

Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)
Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 28, 2015
City Hall – Caldwell Conference Room, Second Floor
777 Cypress Ave., Redding CA

Attendees:

Tracie Neal, Erin Ceccarelli, Lannie Riley – Shasta County Probation
Julie Hope – Shasta County Administrative Office
Brian Muir – Shasta County Auditor/Controller Office
Steve Carlton, Carryn Mac Leod – Shasta County District Attorney’s Office
Donnell Ewert, Dean True, Lisa Sol, Jon VanFossan – Shasta County Health & Human Services Agency (HHS)A
Jeff Gorder – Shasta County Public Defender’s Office
Tom Bosenko, Mike Lindsey, Eric Magrini, Janet Breshears – Shasta County Sheriff’s Office
Melissa Fowler-Bradley – Superior Court
Rob Paoletti – Redding Police Department
Karen Day – California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitations (CDCR)
Jackie Durant – Hope City
Robert Wharton – Public Participant
Charles Alexander – Public Participant

CCP Executive Committee Members are in bold.

Meeting Overview

Tracie Neal called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m. A quorum was present.

Introductions were made.

Public Comment

No public comments

Approval of Minutes

Tom Bosenko asked that on page three, paragraph one “a Deputy Marshall” be changed to “a Deputy Marshal”. He made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Rob Paoletti seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent (Steve Carlton was out of room).

Financial Report

Julie Hope distributed a fiscal year (FY) 14/15 Revenue Report which also includes a revenue projections column and she stated she also changed the monthly target the percent remaining and

the percentage received to correlate with what is projected, not what is budgeted. With changes to the Governor's FY 15/16 proposed budget, the revenue for growth went down while the State allocation increased. Julie spoke about the Local Innovation Subaccount and stated ten percent of the FY 15/16 growth revenue received for Community Corrections, the District Attorney/Public Defender and the Juvenile Justice must be placed in this subaccount in FY 16/17. Per statute, the Board of Supervisors decides how the money is to be spent, but the Executive Committee can make recommendations to the Board. Jeff asked about the estimated growth funds for FY 14/15. Julie stated the projected growth for FY 14/15 includes one-time dollars to those counties who were most effected by the change in allocation methodology. Tracie stated it is important to note that within that growth is the one-time dollars. Julie stated that going forward the amount of growth dollars will be based on results; sending fewer people to prison, having better outcomes with adults on probation. It will be performance based. Tracie noted that some of the outcomes are based on internal performance such as how the performances compared to other years and some outcomes are based on how Shasta County compares to other counties. Tracie said the group shouldn't depend on growth dollars.

Erin stated there were no new charges to the Planning and Implementation Funds.

Discussion Items

Tracie gave an update on the fourth annual Public Safety Realignment Conference. Keynote speakers opened and closed the conference. Included in the conference were three different tracks you could attend. Tracie noted Dr. Edward Latessa from the University of Cincinnati began the conference and he presented "What Works and What Doesn't, Reducing Recidivism, Lessons Learned". He is the guru when it comes to risk levels, dosage, identifying criminogenic needs, getting offenders into pro-social activities and cognitive behavior. Tracie expressed her desire to have Dr. Latessa come to Shasta County and do workshops. There was general consensus from the Executive Committee so Tracie will contact Dr. Latessa and agendize an action item on a future agenda to consider approving the funds to pay for his visit. Tracie shared Dr. Latessa works with Humboldt County on EPICs training which has helped their Probation Department greatly. There was a track addressing how counties do program inventory to complete a benefit-cost analysis. Tracie would like to go forward with some benefit-cost analysis in Probation.

Erin distributed four handouts regarding budget. The first handout showed budget to actuals through 12/31/14 for FY14/15. Not all expenses have been posted to Social Services. General Assistance which only pays for benefits provided directly to AB109 offenders is extremely high. Staffing costs are not included. The second handout showed the FY 14/15 budget of \$8,775,158 and estimated expenditures \$7,724,013. While the entire budget will not be spent, the expenditures will still exceed the revenue which is expected to be \$7,318,943. The third handout showed three different versions for budget balances and carryover projections. Version one is if the budget remains as is and spending continues as budgeted. With this version, FY 18/19 will have a deficit fund balance. Version two assumes ongoing expenses reduced \$600,000 for FY 15/16 and an additional \$250,000 every year thereafter until expenditures balance with revenue. Version three is similar to version two except in FY 16/17 there is a \$500,000 reduction rather

than \$250,000, and then \$250,000 reductions thereafter. Erin strongly recommends version two. The fourth handout includes the FY 15/16 proposed expenditure changes/reductions.

