

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

Attendees:

Tracie Neal, Erin Ceccarelli, Chelsey Chappelle, Jeremy Kenyon, Ruby Fierro, Teresa Rushing
– Shasta County Probation Department
Tom Bosenko, Dave Kent – Shasta County Sheriff’s Office
Rob Paoletti – City of Redding Police Department
Jeff Gorder – Shasta County Public Defender
Melissa Fowler-Bradley – Shasta County Superior Court
Stephanie Bridgett, Lucky Jesrani – Shasta County District Attorney’s Office
Dean True – Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency
Brian Muir – Shasta County Auditor
Elaine Grossman – Shasta County Administrative Office
Nadine Robbins-Laurent, Laurie Spencer – Bay Area Addiction Research & Treatment (BAART)
Alex Dodd, Bob Thompson, Taylor Thompson, Erin Michaels, Jenn Stofa, Judson Lea, Lyn
Raible, Steve Maulhardt – Aegis Treatment Centers
Karen Day – Department of Adult Parole Operations (DAPO)
Sonny Stupeck – Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board
Amanda Owens, Danielle Caito – Shasta Day Reporting Center
Jackie Durant – HOPE City
Angela Jones – One Safe Place
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

Jeff Gorder made a motion to approve the minutes from May 18, 2016. Rob Paoletti seconded the motion. Motion passed: 4 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Abstention (Melissa Fowler-Bradley).

Financial Report

State Allocations to Shasta County

Elaine Grossman distributed a Fiscal Year 2015/16 Realignment Revenue Report and stated that the June payment was received on time. She noted that the increased projections were from the Governor's January Budget. Rob Paoletti asked what she estimated the carryover to be. Elaine Grossman stated that this should be net zero. Rob Paoletti asked what is in the CCP budget for carryover. Erin Ceccarelli stated that the CCP has a \$6.4 million fund balance.

Discussion Items

Aegis Treatment Center

Alex Dodd gave a presentation on Aegis Treatment Centers located in Chico, California. He stated that out of 527 clients, 60 were from Shasta County. Rob Paoletti asked if the clients had to go to Chico daily. Alex Dodd stated that they did. Tom Bosenko stated that there must be limitations in regards to transportation. Alex Dodd stated that the access to treatment is a burden to those without reliable transportation. He then introduced Erin Michaels. Erin Michaels shared her story with opiate addiction and her experience with Aegis. Taylor Thompson also shared his story with opiate addiction and his experience with Aegis. Bob Thompson shared his story from the perspective of a parent with a child addicted to opiates. He spoke about the level of accountability that Aegis holds their clients to; about the need for the prevention of crime caused by withdrawal; and the process of trying to find help for his family and how there is nothing in Redding for critical care. Alex Dodd ended his presentation by describing the aesthetic of treatment centers and how Aegis wants the feel of a modern healthcare facility.

Bay Area Addiction Research & Treatment

Nadine Robbins-Laurent discussed Bay Area Addiction Research & Treatment (BAART), their mission, vision, history, and competencies: including methadone maintenance and detoxification, counseling services, primary care services, and integrated services. While discussing the treatment requirements, Rob Paoletti stated a concern regarding the 3 day take-home dosages and how they know that the clients are taking their doses rather than selling them. Nadine Robbins-Laurent stated that BAART tests for methadone and the metabolite. Tom Bosenko asked if it were possible to take a partial dose and save the rest for sales. Nadine Robbins-Laurent stated that it was possible, but they only grant take homes to select clients. Tracie Neal stated that 90 days of treatment before take-home dose eligibility seems quick. Nadine Roberts-Laurent stated that clients could be considered after 90 days, but it does not necessarily mean that it will happen. Tracie Neal asked what the total population receiving take-home dosages is. Nadine Roberts-Laurent stated that she didn't know, but that it would be similar to Aegis. Alex Dodd stated that about 50% of Aegis clients have take-home dosages. Tracie Neal asked Erin Michaels and Taylor Thompson if they received take-home dosages. Erin Michaels stated that she receives three per week. Taylor Thompson stated that it took over a year before he got his first take-home dose. Erin Michaels stated that once you start receiving take-home doses, you do not want to lose them. Nadine Roberts-Laurent stated that it is a huge privilege to receive take-home doses and that there is a lot

of regulations in regards to them. She continued by discussing common outcome measures. Melissa Fowler-Bradly asked for the definition of a crime day. Nadine Roberts-Laurent stated that she could send the details.

Laurie Spencer continued the presentation by giving an overview of medication assisted treatment. She compared the differences between methadone and heroin, and stated that a chronic disease model should be used for this treatment because the goal is not to get off treatment. She stated that methadone will also block the euphoria of opiates. Rob Paoletti asked if one were to take methadone and then use heroin, would the result be that they would not get high. Laurie Spencer stated that the receptors that methadone blocks can become overwhelmed, but that it would reduce the cravings and block the effects of other opiates, and that buprenorphine is also effective in this regard and has been approved for prescriptions. Rob Paoletti asked if it could be used for pain. Laurie Spencer stated that it could be. She continued by stating that the healthcare costs are 50 to 60% lower for users on methadone. She described the day of someone on treatment and the kinds of patients that she has worked with.

