

Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)
Executive Committee Meeting
October 19, 2016
City Hall – Caldwell Park Conference Room, Second Floor
777 Cypress Street, Redding, CA

Attendees:

Tracie Neal, Edward Miller, Erin Ceccarelli, Chelsey Chappelle, Jeremy Kenyon, Ruby Fierro –
Shasta County Probation Department
Jeff Gorder – Shasta County Public Defender
Melissa Fowler-Bradley – Shasta County Superior Court
Donnell Ewert – Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency
Eric Magrini – Shasta County Sheriff’s Office
Stephanie Bridgett – Shasta County District Attorney’s Office
Elaine Grossman – Shasta County Administrative Office
Karen Day – Department of Adult Parole Operations
Danielle Caito – Shasta Day Reporting Center
Jackie Durant – HOPE City
Robert Wharton – Member of the Public

CCP Executive Committee Members are in bold.

Meeting Overview

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

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Donnell Ewert made a motion to approve the minutes from August 17, 2016. Jeff Gorder seconded the motion. Motion passed: 4 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Financial Report

State Allocations to Shasta County

Elaine Grossman distributed a *Fiscal Year (FY) 2016/17 Realignment Revenue Report* and stated that the adjusted amounts have declined because of reduced sales tax receipts. She continued by stating that items without any numbers have not yet been updated by the state. She stated that Shasta County’s FY 2016/17 reduction is just under \$200,000, the September payment has been

received, and local innovation subaccount and FY 2015/16 growth should be received sometime in October.

Planning and Implementation Funds

Erin Ceccarelli distributed the *CCP Planning Grant* handout and the *AB 109 Training and Implementation* handout. She stated that there were no new items for training or implementation, however, there were planning costs for CCP Executive members.

Annual Expenditure Report for FY 2015/16

Erin Ceccarelli distributed the *AB109 Budget to Actuals handout and the AB109 – FY 16/17 Budget Requests – Approved* handout. Donnell Ewert asked about revenue reduction from anticipated budget and the change in the revenue estimates from the FY 16/17 budget. Erin Ceccarelli stated that some of the reductions happened in the May Revise and some were a result of lower sales tax.

Discussion Items

Stepping Up California Summit

Tracie Neal gave an overview of the Summit stating that it will focus on how counties can develop plans to safely reduce mental illness in jails. Shasta County can send a six person team. Tracie Neal, Dean True, Donnell Ewert, and Dave Kent will be attending. Melissa Fowler-Bradley stated that she was interested in going. Tracie Neal stated that she will confirm attendance with the Board of Supervisors and will arrange for registration. She continued by stating that those who are interested in more information can find it online at <https://stepuptogether.org/>.

Methadone Clinic Update

Donnell Ewert stated that since the presentation at the July CCP meeting, there have been a number of visits to the Aegis Clinic in Chico. He stated that it resembles a medical office, but the majority of its use is for counseling services. He continued by stating that there are plans to open a medication-only clinic in Redding to serve the 85 patients living in Redding that currently participate. This clinic will be able to serve up to 100 people. The patients will still have to go to the Aegis clinic in Chico weekly for counseling services. Aegis is currently looking for a building and may be able to open in six months. Bay Area Addiction Research & Treatment is considering opening a full clinic in Shasta County for private pay. Tracie Neal asked about the process of opening a clinic in Shasta County and working with County after opening. Donnell Ewert stated that to open a full clinic, any organization would need full approval from the County's Alcohol and Drug Administrator, who would also want Board of Supervisors approval. However, Aegis would not need county approval to open a medication-only clinic, since they would be doing it under their current licensing in Butte County. Jeff Gorder asked if the Aegis medication-only clinic will accept Medi-Cal. Donnell Ewert answered in the affirmative. Melissa Fowler-Bradley asked if there was a reason as to why Aegis is not opening a full clinic in Redding. Donnell Ewert stated that in 2011 when Realignment occurred, Drug Medi-Cal was one of the programs that was realigned. Because Shasta County did not already have a methadone clinic prior to 2011, the county was under resourced in the distribution of funding. The County could front the money to

start a clinic and, in theory, those funds would be made whole after the fact by the State. The County is not considering going that route at this time is because, if the County decides to contract with Partnership Health Plan for Organized Healthcare Delivery, then the money for a clinic may be able to come from an alternative revenue stream. Melissa Fowler-Bradley asked how much money would the county have to provide without this alternate funding stream. Donnell Ewert stated that he doesn't have those figures but estimated it would be about \$500,000. He continued by stating that Shasta County has more of a demand for a clinic than they did in 2011 because of increased opiate use throughout the County. Jeff Gorder asked about the timeline to get the medication-only clinic up and running. Donnell Ewert stated that they cannot file their paperwork to open the clinic until they have a location, but once the location is finalized it would take between 4 and 6 months. Tracie Neal recommended an additional follow-up in January. Donnell Ewert agreed and stated they should find out fairly soon if the model with Partnership Health Plan will be accepted.

