

Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)
 Executive Committee Meeting
 November 14, 2018
 City Hall – Civic Center Community Room
 777 Cypress Avenue, Redding CA

MEMBERS	Title of Agency	Present	Absent
Tracie Neal	Chief Probation Officer – Chairman	X	
Roger Moore	City of Redding Chief of Police		X
Tom Bosenko	Shasta County Sheriff	X	
Stephanie Bridgett	Shasta County District Attorney	X	
Bill Bateman	Shasta County Public Defender	X	
Melissa Fowler-Bradley	Shasta County Superior Court – a presiding judge of the superior court or designee		X
Donnell Ewert	HHSA – the head of the county department of mental health		X

Attendees:

Erin Bertain, Chelsey Chappelle, Carol Ulloa, Jeremy Kenyon, Teresa Skinner – Shasta County Probation Department
 Elaine Grossman, Terri Howat – County Administrative Office
 Shawn Watts – Shasta County Superior Court
 Benjamin Hanna, Angie Mellis – District Attorney’s Office
 Robin Gosney, Kathryn Barton – Public Defender’s Office
 Randy Abney – California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR)/Department of Adult Parole Operations (DAPO)
 Brian Muir – Shasta County Auditor Controller’s Office
 Amanda Owens, Danielle Gehrung – GEO Reentry
 Robert Wharton, Derek Bunch – Member of the Public

Meeting Overview

The meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.m. A quorum was present. Introductions were made.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Tracie Neal noted corrections for July 18th minutes on page 7, first paragraph, last sentence, inserting a dollar sign before “439” and on page 6, second paragraph, last sentence of the October 17th minutes, capitalizing “Fiscal Year”. Stephanie Bridgett moved to approve the minutes for the July 18, 2018 meeting and the October 17, 2018 meeting. Bill Bateman requested a correction to the July 18 minutes, stating that he was present and Jeff Gorder was not. Stephanie Bridgett stated that they might not have a quorum for the October minutes since Tom Bosenko was not there. Teresa Skinner stated that County

Counsel has stated that the voting members do not have to have been present at the meeting for which the minutes are being approved, and that their vote is for whether or not they agree that the minutes have been taken properly. Tracie Neal asked if an abstention would affect the vote. Erin Bertain stated that it would, since they need four votes to approve, but Counsel did say that a vote “for” did not mean that the member was present. Tom Bosenko clarified that if he abstained the minutes would not go through because they would not have a quorum but by voting for the minutes, even though he was absent, he would just be saying that they were accurate. Erin Bertain responded in the affirmative. Stephanie Bridgett amended her motion to include the name change. Bill Bateman seconded the motion.

Motion passed: 4 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abstentions

Financial Report

State Allocations

Elaine Grossman distributed a *FY 18/19 Revenue* handout and stated that of the estimated \$8 million coming from the State for this year we have already received the first two payments on time as scheduled. Bill Bateman asked what determines the appropriation percentages. Elaine Grossman stated that the first column is what the CCPEC approves in the budget. The 50/50 between the District Attorney and Public Defender in the lower section is automatic from the State and the CCP doesn't have anything to do with approving or disapproving that. Bill Bateman asked how the total allocation between the District Attorney and Public Defender is calculated. Elaine Grossman stated that the funding is determined in the state annual budget, and that each county receives a percentage, and then that amount is split 50/50 between the District Attorney and the Public Defender. Tracie Neal stated that she had a California State Association of Counties (CSAC) breakdown on how the allocation are determined. Bill Bateman clarified that the 50/50 funds are based on the total allocation from the state. Elaine Grossman responded in the affirmative. Tracie Neal stated that they would be discussing the budget in January, and would be taking a motion for a recommendation to take to the Board of Supervisors in February. Bill Bateman asked where they could find the total amount that the State is allocating to the Public Defender/District Attorney sub-account. Elaine Grossman stated that they could be found in the Annual State Budget, and CSAC will sometimes send updated numbers after the May Revise.

Discussion Items

CCP Social Workers

Kathryn Barton introduced Robin Gosney, the social worker who is half of the two-person team who do social work for the Public Defender's office. Robin is a certified drug and alcohol counselor, as well as the lead social worker. She stated that AB 109 was to thank for the funding and they maintain that they successfully reduce criminal behavior in the spirit of AB109, by targeting risk factors that reduce recidivism. In a recent study of 2016, it stated that an increase in attendance in treatment facilities causes a reduction in both violent and financially motivated crime, the demand for illegal drugs, and violence as well as theft to fund addiction. For every dollar spent in residential treatment, you can yield \$2 to \$10 in cost benefits by reducing criminality, including costs in health, incarceration, educational cost, and lost productivity. Drug induced death rates in Shasta County have increased by 74.4% from 1999 to 2013, according to the California Department of Public Health. She stated that even through opioids get the headlines, in truth, more people die from alcohol abuse. Substance abuse conditions cause disabilities

that can be attributed to a high burden of disease in the US. Diabetes healthcare costs \$245 billion, but Substance Abuse is considerably more. If you consider drug abuse as a disability, by 2020 it will surpass diabetes, asthma, and heart disease in relation to costs. She stated that often they have more questions than answers, but through the work of the two social workers, they have changed people's lives. These who, with the help of the social workers, have overcome pitfalls, such as loss of productivity, unemployment, and destruction of families, as well as other issues that cause generational damage through adverse childhood experiences (ACES) have become regular citizens. She stated that with just these two social workers, they have saved 23 lives. She stated that means that 23 individuals with a variety of charges and demographics have graduated from long term treatment facilities. She stated that generally the people that they place are looking at an executed suspended sentence (ESS), and when they face the court, they are looking at several years in prison. With the social workers' efforts, these 23 individuals have bypassed prison, and were placed in long term treatment. Just by the sheer numbers of years not spent in prison, at \$71k per year, \$5 million has been saved with one year of work. She stated that if the program were expanded, and they followed the same protocol, they could guarantee amazing savings.

