

Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)
Executive Committee Meeting
April 20, 2016
City Hall – Caldwell Park Conference Room, 2nd Floor
777 Cypress Street, Redding, CA

Attendees:

Tracie Neal, Erin Ceccarelli, Chelsey Chappelle, Teresa Rushing – Shasta County Probation Department

Tom Bosenko, Dave Kent, Mike Lindsey – Shasta County Sheriff's Office

Rob Paoletti – City of Redding Police Department

Donnell Ewert – Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency

Jeff Gorder – Public Defender

Melissa Fowler-Bradley – Shasta County Superior Court

Brian Muir – Shasta County Auditor's Office

Elaine Grossman – Shasta County Administrative Office

Karen Day, David Nichols – Department of Adult Parole Operations (DAPO)

Susan Kane, Shaneika Smith – 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 3:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Introductions were made.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Jeff Gorder made a motion to approve the minutes from February 17, 2016. Rob Paoletti seconded the motion. Motion passed: 4 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Abstention (Melissa Fowler Bradley). Donnell Ewert was not present at the time of the vote.

Financial Report

State Allocations to Shasta County

Elaine Grossman distributed a Fiscal Year 2015/16 Realignment Revenue Report and discussed the estimated growth for Shasta County for the AB109 Community Corrections Subaccount.

Tracie Neal indicated our CCP growth for 2015-16 is estimated to be \$465,823. This is a higher amount than anticipated. Growth is weighted by the following factors: SB 678 success (felony probation only), incarceration rates, and 2nd strikers. It is important to understand that the growth formula (per the RAC) as it relates to SB 678 only considers felony probation performance and does not include Post Release Community Supervision or Mandatory Supervision. Also this data is pulled directly from CDCR. This is a different formula than the Probation's Community Corrections Performance Incentive Fund (SB 678). This formula includes all three populations supervised by probation.

Discussion Items

Substance Abuse Disorders

Donnell Ewert gave a presentation on Dissuasion Commissions, a tool to address treatment options with people with substance abuse disorders, a model used in Portugal starting in 2001. Portugal decriminalized possession in 2001 making drug use more of a health problem than a crime. The decriminalization does not apply to manufacturing or distribution, but drug users receive a fine for public use and possession. The Dissuasion Commission oversees the administration for drug use citations. The result has been a decrease in drug use in the youth population, but a slight increase in the lifetime use of the adult population.

Dave Kent asked if there are projections indicating an eventual reduction in the adult population based on the decrease in youth drug use. Donnell stated that he did not have any information in regards to that.

Jeff Gorder stated that Seattle is doing this with the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program, which is a pre-arrest diversion program that works to get people into programs. He stated that Vermont has also moved to a model like this for heroin. Donnell Ewert stated that prescription opiates are also an issue and that middle age addicts are trying to satisfy their opiate additions with pills. Tom Bosenko stated that was a matter of addicts versus functioning addicts. He continued by stating that Portugal has a low drug use population and that this would likely be most useful for drunk in public situations.

Rob Paoletti stated that this looks like drug court and sounds like probation conditions. He stated that the main difference is the detox center and that we have programs that do this. Donnell Ewert stated that there is a big difference between this and drug court because drug court requires a felony conviction, is a court process, and is post-conviction. He continued by stating that the purpose of this would be to get people into programs prior to involving the court process. Tom Bosenko stated that currently possession is a misdemeanor.

Melissa Fowler-Bradley stated that under the current system, one needs a felony to participate in drug court. The arrests taking place for drug use aren't necessarily criminals. The reason that drug court is based on felonies is because the numbers are too high to handle the caseload otherwise. The programs focus on a small number of people and require lots of funding. But there should be more of a middle ground where we try to get drug use under control as it is a multigenerational problem. Jeff Gorder stated that the ideal would be to keep the drug users out of court and that law

enforcement contact could include a place to refer them. Rob Paoletti stated that they could do that if the users wanted to go, but asked where the funding would be coming from to handle the volume. Jeff Gorder stated that the hope would be that fewer county employees would be required to handle the caseloads if they are no longer going to court. Rob Paoletti stated that was a nice thought, but not practical. Tracie Neal stated that a community based organization focused on restorative justice, like HOPE City, could assist in handling the caseload. Jackie Durant stated the HOPE City Neighborhood Court can be pre-file or post-file, addresses the individual more than the law, and is staffed with volunteers from the community.

Melissa Fowler-Bradley stated that any pre-file diversion program would have costs associated with them. Donnell Ewert stated that financing would be the biggest obstacle. Rob Paoletti stated that the best person to run a sobering center would be Donnell, and that law enforcement cannot link users to other services as well as the Health and Human Services Agency, but ultimately it would be up to the users to want to change. Donnell Ewert stated that drug users are often labeled as being bad people and the destigmatization is an important step because more stigma equates to more concealment of the problem. Rob Paoletti stated that in a homeless population survey, more than 60% of the population admitted to mental health and drug abuse issues. He continued by stating that mental health and drug abuse are connected and therefore crisis stabilization needs to be connected to mental health and substance abuse programs, the primary issue is that it is expensive. Mike Lindsey stated that it is especially expensive for a county with a large user population without the fiscal resources of a larger county.