Probation Department Update

Tracie Neal distributed a *2015/16 Probation Overview* handout. She stated that the average number of offenders have increased from 1969 in FY 2014/15 to 2151 in FY 2015/16 (an increase of 9.2%) with the Realignment population remaining at about 25% of the total population. Mandatory Supervision (MS) dropped from 199 in FY 2014/15 to 143 in FY 2015/16 (a decrease of 2.8%). Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) continued to increase from 309 in FY 2014/15 to 394 in FY 2015/16 (an increase of 27.5%). Forty nine percent of the total population continues to be at High Risk to reoffend. There has been a slight decrease (between 5-10%) in the number of reports written. Most interestingly is the decrease in POST reports, dropping from 347 reports in FY 2014/15 to 238 reports in FY 2015/16 (a decrease of 31.4%). Since the inception of AB109, we have received 1185 offenders at a rate of 15 to 20 offenders per month. Projections from the CDCR have been lower than what we have received from State. We have not received the CDCR projections for FY 2016/17. Historically, we have reported on just the SOR data, but PSOR data has been combined with it, so this represents both groups of data. We will be separating that data in order to track SOR trends. The percentage of split sentences for 1170h offenses continues to be high which is good because the person is held accountable with time in custody and released to probation to be supervised following their release.

Tracie Neal continued by stating that MS is being used less than in the past. She stated that in FY 2015/16 there were 51 individuals sentenced, whereas in 2014/15 there were 84 individuals sentenced and in FY 2013/14 there were 156 individuals sentenced. For all years, 75% or more were receiving the split sentence.

Tracie Neal continued by stating that Probation has been tracking Prop 47 case closures and has documentation of 375 cases closed due to that legislation from inception to May 2016. Jackie Durant asked if those individuals were on Probation. Tracie Neal stated that they were on Felony Probation and had their cases were reduced to a misdemeanor. Elaine Grossman clarified that those individuals still have criminogenic needs but are no longer directed to services through Probation if they are not on Probation. Tracie Neal confirmed. Jeff Gorder stated that it was possible for the individuals to have multiple cases and still be on Probation. Tracie Neal agreed and stated that they were only counting the number of cases that were reduced, not the number of individuals impacted. Jeremy Kenyon stated that Prop 47 may be part of the reason for the downward trend for MS cases

because a lot of the MS cases had reducible crimes, and with the closures of those cases, their sentences were completed.

Tracie Neal stated that although the department reported on Recidivism last year, the numbers for this year are still being cross-checked. She stated that 60% of the population resides in Redding, 15% in Anderson, 6.4% in Shasta Lake City, and 4.3% in Cottonwood and West County. The remaining offenders reside in various other parts of the county. She stated that the homeless population data is more difficult to understand because of the manner in which the Probation Officers enter the data. She stated that some of the population is in Sober Living and/or inpatient treatment and would otherwise be homeless, and that the data does not capture those who are staying on the couches of friends and family. She stated that with this in mind, the homeless population averaged about 214 individuals for FY 2015/16. She said that Probation is consistently using 75 to 77 GPS units. She stated that the Mental Health Clinician at the CCC is used by Probation Officers for those offenders that they believe are in need of a higher level of care. In FY 2014/15, of those referred to the Mental Health Clinician, 6 were referred to additional mental health services and 136 were referred to alcohol and drug services. In 2015/16, 16 were referred to additional mental health services and 102 were referred to alcohol and drug services. She stated that the number of referrals from Probation had increased as well and that more of those individuals showed up for their appointments.

