

Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)
Advisory Committee Meeting
March 23, 2016
City Hall-Caldwell Conference Room, Second Floor
777 Cypress Street, Redding, CA

Attendees:

Tracie Neal, Chelsey Chappelle, Erin Ceccarelli, Teresa Rushing – **Shasta County Probation Department**
Melissa Fowler-Bradley – **Shasta County Superior Court**
Elaine Grossman – **Shasta County Administrative Office**
Steve Carlton – **Shasta County District Attorney’s Office**
Jeff Gorder – **Shasta County Public Defender’s Office**
Tom Bosenko, Janet Breshears – **Shasta County Sheriff’s Office**
Robert Paoletti – **City of Redding Police Department**
Dean True, John Van Fossan – **Shasta County Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA)**
Karen Day, David Nichols – **Division of Adult Parole Operations**
Christie Wright – **Wright Education Services**
Angela Jones – **One SAFE Place**
Brian Muir – **Shasta County Auditor-Controller’s Office**
Susan Kane, Shaneika Smith – **Shasta County Day Reporting Center**

Meeting Overview

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. A quorum was present. Introductions were made.

Public Comment

No public comments.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Jeff Gorder moved to approve the minutes for April 22, 2015, July 15, 2015, and October 21, 2015. Robert Paoletti seconded the motion. Motion passed: 7 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Abstention (Melissa Fowler-Bradley)

Financial Report

Elaine Grossman distributed a FY 2015/16 Realignment Revenue Report and stated that the February payment was received as expected. She also distributed a Realignment Revenue Growth Report reflecting the FY 2014/15 growth distribution. Tracie Neal stated that the distribution included the one-time growth funding for base restoration and that future growth distributions will be based on performance.

Tom Bosenko and Angela Jones entered the meeting.

Executive Committee Activity

Tracie Neal discussed the Executive Committee Activity. She said since October, the Executive Committee has met five times. They have discussed the Day Reporting Center Graduation, the Board of State and Community Corrections Implementation and Planning Report, changing the employment status of a Public Defender Social Worker from Extra Help to Full Time, CCP Budget, and the STEP-UP program. Tom Bosenko stated that they supported Shasta College as they applied for a grant to expand the program to have 50 students per cohort and increase the number of majors offered. He stated that it looks like Shasta College may receive the grant. Tom Bosenko then asked Tracie Neal if the application included a Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Deputy Probation Officer (DPO). Tracie Neal stated that the original application included 1 FTE probation case manager, however grant discussions may be resulting in funding for only a .75 FTE probation case manager. She stated that a discussion for the STEP-UP program will be added to a future agenda.

Announcements and General Discussion

Day Reporting Center

Susan Kane gave an update on the Day Reporting Center stating they are currently serving 94 offenders, 106 including After Care. She stated that the Phase I population is large, with 65 individuals, 13 in Phase II, and 6 in Phase III. She spoke about the impact of having a large Phase I population and how it was labor intensive. She stated that the DRC was working with Probation to keep the negative discharges to a minimum. Tracie Neal stated that Jeremy Kenyon was keeping a very close eye on the absconds and was working on a system to motivate offenders to limit the number of days they miss attending the DRC. Susan Kane stated that the probation officers coming into the DRC and communicating both with the offenders and DRC staff is working well. Chelsey Chappelle stated that the jail services are helping a lot as well and that they are sending staff out to pick offenders up and take them to the DRC. Rob Paoletti asked if those officers were armed. Tracie Neal stated that some of them were.

Susan Kane stated that there are currently 10 offenders participating in the program while in custody. Jeff Gorder asked who determines who will be in the in-custody program. Susan Kane stated that Probation determines who is chosen for the in-custody program. Jeff Gorder asked if they do a Pre-Sentence Investigation (PSI). Chelsey Chappelle stated that a PSI is not generally completed for the in-custody program. She stated that it is usually an offender who has been recently sentenced or returned on violation, thereby increasing accountability. Jeff Gorder asked about the programming offered to in-custody offenders. Susan Kane stated that they receive Life Skills and Substance Abuse Education. Tracie Neal stated that the curriculum is evidence-based. Susan Kane agreed and stated that the offenders also get Thinking for a Change (T4C) and Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) on Saturdays.

Susan Kane continued by stating that the next graduation will be on July 21st and also announced that the joint effort with the YMCA, the Health and Wellness Program, is getting off the ground. She stated that they currently have one individual that is on work release at the DRC. She also stated that they are bringing in interns who are studying Criminal Justice and Psychology.

Community Corrections Center

Chelsey Chappelle distributed a handout and gave an update on the Community Corrections Center (CCC). She stated that there used to be a probation officer for the DRC housed at the CCC who is now housed at Adult. She also stated that the housing program continues to be stable and successful, that the DRC keeps improving, and that the CCC is continuing to move forward with Supervised Own Recognizance (SOR) and Pre-trial Supervised Own Recognizance (PSOR).

Chelsey Chappelle continued by stating that the department has now had three Successful Transitions Of Probation and Parole (STOPP) meetings. John Van Fossan stated that a variety of community resources are at the meetings and that his role has been to be a connection to other resources who are not at the STOPP meetings. Chelsey Chappelle stated that often it is difficult to get referrals to Mental Health services, and STOPP has produced 9 referrals to John and he was able to get the offenders started with services that they needed. Christine Wright stated that the STOPP meeting yielded six referrals for Wright Education and that things seem to be working out well. Chelsey Chappelle stated that attendance is improving steadily and that Probation has taken cues from Parole such as calling the offenders the day before. Karen Day stated that the meeting gets better each time. Jeff Gorder asked if it was a one-time referral. Chelsey Chappelle responded in the affirmative stating that each person goes to the first STOPP meeting after they are released. Tracie Neal stated that there are between 30 to 35 providers in attendance and a variety of services. Chelsey Chappelle stated that the DRC provides an offender who is a success story to present at the beginning of every meeting. Tracie Neal stated that the STOPP meetings occur at 10:00 a.m. on the second Monday of each month, if anyone is interested in attending. David Nichols stated that sometimes the offenders will have a different perspective about being referred to services because they have an opportunity to meet with a vendor one on one they tend to be more honest with their needs. Chelsey Chappelle stated that sometimes people show up that were not referred.

Tom Bosenko asked if it would be possible to train someone in Probation on DMV forms to help with the process. Chelsey Chappelle stated that it was something that they could look into, but the officers may not know why a license was suspended and that probation does not have access to the DMV system. She continued by stating that the department is having ongoing conversations with DMV and Court Collections. Melissa Fowler Bradley stated that the Courts do not have the resources to send a representative, so they hand out informational packets. Karen Day agreed and stated that a packet is handed out as the offenders check in that gives them the numbers to call. Rob Paoletti asked how long the meeting is. Chelsey Chappelle stated that it is around 2 hours and typically ends at 12:00 p.m. Rob Paoletti stated that Redding Police Department can run checks from a vehicle, but we would need to see if they would be able to run the check at the request of an offender. Chelsey Chappelle agreed and stated that we want to make sure that we do things right. Susan Kane asked if DRC referrals could be done at the STOPP meetings. Chelsey Chappelle stated that the offenders should speak to their probation officers in regards to the DRC.

Sheriff's Office

Tom Bosenko gave an update from the Sheriff's Office. The average daily population in the jail was 340, with 148 for serious crimes, 70 for theft, 56 for drugs or DUI, and 114 for other infractions. There are 145 on alternative custody, 78 on GPS. There are 12 in the STEP-UP program: one from the Sheriff's Office, six from Probation, and five from Good News Rescue Mission. There are a total of 32 offenders housed out of county. He stated that in February, the AB 109 team seized: 5 lbs 10 oz of meth; 12.58 grams of heroin; 3 lbs of marijuana; 2 lbs of concentrated cannabis; 9 prescription pills; one handgun; one shotgun; \$6,700 in asset forfeiture; and recovered a stolen Toyota Landcruiser as well as \$3,000 in stolen property.

Tom Bosenko also stated that discussions regarding post-conviction/pre-sentence offenders being placed out of county are in progress. Chelsey Chappelle stated that the big issues are in regards to interviews. Janet Breshears suggested that Skype be used as an option. Chelsey Chappelle stated that it was a possibility. She stated that she would need to talk to Carla Stevens about possibly pre-loading the interviews and that it was worth the conversation. Tom Bosenko stated that they were playing with ideas to free up jail beds. Chelsey Chappelle stated that the numbers are climbing for SOR and PSOR for probation's GPS units. Rob Paoletti asked if the judges knew the likelihood of release for each offender when approving or denying SOR. Melissa Fowler Bradley stated that they did not know if they were going to be released or not. Steve Carlton stated that he did not think that was something that the judges consider. Rob Paoletti asked if it was possible for the judges to say no to SOR if they stay in custody, but if they get released, put a GPS unit on them. Melissa Fowler Bradley stated that there is no standard protocol at this time and it is unlikely that it will be adopted. Tom Bosenko stated that the Sheriff's Department documents past contact and arrests and that they could try to make sure that they stay in custody. Rob Paoletti stated that it would be better for them to be out on GPS then out without GPS. Melissa Fowler Bradley stated that it is not quite that simple and that when an offender is released at 2:00 a.m. there is not staff from Probation available to facilitate the contract process required for GPS. Rob Paoletti stated that the offenders shouldn't get to refuse to sign the contract. Christine Wright stated that they have seen increased attendance to programs with GPS. Tracie Neal stated that it is a useful tool for compliance. Chelsey Chappelle stated that it is very helpful and that the hope is, once the offender is engaged in the program, they will stay engaged without the GPS.

Tom Bosenko continued his report by stating that they have been working on the blueprint. They would like to form an advisory for custody to better manage beds and that they would like to use the CCP Advisory Committee. Tracie Neal stated that the blueprint would be an agenda item for next month. Tom Bosenko stated that the Sheriff's Office has completed their move and are open for business. Chelsey Chappelle stated that the Adult Division of Probation has also moved since the last time the advisory committee met.

Community Recidivism and Crime Reduction Grant

Tracie Neal stated that a panel was required for the response reviews and requested volunteers. Rob Paoletti and Jeff Gorder volunteered to be on the panel with Tracie Neal. Rob Paoletti stated that if they do interviews this time, the vendors need to make sure that they send representatives that can answer questions.

Input for next agenda

Tracie Neal stated that the following items will be put on future agendas: Blueprint; Substance Abuse Treatment Model, STEP UP, Domestic Violence, 678 Workgroup, and CCP Bi-laws. Tom Bosenko asked what the bi-laws would do. Tracie Neal stated that they would expand and clarify the purpose of the group. Christine Wright asked what the SB 678 workgroup was. Tracie Neal stated that the workgroup was regarding SB 678 and was meeting regularly and working to reduce and understand the return to prison rates.

Rob Paoletti stated that they may want to discuss preparations for the Public Safety Rehabilitation Act and the number of offenders scheduled to be released if Act passes. Tracie Neal stated projection of those to be released is hard to determine since it will be based on inmates ability to earn credit for good behavior, education and rehabilitation progress. It will be incentive based and not everyone will be eligible. Rob Paoletti stated that it may send more of an unexpected population to Shasta County. Tracie Neal stated that at this time she is unsure of the regulations as they have not been established. David Nichols stated that it would be automatic based on conduct credits and the process would remain the same as it is now with no changes. Rob Paoletti stated that there is documentation and releases out there that they can be distributed.

Christine Wright stated that the Proposition 47 funding may need a workgroup. Tracie Neal stated that the hope would be that the CCP would be the workgroup and that the forecast for the dollars will be significant. Chelsey Chappelle stated that the CCP may want to reach out to Angie Mellis from Crime Victim Assistance. John Van Fossan asked if there was a place where offenders may keep required documentation for safekeeping. Rob Paoletti stated that it was a matter of personal responsibility. Tracie Neal suggested reaching out to Good News Rescue Mission. Tom Bosenko stated that maintaining confidentiality would be an issue.

Rob Paoletti gave an update on the City of Redding and stated that Shasta County Most Wanted has hit 573 and that they are starting to see improvements. He continued by stating that there was to be a town hall meeting on March 31st. He extended his congratulations to the DRC on their recidivism rate and would like to present information at the town hall meeting, He stated that there are not enough opportunities to tell the positive and the town hall meeting would be a good opportunity to do that. He also stated that the CCP needed to be prepared for the legalization of marijuana in November. Tracie Neal asked Melissa Fowler Bradley about Failures to Appear (FTA). Melissa Fowler Bradley stated that they used to have 116 on the list, now it is 330, and that FTA's were coming down. Rob Paoletti stated that the number of people turning themselves in is increasing. Chelsey Chappelle stated that people will stumble and that is when we can give them the opportunity to change. Rob Paoletti continued his update by stating that the Force Options Class has been a great success.

Adjourn

Jeff Gorder made a motion to adjourn. Tom Bosenko seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned 4:21 p.m.