

Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)
Executive Committee Meeting
February 17, 2016
City Hall – Civic Center Community Room
777 Cypress Street, Redding, CA

Attendees:

Tracie Neal, Edward Miller, Chelsey Chappelle, Penny Mossman, Erin Ceccarelli, Kurt Sauer, Carla Stevens, Teresa Rushing – Shasta County Probation Department
Donnell Ewert – Health and Human Services Agency
Jeff Gorder – Shasta County Public Defender
Tom Bosenko, Janet Breshears, Mike Lindsey – Shasta County Sheriff’s Office
Steve Carlton, Stephanie Bridgett, Dawn Duckett – District Attorney’s Office
Shawn Watts – Shasta County Superior Court
Bebe Palin, Elaine Grossman – County Administrative Office
Karen Day, Rich Viethier, Nathan Elliot – DAPO
Amanda Owens, Susan Kane – Shasta County Day Reporting Center
Eva Jimenez – Shasta College
Jackie Durant – HOPE City

CCP Executive Committee Members are in bold.

Meeting Overview

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 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 January 13, 2016. Tom Bosenko seconded the motion. Motion passed: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes

Financial Report

State Allocations to Shasta County

Elaine Grossman distributed a Fiscal Year 2015/16 Realignment Revenue Report and stated that the January payment was received and that the County revenue is on target.

Discussion Items

STEP-UP Program

Eva Jimenez gave an overview of the STEP-UP program and described how it has evolved over time to include Good News Rescue Mission and CHIBA. She stated that they have submitted a grant application to expand the program. Mike Lindsey stated that there will need to be an action item by June or July to approve the expansion of the program. Eva Jimenez stated that the additional certificates that they would like to offer would be for Fire, Welding, and Entrepreneurship.

Day Reporting Center Outcome Measures

Amanda Owens distributed and discussed a 2015 Baselines – Shasta Day Reporting Center handout and stated that December was a difficult month for all the Day Reporting Centers in California. Tracie Neal inquired as to why the month of December was so tough. Amanda Owens stated that the population struggles with holidays. The DRC had a large number of intakes, 25 in November and 11 in December, however, the majority of absconds happen in the first 30 to 45 days, before the participant is invested in the programming. Tom Bosenko asked if an increase to the amount of contact participants have with DRC staff or Probation Officers would improve the numbers. Amanda Owens stated that of course we could always do more. She then compared the December numbers to the numbers for as of February 16. As of February 16, Check-in was 73%, Group was 53%, ICBT was 79%, Positive Discharges 16%, Neutral Discharges 32%, Negative Discharges 52%, Clean Tests: Phase I 35%, Phase II 75%, Phase III 100%; Missed Tests: Phase I 33%, Phase II 0%, Phase III 0%; Positive Test: Phase I 32%, Phase II 25%, Phase III 0%; Employment: Phase I 26%, Phase II 88%, Phase III 100%. Amanda Owens stated that the DRC is working on improving their program by getting feedback from evaluators, conducting participant surveys, asking the Probation Officers to ask participants about group, and working on absconds. Tracie Neal stated that the Community Corrections Center is getting really aggressive in terms of reducing absconds. Amanda Owens agreed. She stated that the DRC is hiring staff to aid with sobriety, that they are implementing a CBT Lab specific to Substance Abuse, and that the June 2016 goals are set. Tracie Neal stated that the DRC only has a 14% recidivism rate with 69 completions, and that number is including any reentry into the justice system. Amanda Owens asked if the committee wanted to bring GPS back into the DRC. Tracie Neal stated that there will be GPS discussions. Susan Kane stated that they are currently training for weekend programming to be up and running in March. She stated that the DRC will be offering a Budget and Money Management course, they are working with About Time Recovery for community service, there will be a BBQ in March, and they are partnering with the YMCA for and incentive program for YMCA day passes tied in with healthy lifestyle day passes and monthly passes. She also stated that Alcoholics Anonymous and Celebrate Recovery are available at the DRC.

Community Recidivism Reduction Grants

Tracie Neal reported on the expenditures of the Community Recidivism Reduction Grants. HOPE City was awarded \$10,000, has not yet spent any of the funds, and has served 2 individuals. Jackie Durant stated that they had been having a hard time getting over the background check hurdle in regards to the request for LiveScan form, but they have trained 30 community volunteers. Tracie Neal continued the discussion by stating that the Youth Violence Prevention Council was awarded

\$10,000, has spent \$4,300, and has served 67 youth. Wright Education was awarded \$10,000, has spent \$1,300, and has served 8 individuals. Forward Leap was awarded \$9,953, has spent \$4,500, and has served 8 youth. Right Road Recovery was awarded \$7,547, has spent \$5,600, and has served 64 youth. An RFP has been issued for the next round of funding, and a panel needs to be selected to review the responses. Erin Ceccarelli stated that the agreements can be extended to allow for vendors to spend the full amount awarded. Tracie Neal stated that there would be a panel selection at the next CCP Advisory meeting.