Nadine Roberts-Laurent continued the presentation by discussing the hub and spoke model. She stated that new patients would be in the hub with more structure, where they would try to meet the comprehensive needs of a patient. She stated that patients with lower needs and higher function would receive spoke services, including prescriptions of buprenorphine and less intense, structured care. Rob Paoletti stated that this is an ultra-conservative community, and that a methadone treatment center would be a tough sell. He continued by stating that a root causal issue of property crime is opiates. In order to convince the community to accept a treatment center, the center would need to be a medical setting in a medical district. He then asked if they would be able to get staff in Shasta County and what are the average number of calls for law enforcement service. Nadine Roberts-Laurent stated that they have very little need for law enforcement calls and that they were usually only for the mandated reporting for suicide. She stated that once people are in treatment, they are very compliant. Rob Paoletti stated that he needed statistical data rather than anecdotal. Tom Bosenko stated that they would need the number of calls from nearby businesses as well. Rob Paoletti asked what the re-arrest rate of the patients is and how many homeless are no longer homeless. He continued by stating that there is a huge opiate using population in the community and that having these numbers will help him make a case. Nadine Roberts-Laurent stated that they have the statistics and that the literature is robust as well. Rob Paoletti stated that the people of the community will want to know what you, specifically, can do and that the location is also essential. Nadine Roberts-Laurent stated that she does know that the rate of recidivism increases with the length of time away from treatment. Taylor Thompson stated that in five years of treatment, he has not seen anyone in the clinic have law enforcement contact. Rob Paoletti stated that he had gotten number from Aegis before the meeting and that their re-arrest rate was around 6%.

Karen Day asked where Aegis was located in Chico. Jenn Stofa stated that they were located across the street from the local hospital and near the crisis unit and psychiatric care. Tracie Neal stated that she was surprised that the number of probationers are so low. Jenn Stofa stated that 86% of their clients have never been on probation, and that the hub and spoke model would work well in Shasta County. Jeff Gorder asked how long the longest running Aegis clinic has been open. Alex Dodd stated the longest running Aegis clinic has been open since 1998. Jeff Gorder stated that would be long enough for the local law enforcement to be familiar with the clinic. Amanda Owens

asked how Aegis tracks arrests. Judson Lea stated that they go to the court to get the numbers. He continued by stating that for all of the 267 patients that have been in Aegis for more than one year, 18 patients (6.74%) have had a conviction or open case while in treatment during the last year, and that of those 18 patients, only two had more than one open case or conviction (0.75%). Rob Paoletti stated that it would be good to have them linked with the Jail as well. Tom Bosenko asked if someone doesn't show, do you get law enforcement to check on them. Jenn Stofa stated that it would depend on the situation and that they have only had to do that one time in the last three years. Judson Lea stated that the checks they do are more out of concern for client welfare than requiring law enforcement. Karen Day asked how the treatment services are paid for. Alex Dodd stated that some clients pay out of pocket, through family, or private insurance, but the majority are covered by the State and Fed through Medi-Cal. He continued by stating that methadone is covered by Medi-Cal, but buprenorphine is not yet covered by Medi-Cal. Rob Paoletti asked about the timeline for licensing. Alex Dodd stated that licensing would likely take a year.

Action Items

DUI Vertical Prosecution Program

Stephanie Bridgett gave an overview of the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant and the DUI Vertical Prosecution program that it funds, explaining that it is an effective program with a dedicated prosecutor. She stated that this prosecutor filed 76 cases in 2015 and 61 so far in 2016. Jeff Gorder asked about one attorney handling all of the cases. Stephanie Bridgett stated that the prosecutor files the misdemeanor cases and only handles the felony cases. She continued by highlighting an AB109 case and discussing the effectiveness of the DUI Vertical Prosecution Program community outreach. She gave an overview regarding the status of the OTS funding stating that their application was not selected. She stated that the District Attorney's Office is making a short term funding request of \$456,372.64 over two years.

Tracie Neal asked if Shasta County was likely to get the OTS funding in the future. Stephanie Bridgett stated that the last two years were auto-renewals and that they are talking to counties that were awarded funding. Tracie Neal asked how the program fits into CCP implementation strategies. Stephanie Bridgett stated that a big component is treatment and without the Vertical Prosecution Program that oversight would be lost. Tom Bosenko stated that there are not any guarantees that you will get the OTS funding next time, and then asked how much money was in the CCP fund balance. Erin Ceccarelli stated \$6.4 million. Tom Bosenko then asked how much money Probation requested for Probation Officers in February. Erin Ceccarelli stated \$741,000 for one year. Stephanie Bridgett stated that this would be a short-term funding request. Rob Paoletti stated that most DUI offenders are repeat offenders and the Vertical Prosecution Program has a good impact. He continued by stating that the program fits with the strategy because of the coordination that the program provides. Stephanie Bridgett stated that they also do work with the Public Defender in the outreach and prevention aspects of the program. Tracie Neal stated that she sees value in the program but is struggling to see how it fits in with the implementation of the CCP. She continued by stating that we have the reserve, but we are depending on it long term, because we are spending and budgeted at a higher amount than what we receive annually. Erin Ceccarelli stated that we have projections out to seven years. Tracie Neal stated that one of the other options would be to pull from the AB109 Realignment FY 2015/16 growth funding rather

than modify the CCPEC-approved percentages. Tracie also expressed concerns regarding changing the approved budget percentages. Tracie mentioned that the District Attorney's office did receive an increase in CCP funds for FY 2016/17 from prior years.

