

Community Corrections Partnership Meeting
August 10, 2011
National University, Room 216

Attendees:

Rick Kyle - **Cal Fire**, Shasta Trinity Unit
Elaine Grossman - Shasta **County Administrative Office**
Dave Nichols – **CDCR, Division of Adult Parole**
Stephen Carlton, Brain Popkes, Angela McClure - Shasta County **District Attorney's Office**
Marta McKenzie, Donnell Ewert - Shasta County **Health & Human Services Agency**
David Reiten - Shasta County **Mental Health/Alcohol & Drug**
Wesley Forman, Sherri Leitem, Cleo Tocmakidis, Carol Ulloa, Penny Mossman - Shasta County **Probation**
Jeffrey Gorder - Shasta County **Public Defender**
Roger Moore - City of **Redding Police** Department
Larry Schaller, Craig Perry – **Restoration Enterprises**
Tom Bosenko, Sheila Ashmun, Dan Van Buskirk - Shasta County **Sheriff's Office**
Nancy Morris - **Smart Business Resource Center**
Melissa Fowler-Bradley - Shasta County **Superior Court** Administration
Renny Noll – **Public Participant**
Fred Quigley - **Public Participant**

Meeting Overview:

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2 p.m. Introductions were made.

An overview of the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) and the Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee (CCPEC) was presented by Wes Forman.

Dave Nichols, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) District Administrator of the Division of Adult Parole, presented an offender profile to the group. His district includes all of I-80 from Sacramento north to the northern California border. He pointed out that each county has an opportunity to create a plan that meets their specific needs, whereas in the past the same plan was used statewide. The profile of the parole offender is the same as the offenders Shasta County is now supervising. Many parolees are now on dual supervision (parole and probation). One is not necessarily more dangerous than the other.

Over the years there have been various programs available to parolees and as budgets have been cut so have the programs. There is currently not much in the way of resources in the north state. Some programs still operating in various counties throughout the state include:

- The STAR Program, associated with County Office of Education, is an education based substance abuse treatment and recovery program. The program was a pre-runner to the day reporting center. There are currently STAR Programs located throughout the state. This program has been the most effective program used by Parole. The parolee reports every day at a set time. Major curriculum components include: process of addiction and recovery, twelve step methodology, relapse prevention, community transition planning, accessing community resource, anger management, developing human relations, and health education. It provides the parolee with a routine, keeps them off the street, keeps them accountable for something, and gives them a sense of accomplishment when they receive their diploma.

- Literacy labs in conjunction with local Employment Development Departments help with job training issues and employment applications.
- PACT (Parole and Community Team), a program designed to connect newly released parolees with local resource agencies to learn about available services.

At one time Parole offered housing to parolees. The cost became unsustainable and housing was no longer offered. Transient numbers were expected to go up – they did not.

The State of California currently licenses/contracts parolee transitional housing sites. There is currently one in Redding that provides eight to ten beds. The contract will not be renewed upon expiration. There was general discussion regarding transitional housing. Certain qualifications are set (non-sexual offenders, non-certain crime background, drug and alcohol free, etc.). The parolee is provided room and board. Each house has a house manager who helps parolees find jobs, manage money, and make the transition from prison to the community. The Parole Office assigns an Assistant Supervisor to the house who oversees day-to-day operations.

There is a \$200 gate fund given to each parolee upon release from state prison. Transportation is provided from the institution to the bus station in Sacramento. Parolees purchase their own bus tickets and travel to their county. There is basically no further monetary assistance given to parolees. There is a system in place to request assistance on a case-by-case basis that requires a supervisor to make the request in writing 48 hours prior to the time the money is issued. In the last year, \$100 was used for the northern region.

Offenders that have been through the system may believe they are entitled to certain services. Be prepared to hear “that is the way it used to be”.

There is a pre-release packet designated for post-release supervision or parole. The institution provides a packet noting medical information, offenses, etc., to the supervising agency (now parole or probation). A release study is completed by probation (where parolee will be released, etc.), and returned to the institution. The institution then advises when the parolee will be released and the date the parolee has been ordered to report. There was general discussion regarding what type of information (medical, mental health, etc.) will be available to Shasta County agencies.

There is a lot that just has not yet been figured out in the legislation. Probation is working with CDCR and has basically asked for all information on the parolee. Negotiations are ongoing regarding what information should be shared.

California is one of the few states in the nation that supervises all parolees. More supervision results in more violations, which in turn skews the numbers when comparing California to the national standard. It was suggested that you determine which part of the population has the best chance for success and concentrate your efforts on them. A percentage of parolees will succeed with or without supervision and interventions.

There was general discussion regarding which are the most important elements to include in programming. It depends on the community. If there are a lot of resources (programs/services) you may want to concentrate on supervision. If not, you may want to concentrate on prevention.

Wes presented a visual concept plan for post-release and local prison offenders. The plan had been reviewed and accepted by the CCPEC.

Three work groups were identified to research and make recommendations on how to implement the plan. The three groups are:

- Supervision: Team Leader- Tom Bosenko , Sheila Ashmun, Roger Moore, Nancy Morris, Carol Ulloa, Renny Noll
- Assessments/Programs/Treatment/Services: Team Leader-Marta McKenzie, David Reiten, Craig Perry, Melissa Fowler-Bradley, Fred Quigley, Donnel Ewert, Mark Montgomery, Sherri Leitem, Renny Noll, Carol Ulloa, Larry Schaller
- Custody Alternative/Sanctions/ and Revocation: Team Leader-Don Van Buskirk, Rick Kyle, Jeff Gorder, Steve Carlton, Brian Popkes, Penny Mossman, Sherri Leitem, Melissa Fowler-Bradley

Conference rooms where teams may meet were identified and are listed below:

- Public Safety Conference Room
- District Attorney's Office
- Redding Police Department
- County Administrative Building
- HHS
- Courts

Team leaders/CCPEC members will work with groups and report progress weekly at CCPEC meetings. Work groups will identify immediate needs (prior to October 1st), intermediate needs (January – July 2012), and long-term needs (next fiscal year).

There was a suggestion made to use start-up funds for an extra help typist or staff that has grant writing skills that can help put together a presentation/board report for the Board of Supervisors (BOS). No decision was made, but if you can identify staff members please bring that information to the attention of the CCPEC.

There was general discussion about timelines. In order to have an approved county plan by October 1st, the plan needs to be presented to the BOS on September 27th. Therefore, the plan must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board by September 20th.

It was noted that some other counties are posting CCP agenda meeting minutes on County or Probation websites. Probation will consider posting information on their website.

Future meetings were discussed and the following meeting dates were scheduled:

- August 17th CCPEC will meet at 3:00 in the Public Safety Conference Room
- August 24th CCPEC will meet– details to follow
- August 31st CCP will meet at 1:00 pm At National University, Room 216
- September 7th CCPEC will meet at 3:00 in the Public Safety Conference Room
- September 14th It will be determined if the CCP will meet – please leave this date open