Donnell Ewert stated that he is suggesting a small pilot program to see what is effective for the population. Rob Paoletti stated that they are not issuing many marijuana citations because everyone has a card. Melissa Fowler-Bradley raised the question as to how we free up the time to deal with a smaller population in a rural county when things are so much more difficult than in other parts of the state due to lack of resources and a low income population. Stephanie Bridgett stated that the caseloads for misdemeanors has almost doubled. Jeff Gorder stated that Shasta County was at the forefront of anti-smoking and that we need to consider innovative ideas, assuming we can find a way to do it. Rob Paoletti stated that the idea of the sobering center is a good one, it is a good diversion, and could be successful. Donnell Ewert stated that we would have to engage people. Tracie Neal stated that HOPE City has a good foundation for something like this.

Day Reporting Center Outcome Measures

Susan Kane gave an update from the Day Reporting Center stating that they partnered with About Time Recovery for a bowling night and that the DRC would be holding their Celebrate Success Barbecue on April 21st at 3:30 p.m. She stated that they are currently working on their annual report. Susan then distributed a handout stating that they were the unofficial calculations and that the annual report will be broken down by phases.

Tracie Neal stated that Susan was going to be leaving the DRC. Susan Kane stated that she will be retiring due to personal reasons but that she would be assisting with the transition through April and in May on a week by week basis.

SB678 workgroup

Chelsey Chappelle stated that the workgroup pulled a small percentage of data to get an idea of the perspectives of those involved in Public Safety. Melissa Fowler-Bradley stated that it was too soon to draw conclusions, but can already see themes in the data. Chelsey Chappelle agreed stating that there are multigenerational trends.

Public Safety Blueprint

Tracie Neal gave an overview of the Public Safety Blueprint study in regards to custody data and the CCP Plan pages 115-120. Tom Bosenko stated that the statistics remain steady and regarding Matrix Consulting's goal of developing custody performance reporting to public safety partners on inmate population management likely impacting overall law enforcement service delivery, everyone is going to do their job regardless of available beds in the jail. He stated that post-conviction and pre-sentence can be six to eight weeks, and that may be the area to look at and think about for the blueprint.

Tracie Neal stated that we collect a lot of data and that we may need to review the CCP outcome measures/data tracking and reporting. She stated that each department should look at their own agencies and see if the data can be used for data driven decisions. Tom Bosenko stated that we need to consider expansions or changes such as adding programming space in the jail for continuous linkage of programs.

Tracie Neal stated that it would be fair to allow time for people to absorb the information and that we can update the CCP plan as well, if necessary. She stated that the Probation Department has been looking closely at their measures and it would be a good idea for the other departments to do the same. She stated that this item would be added to a future agenda.

Action Items

STEP-UP Program

Mike Lindsey gave an overview of the STEP UP program and explained that Shasta College applied for and received a competitive grant from a private foundation, and that Shasta College is one of seven pilot programs. He stated that the Sheriff's Office has dedicated an additional \$5,000 in CCP funds (for a total of \$10,000) for transportation, food, and drug tests and, with this grant, the Probation Department will get to add a Probation Assistant as a Case Manager. The Grant will also allow for additional certificates to be earned and an additional cohort. He stated that he would like to request approval to proceed with the expansion of the STEP UP program to include additional focus areas that participants can choose and include the ability to amend the focus areas as needed. Donnell Ewert asked how long the grant was for. Mike Lindsey stated that the grant was for one year with two one-year non-competitive potential renewals.

Donnell Ewert moved to approve that the Sheriff's office can use the allocated funds to proceed with the expansion of the STEP-UP program with the ability to amend the program should the need arise. Tom Bosenko seconded the motion. Donnell Ewert commended Shasta College and

the Sheriff's Office on receiving the funding for this program expansion. Motion Passed: 6 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Operational Updates

Tom Bosenko gave an update from the Sheriff's Office. The average daily population in the jail is 339, with 145 for serious crimes, 54 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 also announced the Sheriff's Office will be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony on May 10th at 3:00 with an open house to follow for their new building.

Rob Paoletti gave an update from the City of Redding Police Department. The Neighborhood Police Unit since starting in January, have made 249 arrests, 47 of which were for drugs. They have seized 2 firearms and 11 other weapons, and have seized 154 grams of methamphetamine.

Penny Mossman gave an update from the Community Corrections Center. There are currently 56 offenders on SOR, and 30 on PSOR. The STOPP program has had 283 referrals from Probation and 46 from Parole, with between 20 and 27 agencies in attendance.

Other items for discussion/future agenda items

Meeting Schedule

Tracie Neal, due to scheduling conflicts, requested that the next CCP meeting time be changed to May 18th from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. instead of 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The committee agreed to the time change.

Adjourn

Rob Paoletti made a motion to Adjourn. Tom Bosenko seconded the motion. Motion passed: 6 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.