Tracie started the discussion regarding possible cuts to the budget. She said in prior years, Probation has not spent all the allocated treatment dollars. This year there has been more money spent, but Probation is willing to look at decreasing the treatment dollars by \$200,000. However, Tracie did say that any further cuts would greatly affect the ability to refer offenders to service providers. Brian Muir asked if the volume of work would decrease after the passage of Prop 47 and possible reduction in staffing. Tracie expressed it was too soon to know the effect Prop 47 would have, but only eighteen offenders have been termination related to Prop 47. She was concerned that those offenders who don't have the support or receive services from Probation, will continue to commit crimes and end up back at Probation as a felon in the future. Tracie emphasized currently only the high-risk offenders (approximately 1,000) are being supervised and that moderate-risk offenders should be supervised as well. If there was a reduction in probation officers, not all high-risk offenders would receive supervision. Jeff expressed that was not a good situation. Tom stated the jail is still at maximum capacity and there are still a large number of offenders who have failed to appear at their court sentencing. He reminded the group that the prisons will be releasing second strikers and there are still prisoners housed in other states that could be returned to the counties. Melissa felt it was too early to tell what effect Prop 47 would have but she didn't feel that it would impact the number of felons in Shasta County. Julie reminded everyone that should they choose to provide any services to misdemeanants then it would be a County General Fund cost as AB109 and SB678 revenues cannot be used to serve misdemeanants. Chief Paoletti said that 95% of property crime in Shasta County is related to drugs, which are misdemeanors now.

Donnell questioned having a reserve balance and a fund balance. Brian indicated a reserve is typically five to fifteen percent of expenditures. Tracie agrees there should be a reserve. Erin talked about the difference between the fund balance and allocating money for the reserve and the purpose of those dollars. Tom expressed it is necessary to be fiscally conservative. Erin said reducing expenditures sends a message to the Board of Supervisors and the public that the CCP Executive Committee is looking to the future. She suggested looking at reducing staffing through attrition. There was general discussion regarding how much the committee should be looking at cutting in expenditures. Tracie threw out the figure \$600,000. Steve, Tom and Rob felt \$600,000 was a starting point. Donnell was concerned about reducing the budget too much where there has typically been a carryover since not all money that is budgeted is spent. Jeff and Melissa expressed the figure should be closer to \$300,000.

After much discussion, the group agreed on \$200,000 budget reduction in Probation (treatment services, should not impact the level of services provided), \$35,000 in HHSA (eligibility worker, HHSA can fund this position with different revenue), \$57,000 in Courts (clerical, Melissa said the Courts only counted on the money for one year), \$25,000 in Mental Health (vehicle, one-time cost), \$10,000 in Mental Health (clinician salary savings), \$50,000 in Sheriff's Office (one vacant correctional officer position in work release), \$13,000 in District Attorney's Office (lower salary costs in 15/16) and \$50,000 in HHSA (vacant job developer at CCC). Donnell requested an increase of \$80,000 for General Assistance due to increase in actual payments to AB109

offenders provided that would otherwise be paid out of County General Fund. This resulted in a net decrease of (\$360,000) overall.

Tracie thanked the group for great discussion. Erin asked that each department/agency have their fiscal staff review salaries and ensure any increases in salaries, PERS, health insurance, retirement or other costs are included in their proposals for budget discussion at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Action Items

There were no action items.

Operational Updates

Other Items for Discussion/Future Agenda Items

Melissa stated she and Tracie would be at training February 18 regarding the Recidivism Reduction Fund Court Grant. Melissa made a motion to move the CCP Executive Committee meeting from February 18 to Thursday, February 26 at 2:00 pm with location to be advised. Jeff seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 Ayes, 1 Absent (Rob Paoletti was not present at time of vote), 0 Noes, and 0 Abstentions.

Adjourn

Melissa made a motion to adjourn. Tom seconded. Motion passed 6 Ayes, 1 Absent (Rob Paoletti was not present at time of vote), 0 Noes, and 0 Abstentions.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm

Respectfully submitted

Lannie Riley