Rob Paoletti asked if they would be reapplying for the OTS Grant in January. Stephanie Bridgett said that they would be. Tom Bosenko asked if they had spoken with the County Administrative Office. Stephanie Bridgett stated that they had. Jeff Gorder stated that CCP money is to reduce recidivism and that the program did not fit with Public Safety Realignment. He stated that the treatment option was not significant and that prosecutions will happen regardless of the program. Stephanie Bridgett stated that they need the single set of eyes of the Vertical Prosecutor on the cases for the Addicted Offender Program and Behavioral Health Court for consistency of case reviews, and that the program prevents cases from falling through the cracks and assuring that individuals get the treatment that they need. Rob Paoletti stated that if the offenders do not get prosecuted, treatment programming is worthless.

Melissa Fowler-Bradley asked that if the District Attorney wanted to continue to fund the Vertical Prosecution Program, could they divert funds from other locations and then present something to CCP that would be more in line with CCP implementation. Stephanie Bridgett stated that they could put together another presentation. Erin Ceccarelli stated that they are receiving \$155,000 in direct allocations for the other programs that are in line with CCP implementation. Rob Paoletti stated that the CCP approved a social worker to get people to show up to court and that he did not see how it was that big of a stretch to support the program and that people needed to go to treatment. Tom Bosenko agreed with Rob Paoletti. Tracie Neal stated that the social worker was assigned to the Behavioral Health Court. Rob Paoletti stated that the committee may need to re-address the plan because prosecution is a part of the rehabilitation process.

Tom Bosenko asked how the funding of this would work. Erin Ceccarelli stated that if the committee decides to move forward with this, she would suggest that one-time growth funds are used funds rather than reducing percentages for current year revenue. Lucky Jesrani stated that 21% of the DUI cases are AB109 offenders. Tracie Neal stated that changing percentages can be difficult. Brian Muir stated that there is money in reserve, the program does relate to the CCP, and that if the committee doesn't spend the money, allocations could be reduced. He stated that you don't need to change the percentages, you just need to spend more. Rob Paoletti asked if the CCP was underspending. Erin Ceccarelli stated that the CCP is budgeted for more than its allocation. Jeff Gorder stated that there are a lot of good programs that the departments do outside of the CCP, but that there needs to be guiding parameters and that he did not think that this program falls within those parameters. Tom Bosenko stated that felony DUI offenders are not first-time offenders.

Rob Paoletti made a motion to allocate \$196,372.64 from CCP growth funds to keep the Vertical Prosecution Program funded through Fiscal Year 2016/17.

Stephanie Bridgett stated that they would be happy to keep and report the statistics over the next year. Tom Bosenko stated that the funds should come from the reserve. Erin Ceccarelli stated that the result of taking the funds from the growth funds would be the same as taking the funds from reserve but using the growth funds would be much easier to track. Rather than transferring existing funds between departments, Erin will notify the Auditor's Office to deposit the growth funds

directly to the D.A. Elaine Grossman asked Brian Muir if he saw any issue with using FY 2016/16 growth funds which aren't allocated until October 2016 due to the State Board of Equalization previously withholding local realignment funds due to misallocation issues. Brian Muir stated that he did not. Tracie Neal asked if this would have to go to the Board of Supervisors. Elaine Grossman stated that it would if the funds are coming out of restricted balance. Brian Muir stated that going to the Board of Supervisors is not problematic.

Tom Bosenko seconded the motion, stating that he was reluctant.

Tracie Neal stated that she had reservations and concerns and that it is a difficult decision. She stated that her concerns were regarding ongoing funding for this program and she agrees funding requests should be in line with the three strategies outline in our CCP plan. She struggles to make the correlation between this request and the three strategies but that she would be voting yes.

Motion passed: 3 Ayes, 1 No (Jeff Gorder for ongoing funding concerns), 1 Abstention (Melissa Fowler-Bradley).

Operational Updates

Tom Bosenko stated that he would be reporting the operational updates from the Sheriff's Office at the next meeting.

Amanda Owens stated that the Day Reporting Center (DRC) graduation would be taking place on July 21, 2016 and that there were going to be nine graduates. She continued by introducing Danielle Caito to the CCP as the new Program Director of the DRC.

Karen Day stated that the new Redding Parole office was up and running and distributed a phone list.

Other items for discussion/future agenda items

There were no other items for discussion.

Adjourn

Tom Bosenko made a motion to Adjourn. Jeff Gorder seconded the motion. Motion passed: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.