SB 678 and return to prison rates

Tracie Neal gave the history of SB 678. She stated that it was added to the agenda today because funding is being impacted. Shasta County's return to prison rate is tracked and is based on the number of offenders currently on supervision that are sentenced to go to prison. The rates are compared with the state as a whole as well as Shasta County's rate from the prior year. Typically Shasta County's average has been between 5% and 7%. In FY 2014/15 Shasta County received \$860,000 and funded 14 Probation Officers. In FY 2015/16, Shasta County received \$504,000 and funded 10 positions through a combination of current year allocation and fund balance. Current rates of return indicate that in FY 2016/17, Shasta County will be receiving the minimum of \$200,000. With \$200,000, the Probation Department will only be able to fund 2 Probation Officers. She stated that the Probation Department would like to ask the CCP to fund positions, on a temporary basis for two years, in the hope that in two years, the County's return to prison rates will decrease and the SB678 funding will recover. If approved, CCP members would commit to a workgroup lead by Probation to collaborate and determine options including examining what other counties are doing, gaining a better understanding of the population being sentenced to state prison, determining if there is a population that can be managed on supervision and in the community on treatment, determining if there are resources lacking that need to be create for this population, etc. There are eight unfunded positions, four of which are currently filled. The Probation Department is positing two scenarios: (1) funding all eight positions for \$741,000, or (2) funding the four filled positions for \$388,000.

Jeff Gorder stated that Shasta County cannot afford to lose any more Probation Officers, but inquired as to the reason for two years. Erin Ceccarelli stated that the concept is that the Probation Department is not looking at the CCP funding these positions as a permanent solution. If the County cannot decrease the return to prison rate and recover the lost funding around in two years, then we need to find other solutions. Donnell Ewert asked what would happen if the number of Probation Officers went from 10 to two. Kurt Sauer stated that current high risk caseloads are at about 100 per Probation Officer; this number would double and the department would have to start banking high risk offenders. Chelsey Chappelle stated that in essence, every caseload would become a banked caseload resulting in less staff intervention, supervision and referrals to treatment. Donnell Ewert concluded that there is a need for eight, but funding four would prevent layoffs. Jeff Gorder stated that from his perspective, funding the four would be the bare minimum, however he would want it to be for one year instead of two.

Action Items

Approving budget allocations and distribution percentages

Erin Ceccarelli distributed and described the budget packet stating that Version 1 included the funding of four positions for the Probation Department and Version 2 included the funding of eight positions for the Probation Department. Jeff Gorder stated that he believes the minimum should be funding the four positions, but if the CCP does not fund the full eight, it will not positively impact recidivism reduction. Tom Bosenko stated that he understood the need, but that it could be a year out before the positions are filled and staff are working effectively with the population. Tracie Neal stated that the Probation Department already has individuals through, or nearly through background. The background process for these individuals started prior to notification of the drop in funding. When Probation became aware of the reduction, hiring for these positions was immediately suspended. Jeff Gorder stated that it is a lot of money, but the CCP can cover the costs. Tom Bosenko stated that making it for one year would improve his vote. Erin Ceccarelli stated that the vote today would only be for funding for FY 16/17. If a second year was needed for an additional year, it would be included in next year's budget discussions.

Donnell Ewert made a motion to approve Version 2 with the condition the Probation Department would form the workgroup to collaborate and determine options for improvement. Jeff Gorder seconded the motion. Tom Bosenko stated that he thought the cost was too much. Motion passed: 4 Ayes, 1 Noes (Bosenko).

Tracie Neal stated that the Probation Department will move forward on development of the workgroup.

Operational Updates

Tom Bosenko gave an update from the Sheriff's Office. In the jail, the average daily population is 338, with 146 for serious crimes, 66 for theft, 101 for drugs or DUI, and 72 for other infractions. There are 137 on alternative custody, 12 in the STEP-UP program; one from the Sheriff's Office, 6 from Probation, and 5 from Good News Rescue Mission. There are a total of 24 offenders house out of county. In January the compliance team seized .99 grams of meth, two inactive butane honey oil labs, 17.7 lbs of processed marijuana, 9.7 lbs of semi-processed marijuana, 58.2 grams of concentrated cannabis, 56 prescription pills, one assault rifle, three rifles, and one shotgun. The team recovered a stolen trailer reported to CHP and located an inactive butane honey oil lab inside, a stolen rental car reported stolen to Alameda County Sheriff's Office, stolen business check for which the victim was located and the property was returned, and a stolen 2016 Toyota Tundra stolen from the lot at Lithia Toyota in Redding. The suspect was later determined to be a convicted felon and had a loaded .22 cal rifle in the pickup. He was arrested after a short foot pursuit. The team also assisted SMIT with a search warrant.

Other items for discussion/future agenda items

Tom Bosenko stated that he would like to have a discussion regarding the blueprint, particularly the statistics and data.

Donnell Ewert stated that he would like to have a discussion regarding a model for substance abuse disorders and dissuasion councils.

Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.