Jackie Durant asked what the supervision breakdown for the homeless population was. Tracie Neal stated that we did not have the data broken down in that manner and that the 214 represented the entire population adult population. Jeff Gorder asked if that number included low and moderate risk levels. Tracie Neal stated that it included all risk levels. Jeff Gorder asked how many Probation Officers supervised the population. Jeremy Kenyon stated that it was less than 20. Jeff Gorder asked how many total offenders there were in FY 2013/14 and if there was a decrease due to Prop 47. Tracie Neal stated that Probation still has seen an increase in the number of offenders and has not been affected by Prop 47. She continued by indicating that having more Probation Officers is always helpful as they have high caseloads, making it difficult to effectively supervise offenders.

Tracie Neal continued by sharing measures tracked on the entire adult population stating that the Probation Department has remained steady on the number of positive drug tests which is between 16-17%. Chelsey Chappelle clarified that the majority of the testing comes out of the AOP, that we do not test those who get tested by the DRC, and that we do not test those who disclose that they will give a dirty test. She continued by stating that the offenders who disclose receive sanctions to help with the drug use issues. Melissa Fowler-Bradley clarified that the offenders in the DRC are not tested by Probation and Chelsey Chappelle confirmed and stated that unlike the DRC, Probation does not include any tests that are refused. She continued by stated that the offenders most in need are referred to the DRC. Tracie Neal stated that data was pulled from their assessment tool and found that there has been a small increase in the last three years for offenders with a GED or High School Diploma; there was an increase to offenders with pro-social ties; and there was a decrease in the number of offenders with people willing to participate in their success.

Jeff Gorder asked about the top three criminogenic needs. Tracie Neal stated that those would be included in the year-end report. Jeff Gorder asked about substance abuse and if the numbers are broken down by types of drugs used. Tracie Neal stated that data is not currently tracked but thought that it might be able to be tracked through the assessment tool. She continued by clarifying

that the Offender Needs Assessment tool is only used on offenders with a high risk to reoffend or offenders who have received an override by a supervisor. Donnell Ewert asked if it would be useful to screen all offenders for drug use. Chelsey Chappelle stated that there have been ongoing discussions about not treating drug use unless it is a top criminogenic need because often offenders use because of their other issues. She continued by stating that the department has started using a Mental Health Clinician and other assessments to determine if residential drug treatment services would be helpful. She stated that the biggest need is sober living to help offenders stay clean. She stated that Officers are getting better at understanding when referrals to residential treatment is necessary and that the same is true for referrals to Collaborative Courts. She stated that the department is moving more towards educating the Officers on the best route for appropriate referrals.

Action Items

Evidence-Based Correctional Program Checklist and Evaluation Protocol

Tracie Neal indicated that this item was a result of the August action item where it was suggested that we find out how much to train an additional four staff which is \$5,500. She stated that this request would result in a total of eight staff for a total of \$16,000. She reminded the members that the training will be with Butte County, who will be training four staff. Melissa Fowler-Bradley asked the number of hours it would take staff to evaluate each program. Tracie Neal stated that it would be two staff per program evaluation, a lead and a co-lead, and it would be 26 hours of work for the lead and 13 hours of work for the co-lead. She continued by stating that the hope would be that with training more staff, each staff member would not be used as often and would have the knowledge base to help with the evaluation follow-up. Melissa asked how many programs would be evaluated. Tracie Neal stated that we would like to evaluate each program that we contract for except for the DRC as BI hires Dr. Latessa to evaluate their programs. Jeff Gorder asked how many programs would be evaluated per year with the increased number of staff going through the training. Tracie Neal stated that it would still be two to start and perhaps three per year the following years. She continued by stating that the department has asked staff who was interested and received a large number of responses. She stated that the Latessa certification would only work for the agency that the person was trained in. Melissa asked how this would work when Probation Officers already have so much work to do. Tracie Neal stated that illustrates the benefit of training more individuals as it would be their turn much less often. She continued by stating that the commitment of evaluating programs would increase the effectiveness of the programs which would increase the success of the offenders and decrease recidivism. Chelsey Chappelle stated that training officers in this will also help them to understand how the treatment programs work and how they will work with their offenders and will help to build that relationship. Melissa Fowler-Bradley asked how the officers would keep up with their skills if they are only using the material every other year. Tracie Neal stated that Latessa offers continued coaching and support. Melissa Fowler-Bradley asked how long the certification lasts. Tracie Neal stated that it will last as long as the employee is working with the department. Jeff Gorder stated that part of the original \$10,500 was the transportation money, so why not get them to train more people while they are out here to essentially reduce the cost per person.

