

STANISLAUS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday – January 21, 2014

Stanislaus County Probation Department – Training Room

MEMBERS/DESIGNEES PRESENT

JILL SILVA, Chief Probation Officer, Chair
ADAM CHRISTIANSON, Sheriff
ALAN CASSIDY for Birgit Fladager, District Attorney
DON NICKERSON, Victim's Services, District Attorney's Office
SONNY SANDHU for Timothy P. Bazar, Public Defender
MADELYN SCHLAEPFER, Director, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
GALEN CARROLL, Chief of Police, Modesto Police Department
WILLIAM O'BRIEN, Board of Supervisors
KATHRYN HARWELL, Director, Community Services Agency
DORIS FOSTER for Stan Risen, CEO
CINDY DUENAS, Director, Center for Human Services
MIKE HAMASAKI, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department
STEVE JACKSON, Division Director, Probation Department
DEBRA BUCKLES, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
DAN WIRTZ, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
DAVE CHAPMAN, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department
MARC ROGERS, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department
MARK FERRIERA, Supervising Probation Manager, Probation Department
ERIC MCLOUGHLIN, IT Manager, Probation Department

MEMBERS ABSENT

REBECCA FLEMING, Superior Court
JEFF ROWE, Alliance WorkNet
THOMAS CHAGNON, Stanislaus County Office of Education

GUESTS PRESENT

TERESA GOMEZ, El Concilio	MICHAEL BAGLEY, Nirvana
KEVIN CARROLL, Modesto Gospel Mission	JULIE BAKER, Second Chances
CHRISTA SWIER, Second Chances	AIMEE, Second Chances
OLGA GOLTVYANITSA, Data Co-Op	NICK WEINMEISTER, Assemblyman Adam Gray's Office
FRANK DAMRELL, Senator Galgiani's Office	

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m. by Chief Probation Officer Jill Silva. Members of the group introduced themselves. Representatives from Nirvana (Michael Bagley), El Concilio, (Teresa Gomez), Second Chances (Julie Baker, Christa Swier and Aimee), Modesto Gospel Mission (Kevin Carroll), Data Co-Op (Olga Goltvyanitsa), Assemblyman Adam Gray's Office (Nick Weinmeister) and Senator Galgiani's Office (Frank Damrell) were present.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public were present.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 26, 2013 MEETING**

MOTION: Sheriff Adam Christianson. SECOND: Sonny Sandhu. The minutes of the November 26, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.

4. **REALIGNMENT CASE PRESENTATION**

Julie Baker, from Second Chances, introduced Aimee, an alumna from the Second Chances program. Aimee stated she was 42 years old when she went to prison for two years. She was married for 20 years and her husband was addicted to meth and she got addicted to pain medications. She was referred to the Second Chances program through the Probation Department. She attended the program four days a week which gave her a focus and new outlook on life. She completed the program and now volunteers twice a week. She is looking for employment and is having problems because of her felony record. Sheriff Christianson commended Aimee for her accomplishments and further reviewed her felony conviction and prior work history. She discussed the barriers she is experiencing to obtaining employment which includes having no vehicle for transportation due to fix-it tickets received before her incarceration and these fines increased while she was incarcerated. Teresa Gomez from El Concilio offered assistance on resolving the issue with the tickets and working on obtaining employment for her. Chief Silva thanked Aimee and commended her for coming in to this meeting and sharing her life and accomplishments. The CCP committee applauded her for her efforts and continued success.

5. **CCP PROGRAMS UPDATE**

The following is an update on the CCP programs:

- A. **Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and Intensive Supervision Unit (ISU):** Dave Chapman, Supervising Probation Officer, summarized that for Phases 1 and 2, the department received approximately 12% more cases over the state projected numbers. For the last six months of Phase 3, they are 30% over projections. Since October 1, 2011, the department is a total of 15% over projections and the numbers continue to increase. SPO Chapman indicated an interesting statistic regarding the number of PRCS offenders who have died while on supervision. In the last 27 months, 12 individuals have passed away while on PRCS supervision for various reasons, including medical, suicide, or victims of homicide. This number will be evaluated against other counties and this particular population which has a high-risk for medical and mental health conditions.

Marci Rogers, Supervising Probation Officer, reported that there are 172 active bench warrants and a Regional Apprehension Team (RAT) operation was conducted on January 11th with the Modesto Police Department. For this operation, there were 24 clients on the list and 12 were contacted which resulted in 5 arrests including one for a flash and 2 new law violations. Another RAT operation is scheduled in February and additional RAT operations will be scheduled in Oakdale and Riverbank in the next few weeks. The units are trying other alternatives to reducing the number of bench warrants and are working with the transient population trying to get clients re-engaged with services in the community. Chief Silva noted that approximately 5% of the adult felons are transient which presents a big issue and burden on law enforcement.

Chief Silva advised that another candidate had been found for the Crime Analyst position. She had passed the background process, accepted the job, toured the department, and then declined before her start date. The Chief has discussed the possibility of partnering with the Modesto Police Department for this service and a representative from the San Joaquin Community Data Co-Op is present at today's meeting because that organization has expressed an interest in submitting a proposal for services. Meanwhile, a third recruitment for the Crime Analyst position is open at this time.

- B. **Day Reporting Center:** Mark Ferriera, Supervising Probation Officer, reported that there were five participants who took the GED exam and all five passed this test. He noted that this is a big accomplishment because this class consists of offenders who have a reading level of third grade and higher. Four of the five who passed the GED are enrolled at Modesto Junior College next semester.

