing.

The CARE team attempts to provide services once a week to individuals in encampments in order to assist them in getting out of those areas. Additionally, the CARE team Public Health nurse has distributed Narcan to the clients to help reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. In the past three months, the CARE team has given out 128 nasal spray Narcan packs. Clients in the CARE communities self-reported 88 reversals of an overdose.

Raul also provided an update on the CARE team. CARE has served a total of 204 clients over the life of the program.

- 71 active clients:
 - 40 of those clients are working with the CARE team to engage and accept services
 - 31 Clients are being managed by the CARE 2.0 team
- In 2022, 31 cases have been closed. Out of the 31 cases that were closed:
 - 9 have been connected to a treatment team and now being managed by BHRS team.
 - 3 clients were connected with family that lives out of state.
 - 4 clients are receiving benefits in another county.
 - 12 clients have had no contact with CARE in at least 6 months.
 - 3 clients were sentenced to jail or prison for a year or longer.

Realignment Manager:

Michael Walker, Realignment Manager from the Probation Department, reported there is a total of 249 individuals in services at the Day Reporting Center (DRC). Batterer's Treatment program is one of the biggest classes individuals are being referred to at the DRC. Staff have been able make the class more available to offenders and were able to work through an entire waitlist to get individuals into this class.

Additionally, the number of female offenders needing the Batterer's Treatment program is higher than it has been in years past. An additional class will be added to meet the needs of female offenders.

Michael also reported that the Probation Department partnered with the Newman Police Department last week in a Regional Apprehension Team (RAT) operation. This is the first operation in the current fiscal year, which runs July 2022 through June 2023. This operation, resulted in two arrests, three guns seized, and approximately five pounds of an unknown substance confiscated and sent off for testing to the Department of Justice. There are several RAT operations scheduled with other law enforcement agencies during the remainder of the fiscal year.

Jail:

Steven Rosales reported the jail officially opened their Veteran's Pod. There are eleven incarcerated persons in the pod.

The jail is back to in person teaching, which students seem to prefer compared to online teaching.

Steven also reported that the Sheriff's Office started doing job placement. They are taking incarcerated persons from in custody and taking them to job interviews. To date, they have taken seven individuals to job interviews with one who stayed to work.

Lastly, Steven provided an update regarding a pending contract between the Sheriff's Office and a solar company. The Sheriff's Office was previously contacted by a solar company to have incarcerated individuals work at their job site and potentially get hired. The Sheriff's Office completed the necessary steps, however, the solar company had to pause their efforts due to lack of supplies. The Sheriff's Office is currently awaiting the contract.

District Attorney:

Patricia Sanchez reported on the number of victims receiving restitution services for the past quarter, which runs from May 24, 2022, through August 24, 2022.

The DA's Office provided thirty-six restitution information packets to victims. Twelve victims returned the packet, which in turn was submitted to open case files. Additionally, the DA's Office received twenty-five requests for information from Probation via email or telephone.

AB 109 cases do not have an advocate right now. The work is currently be distributed to staff who have a general caseload.

Public Defender:

Jennifer Jennison reported they are currently recruiting for an additional Client Support Staff. Jennifer also commented on how she witnessed the tremendous work the CARE

team does on a daily basis and encouraged everyone to go out in the field with the CARE team.

Nirvana:

Dane Holding reported that during the months of May, June, and July, Nirvana received twenty-eight Residential Program referrals. A total of nine individuals were admitted into the Program. Seven individuals successfully completed the Program, and two individuals were non-successful.

Dane went on to state that although only nine individuals were admitted into the Program, approximately half of the individuals with referrals did not show for their appointment and were then rescheduled.

Currently, there are six Probation clients engaged in programs including Inpatient and Sober Living.

Dane also reported the following:

- There is currently 1 client in the Sober Living Program.
- The STIC Program is operating smoothly.
- The DRC had 3 successful completions.
- The REACT program had 10 successful completions.
- There are a few beds currently open.

Chief Ferriera expressed his gratitude for the partnership with Dane and the Nirvana team specifically for facilitating the placement of a Probation client who required timely assistance.

Leaders in Community Alternatives:

Consuelo Guzman reported the following:

- 21 participants enrolled in CBI-Employment classes at the DRC.
- Continuing to start new classes every two weeks.
- 7 participants completed a vocational program in the last 90 days.
- 9 participants completed CBI- Employment curriculum in the last 90 days.
- 6 participants completed and graduated from the LCA program.
- In person classes resumed at the REACT center and upon release those clients are encouraged to go to the DRC for a referral.
- 4 CBI Employment groups are starting in custody.
- Motivational Interview Training scheduled in November.

Learning Quest:

Isela Gutierrez reported the following:

- Since July 2022, have served eighty-five students at the DRC, REACT, PSC and their Learning Center for those individuals previously incarcerated and no longer on probation.

- There are eight students close to graduating with their GED at the REACT center.
- Resuming in person classes at the REACT is having a huge positive impact on students being able to test for their GED.
- Students have the choice of taking GED or HiSET
- GED exams are only on the computer and not online. Students are required go to a testing center to have the test administered. Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE) and Project Yes in Ceres are authorized testing centers.
- Inside the jail, Learning Quest has a contract with SCOE who is authorized to proctor the test.
- Typically, clients taking the HiSet exam have the option from a paper exam or online version. Clients at the DRC and jail can only take the HiSet exam on paper.
- Four graduates from the DRC participated in the June graduation.

Workforce Development:

Doris Foster reported the following:

- Workforce Development is developing a program geared specifically to assist incarcerated women gain employment upon release from custody.
- Workforce Development is receiving parolee referrals. Five individuals are enrolled in the program each week. The average wage the previously incarcerated individual is receiving is \$18.47 per hour. The average wage for the rest of the population is \$18.09 per hour.
- Individuals are put into training classes or on the job training. Workforce Development will pay an individual's wages for 6 months to entice the employer.
- They continue to work with both in custody and out of custody youth. Upon graduation, students receive Chrome Books.
- They are newly contracted with Learning Quest to provide one on one counseling for clients.

Announcements:

None

Next Meeting:

November 17, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm