

Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)
Executive Committee Meeting
August 20, 2014
Public Safety Conference Room
1525 Court Street, Second Floor, Redding, CA

Attendees:

Tracie Neal, Erin Ceccarelli, Jenae Wheaton, Chelsey Chappelle, Penny Mossman – Shasta County Probation

Melissa Fowler-Bradley – Superior Court

Donnell Ewert - Shasta County Health & Human Services Agency (HHS)

Jeff Gorder – Shasta County Public Defender’s Office

Julie Hope – Shasta County Administrative Office

Sheila Ashmun – Shasta County Sheriff’s Office

Debbie Morris – Butte County Office of Education

Koby Heston – Redding Police Department

Cade Mattis, Karen Day – California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitations

Jim Evans – BI, Day Reporting Center (DRC)

Jackie Durant – Hope City

Charles Alexander – Public Participant

Robert Wharton – Public Participant

CCP Executive Committee Members are in bold.

Meeting Overview

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

Introductions were made.

Public Comment

No public comments were made.

Approval of Minutes

Donnell Ewert moved to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2014 meeting. Jeff Gorder seconded the motion. Motion passed 3 Ayes, 1 Abstention, 0 Opposed.

Financial Report

Julie Hope distributed a fiscal year (FY) 13/14 Revenue sheet. She stated that the CCP currently has one more payment that will be received in August in the amount of \$61,056.22.

Julie stated that she had a conference call last week with the public safety analyst from California State Association of Counties (CSAC) who staffs the Realignment Allocation Committee (RAC). Julie asked for a timeline on a final decision about an allocation methodology for current and future AB109 funding. She couldn’t give an exact date but said maybe by the end of this month.

Erin Ceccarelli stated there were no additional expenditures in the Planning Grant and Training and Implementation Funds since the last meeting. Donnell Ewert asked what the balance of the fund was. Erin stated that there was approximately \$34,000 in the Training and Implementation fund and \$160,000 in the in the Planning fund. There was a new allocation of \$100,000 in February of FY 13/14.

Donnell stated that in the future the CCP needs to talk about possible uses for the planning money. Tracie agreed. Julie asked if the balances took that into consideration those items budgeted to be spent out of these funds in this fiscal year. Erin stated that with the \$40,000 Planning Dollars dedicated to program evaluations, there is just over \$120,000 remaining. She also stated that with the \$10,000 dedicated to mental health groups and \$5,000 dedicated to arming in the Probation Department, there is just under \$19,000 left in the Training and Implementation fund. Donnell suggested that the CCP consider discussing uses for this money this during the budget process in the spring.

Melissa Fowler-Bradley asked if the \$100,000 that was received in February was an ongoing allocation. She expressed concerns that the balance is building and Shasta County would get less of this funding if we do not spend some of it. Julie Hope stated that the \$100,000 was supposed to be a one-time allocation and is not guaranteed beyond the first year, but the governor had continued to include it in the state budget.

Discussion Items

Donnell gave an update on the pilot project to provide Alcohol and Drug Treatment readiness groups in the jail. He stated that they began on August 12. Each week there are two men's classes and one women's class. Three community drug medical providers are each taking one group but all groups use the same basic curriculum. The first class had ten attendees. Donnell said that Lt. Kent and Captain Breshears are both very supportive of the programs. Jeff Gorder asked if they attend the same group or organization as an outpatient. Donnell said after being released the person does not have to go to the same group or organization that they used in the jail. The program will be evaluated to determine how many of the participants receiving these services go into treatment when they're released.

Erin stated that the last Request for Proposals (RFP) that was issued for Mentoring was unsuccessful. Following some revisions, another RFP will be issued for these services.

Penny gave an update on the Community Corrections Center (CCC). She distributed a handout that showed the CCC's statistics for the July. Penny said there were 28 active offenders on the Supervised Own Recognizance (SOR) program at the end of July and she is happy to report that, as of yesterday, there are 49. Penny stated that she evaluated those who in the jail could be released on GPS only or to the SOR Program. At the end of July there were 7 offenders on GPS in addition to the entire SOR population. 14 offenders successfully completed SOR and four who were unsuccessful. Of the seven offenders arrested from the Shasta's Most Wanted List, none were recommended for SOR. The cost savings \$150,336.45 for having the GPS units on instead of having the offenders incarcerated in the jail.

Penny said the Day Reporting Center (DRC) had 60 active offenders at the end of July. In July there were 38 offenders in Phase 1, 13 offenders in Phase 2, 2 offenders in Phase 3 and 7

offenders in Aftercare. There were 14 referrals and 15 discharges during July. Of the 15 discharges, 2 offenders went into aftercare and 6 offenders absconded and 7 were “others” which can mean they returned to jail, went into outside treatment or moved. Penny, Chelsey, and Jim are working on different ways to engage the offenders and decrease the number of offenders who abscond. BI has offered to go to the jail to engage the offenders while they are in custody.

Penny stated that there are 58 active offenders in the housing program right now and NVCSS has added a second resource coordinator. They placed four offenders in housing and housed three for more than 30 days. Penny’s will be working to evaluate the employment program next, specifically to develop a plan to increase utilization of these services. There are currently 25 active offenders in the employment program; they received 15 offenders in July and closed 10. Two offenders gained employment, one in food service and one in industry. Penny shared a success story about a sex offender who has been looking for employment for six months and got a job with the help of the employment program.

Penny said the CCC visits for July increased to 801. This does not include offenders who come in every week for regular classes like MRT. The Mental Health referrals increased to 26 in July and the majority of those assessed were referred to alcohol and drug services.

Jim Evans gave an update on the Day Reporting Center (DRC). As of yesterday there were 51 in all phases and 7 in aftercare. There are currently 51 males and 7 females. Jim stated that the DRC is doing quite well with the goals that were set for this year. Jim said 48% of the sobriety tests in July were clean. As of August 19, 48% of the tests were also clean. In July, 31.5% of the tests tested positive for substance abuse and so far in August 28% tested positive for substance abuse. The no shows rate for July was 19% and so far for August the no show rate is 20%. The goal was to have 40% clean tests by December 2014 which is currently being met. The missed tests goal was 30% and has been reached as well. The goal of substances detected is at 30% and has not been met yet. In July 63% of the participants were employed not including those in aftercare. The check in rate for July was 69.4% and during the first two weeks of August, the rate is up to 76.2%. The group participation rate is growing as well with July at 70.3% and so far in August it is 74.2%. Jim said that for the first two weeks in August there were only two absconded.

Sheila Ashmun gave an update on the “Shasta’s Most Wanted” Project. She stated there have been 229 offenders on the Shasta’s Most Wanted list since September of 2013 and twenty-six offenders remain outstanding. There have been 203 arrests, 29 offenders have been sent to prison and 5 offenders are currently in jail waiting to go to prison. Sheila talked about adding offenders who were previously on Shasta’s Most Wanted but failed the alternative programs they were sentenced to back on the list.

Sheila also stated that for the month of August the jail is 90 - 92% of full capacity. In the first three weeks of August the Sheriff’s Office has booked 1,055 people into jail. She mentioned that as of today they are 261 offenders on alternative custody electronic confinement and 70 offenders with GPS tracking units. In the first three weeks in August a total of 34 offenders have successfully completed alternative custody 37 offenders have failed. Two offenders have qualified for fire camp but are awaiting appropriate approvals from immigration. Sheila also stated that SB 1022 is still in process and the Sheriff’s Office is moving forward.

Action Items

Tracie presented updated outcomes based on the changes requested at the last meeting. Baselines were added to program retention and sobriety. To keep the results relative regardless of the number of participants enrolled, goals remain as percentages rather than using numbers of offenders. There was a discussion about the way retention rates were calculated. Donnell asked if it is worthwhile to have an indicator to measure risk level before and after receiving services in the DRC. Jeff Gorder asked if there was any consideration to coming up with a percentage regarding graduation rates. Tracie said that they went with numbers because we hope to have that many graduates. Jeff said a percentage might be more helpful eventually. Tracie suggested using numbers for this year and use percentages in the future. Donnell Ewert made a motion to approve the DRC FY 14/15 outcome measures. Melissa Fowler-Bradley seconded the motion. Motion passed 4 Ayes, 0 Opposed.

The Committee discussed the Community Recidivism Reduction Grant overview and application in the last meeting. Tracie stated that we got a letter from the BSCC saying that the County must submit a letter of interest to BSCC from the Board of Supervisors by September 30 in order to receive the funding. In addition, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) has to approve the application process. Following the Board's approval of the process, Probation will release an RFP for non-government entities to apply. Tracie proposed that three members from the Advisory Committee evaluate the responses and presented a draft application form.

The committee reviewed the draft form. Jeff Gorder suggested adding an Additional Resources/In Kind Contributions. Donnell Ewert also suggested adding in that the applicant must have five years experience providing services preferably using evidence based or best practices. The Committee also suggested adding that the funding must be spent one year from date of signing. The Committee suggested that the application format be changed so there are no lines for the applicant to fill in and limiting responses to a specific number of words. Donnell Ewert moved to approve the Recidivism Reduction Grant overview and application as amended. Jeff Gorder seconded the motion. Motion passed 4 Ayes, 0 Opposed.

The Committee discussed a date change for the September 17th Executive Meeting. Jeff Gorder moved to reschedule the meeting from September 17, 2014 to September 24, 2014. Melissa Fowler-Bradley seconded the motion. Motion passed 3 Ayes, 1 Opposed.

Operational Updates

Tracie handed out a flier for the fourth annual Public Safety Realignment conference.

Other Items for Discussion/Future Agenda Items

Tracie suggested Donnell give another update on Alcohol and Other Drugs services in the jail at a future meeting.

Donnell and Tracie stated that in the future the CCP needs to talk about possible uses for the Planning money.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:33 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Jenae Wheaton