Jeff Gorder made a motion to approve the \$5,500 from planning funds. Donnell Ewert seconded the motion. Motion passed: 4 Ayes, 0 Noes. Tracie Neal stated that Probation would come back with updates.

Collaborative Court Alcohol and Drug Counselor

Tracie Neal stated that Jeff Gorder requested that the item be placed on the agenda. She continued by stating that she received an email from Judge Gaul in support of adding an alcohol and drug counselor and if approved, the collaborative court group would need to meet up to establish expectations. She stated that the email noted that the REC and BHC are reliant on community based programs to provide drug and alcohol services and that the REC and BHC struggle with ongoing communications with those programs. Melissa Fowler-Bradley stated that we have just enough programs that we're struggling to make referrals to the right programs. She stated that there is a missing link to guide offenders and keep tabs as they go through counseling. She stated that Judge Gaul would appreciate having that resource, but work to establish guidelines would need to happen. She continued by acknowledging that offenders need help navigating the system. Jeff Gorder stated that the AOP has two alcohol and drug counselors to assist the program and that it has been an effective model. He stated that the REC has quite a few participants with drug and alcohol issues and many in the BHC have co-occurring substance abuse issues. He stated that they need this additional resource. Melissa Fowler-Bradley stated that part of REC is to help those who have failed out of AOP or could have benefitted from AOP but were not eligible because of the established criteria. Jeff Gorder stated that the REC is a last resort and includes offenders who are very high risk and stated that it is worth the effort to try to help these offenders who, if they fail, would go to prison and reduce recidivism. Melissa Fowler-Bradley stated that if they make it into REC that we need to do everything we can to provide services and this is the area where we fall short.

Donnell Ewert asked to which department the employee would belong. Jeff Gorder stated that the employee would belong to HHSA. Donnell Ewert clarified that the employee would be part of the team for REC and BHC and asked if the groups would be together or separate. Jeff Gorder stated that they would be separate. Donnell Ewert asked if the offenders would be ordered to attend the group run by the counselor or if they would still have an option to go to another provider. Jeff Gorder stated that the details would need to be discussed before implementation. Donnell Ewert asked if they need a counselor or a case manager because the skillset for the two are different. Jeff Gorder and Melissa Fowler-Bradley agreed that the need is for a counselor because the communication would improve and the counselor would attend court. Donnell Ewert stated that groups with all participants would create comradery and develop the peer-to peer support. He continued by suggesting that the number of providers available to the programs be limited. Jeff Gorder stated that it could be worked out. Donnell Ewert stated that it would also be more cost effective to have the counselor running the groups rather than paying outside contractors in addition to the counselor. Ruby Fierro stated that some of the REC offenders are at the DRC. Donnell Ewert agreed that those individuals would be an exception. Stephanie Bridgett stated that they have discussed that an alcohol and drug counselor is a missing piece for the collaborative courts and agreed that the details needed to be worked out. She continued by stating that the DA's office is interested in pursuing this to help make it more successful.

Donnell Ewert asked how this would be paid for. Jeff Gorder stated that Dean True said that it would be about \$75,000 annually with all benefits included, so the question is how long the group would want to fund the position for. Tracie Neal suggested that maybe it could be realized by reduced services that are currently being provided. Jackie Durant stated that the community-based piece, or the peer-to-peer support, will be really helpful for offender success. Donnell Ewert agreed and stated that it would also help with aftercare. Jeff Gorder asked if the offenders in the DRC would still be included in the group run by the counselor. Tracie Neal stated that even if we had someone in REC who is also attending the DRC, we would still want them tied in to the AOD groups. Chelsey Chappelle stated that it helps with the idea of with building a community around the offenders.

Jeff Gorder moved to approve funding for an alcohol and drug counselor for the collaborative courts to be funded with growth funds for FY 2016/17 and then be budgeted in regular HHSA AB109 budget for following years. Melissa Fowler-Bradley seconded the motion. Motion passed: 4 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Operational Updates

There were no operational updates.

Other items for discussion/future agenda items

Tracie Neal stated that there are a few potentials for upcoming presentations including: Collaborative Courts, Mental Health Clinician, Compliance Team, and the Methadone Clinic update after the first of the year. She concluded by stating that the CCP Planning Survey and next year's meeting schedule should be coming up in November or December.

Adjourn

Jeff Gorder made a motion to Adjourn. Melissa Fowler-Bradly seconded the motion. Motion passed: 4 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.