- C. **Jail Report:** Sheriff Adam Christianson reported that 23% of the ADP population is related to realignment. There are 301 sentenced inmates with 280 on split sentences. The numbers have not changed significantly, and the actual numbers have always been higher than projected numbers. The capacity problem is still an issue and early releases are occurring. Communication between agencies and departments is critical. The Sheriff discussed a case brought to his attention regarding a court order to keep a person in custody for 180 days and, after obtaining more information, this individual did need to be kept in custody. He also discussed the issue of new law violations and the monitoring of individuals on electronic monitoring. He noted that a plan has been put in place to train the adult detention staff to handle these matters and will be embedding sworn deputy sheriffs with the adult detention teams and AWP. Sheriff Christianson urged other agencies to contact him if any trouble is encountered with access to computer systems they are authorized to access.
- D. **Integrated Forensics Team:** Debra Buckles, BHRS, reported that there are 59 individuals involved in the outpatient Mental Health Program, which is different because some of these individuals have been kept on the program even if they have finished with Probation. Fourteen individuals are homeless which is unusual because once a person has been engaged in treatment, suitable housing is found. This issue will be evaluated further. BHRS is interested in developing an in-custody MRT program.
- E. **Second Chances:** Julie Baker, Director, reported that 57% of those referred to the program are still participating in the program and they are about half-way through the program. There are 42% working through the program with no participants being returned to custody or being hospitalized for mental health issues.
- F. **El Concilio:** Teresa Gomez reported the following:
- a. A total of 56 clients for Stanislaus Re-Entry.
 - b. 13, or 23%, have obtained full-time employment and housing.
 - c. 5, or 9%, have been to job interviews for full-time employment, with one of these starting a full-time position next week.
 - d. 3, or 5%, are pending transitional housing.
 - e. 7, or 13%, have obtained their California ID.
 - f. 2, or 5%, are involved in the tattoo removal program.
- G. **CSA:** Kathy Harwell reported that CSA is seeing about 30 to 40 cases each month to apply for eligibility benefits. Kristie Santos is working on evaluating the referral process and developing an inpatient in-custody piece for obtaining medical services and streamlining the MediCal application process.
- H. **Nirvana:** Michael Bagley reported that in December, Nirvana admitted six AB109 participants and one went AWOL, one was removed by the Probation Department due to legal issues, and four successfully completed the program. For January, there are four active participants and one more was admitted. There was only one unsuccessful participant and there are four on a waiting list. Another grant bed has been added. The referral process is working well with the Probation Department and this relationship has resulted in more graduations from the program. After the residential program, some participants are moved over to BHRS for the sober living program and outpatient treatment is also available.
- I. **Modesto Gospel Mission:** Kevin Carroll reported that the Mission has been housing 85 men nightly. In addition, there are 41 women with children. This area has been at the maximum number and they are referred to the Salvation Army. The Mission is working on approval for a new facility for women and children. They are also working on future plans for AB109 beds and a reporting center for transients. There has been some success with the 30-day challenge program but there are still some individuals who do not want services.
- J. **Victim Advocacy Program:** Don Nickerson, DA's Office, advised that they are working on some new ideas and will be preparing to present more information to this group next month.

6. FISCAL UPDATE

On behalf of Karen Curci, Administrative Services Manager for the Probation Department, Chief Silva reported that the growth funding amount for the previous fiscal year has been received. To date for this fiscal year, \$6.4 million has been received. A more comprehensive update will be available at next month's meeting.

7. YEAR FOUR DISCUSSION

Chief Silva reviewed that the base funding was based on a two-year formula and this formula is still being worked on and evaluated by the Realignment Allocation Committee (RAC). The RAC has met with the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) group regarding their formula recommendations which took into consideration other factors such as the poverty rate. The amounts included in the May revise budget from the Governor did indicate that the base formula for 2014-2015 will go down and growth funding is supposed to go up, but these funds are unpredictable. Chief Silva reminded the group that the Year 3 Plan brought to the Board of Supervisors did include deficit spending and the use of reserve funds. In addition, when the phase two AB900 jail beds open up, funding will be needed for staffing and services.

For Phase Four planning, Chief Silva requested from the groups providing services to the AB109 population, to evaluate their program outcomes and determine if they are addressing the needs of the population being served. Included in this report should be the number of participants, the success rate, and a justification for continuation of AB109 funding. This information will be presented over the next two meetings. She emphasized that the Board of Supervisors directed that the next plan must be based on actual funding. Chief Silva reviewed that the Phase III budget was \$18.7 million with an allocated amount of \$14.5 million and a \$4.4 million carryover being utilized. Some funding was set aside for AB900 operation but there will be ongoing costs associated with AB900 for operation and services to be provided to AB109 offenders.

Chief Silva advised that a request for information form will be developed and sent to the group to utilize for reporting in order to assure consistency. She noted that new programs cannot be solicited because existing programs need to continue.

Chief Carroll raised the question of how many individuals are taking advantage of the programs being offered versus the number being released. This number could be useful in evaluating the effectiveness of the programs being offered and how to motivate offenders to take advantage of the services being offered. An evaluation of the recidivism rate is also needed.

8. COMMENTS

No comments.

9. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE

The next CCP meeting will be scheduled for Friday, February 28, 2014, at 11:30 a.m. in the Probation Department Training Room.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.