Tracie Neal asked over how many years was the \$5 million saved. Kathryn Barton stated that the number is based on the amount of time the people were facing in prison. By going to substance abuse treatment and graduating, they don't have to go to prison, causing the savings of the cost of the number of years that they would have spent in prison.

Kathryn Barton continued by stating that in terms of Shasta County's annual cost of incarceration, that for every year not in jail, it's a savings of \$41,000 per year, using the latest estimates from the Sheriff's department. She stated that the social workers create an individualized plan of action, spelling out particulars for each person to fit them into a program. It could be outpatient, but she focused on the inpatient because of the results and the evidence-based studies that show that once you graduate from long term residential treatment that recidivism is very low. She stated that the goals are person centered and strength-based. She stated that the social workers emphasize that the person has something to give, something to come to the table with, and that they are not focusing on the negative qualities of the individual. They do this to encourage a hopeful response for what they are trying to do. She stated that there are also targeted efforts to keep the individuals engaged in care. She stated that a lot of what the social workers do is on the assessments and then keeping the person in placement. She stated that the physical and mental health of the individual has to be considered, because some treatment facilities won't take people with those kinds of issues. Or the person may not be able to join into a working program due to physical limitations.

Kathryn Barton continued by stating the social workers meet with the client for between 45 minutes to an hour and a half in a single meeting for an assessment. She stated that part of this is to build the rapport to get accurate answers for the assessment. She stated that inaccuracy can be a symptom of the drug addiction, so building rapport and trust to get those accurate answers is needed for the correct placement. She stated that the social workers will also give the clients assignments, tailor made for each client.

Kathryn Barton stated that placement is a whole other issue. She stated that once the person is assessed, they need to figure out what program would be best for the individual. She stated that Robin has great connections with the free substance abuse programs and a good reputation as well, so they know that she will only be sending those who are good candidates for their program. Through the assessment, Robin determines belief systems of the client, and makes it clear to them the expectations of the program, in

writing, so that there is buy-in, and the client can't come back later saying that the program was different than what they were expecting. In cases where the program has requirements that are not a good fit for the client, for example the client is interested in a program that does not allow anti-depressants but the client needs them, Robin will counsel the client to more appropriate options. She stated that ultimately, what is the best fit is what will create success. On the other hand, if the judge orders treatment and the person is resisting, she will warn the program of the issues that they may encounter with that person, so that they are armed with the tools to help engage that person. She stated that transportation is also a critical element. She stated that the social workers will transport the client to the program and to/from court. She stated that they collaborate with the Jail for releases, so that the client can go directly from the jail into treatment. She stated that they also use the drive to the program as an opportunity have conversations to prepare the client to be successful in the program. She stated that the social workers check in with the programs and meet with the intake counselors to prevent relapse. She stated that they have had 181 social work requests and have 23 placed in a one year program. She stated that they cannot over emphasize that these people are not in jail and are in treatment, and they are not committing crimes or victimizing the community. She said that the social workers have also given referrals to parenting and anger management classes, secured records, and given referrals to mental health. They also participate in Behavioral Health Court, which includes prescreening, admittance, and progress. She stated that prescreening includes explaining rules, gauges interest, securing records and releases, and attending team impressions. She stated that the lobby of the Public Defender's office, in terms of social work, is like an urgent care. She stated that not everyone needs help exactly now, but they might. She will encounter people asking for help and will drop everything to help them. Sometimes she's even able to arrange for free detox. She will have them talk if they are in mental health crisis and will hand them off to mental health professionals. She stated that the social workers really have saved lives by giving them the tools so that they can succeed.

Derek B. shared his story of recovery and relapse and how the social workers at the Public Defender's office helped him to get his life back on track. At 27 he started using methamphetamine, and that was the substance that he could not overcome. He stated at 32, he had his first encounter with the law. By 40, he had amassed an extensive legal history and was incarcerated in state prison. He stated that he got to a point in 2004 where he had enough and was able to put together some long-term sobriety. He did well and then came to Shasta County to support his mother. After five years in Shasta County, his mother passed and he had never known that magnitude of loss. He stated that he isolated himself, stopped working his program, and fell into depression. After three years of not working that program he relapsed. At that point he continued to use to suppress the shame, guilt, and remorse of relapsing, and was self-medicating. He took to the streets, lost everything again and got fired from a good job. Eventually it caught up to him. He was trying to convince himself that he was providing for his son, but he got pulled over and his son was taken from him because he was in possession. He picked up another charge 4 months later, did some county time, and was released into the work furlough program. He didn't establish a solid program and stooped to a level that he never thought he would. He found himself out of resources, and was passing by a property and saw something that he could trade for substance and jumped the fence. He was apprehended and charged with attempted burglary, possession of burglary tools, and that was the case in which he was in custody and Robin came in and interviewed him. He stated that he can't say enough about the Public Defenders Advocate office. Robin and Tracy have a lot of experience in this field and Robin was able to put together a program for him that worked for him. A lot of programs wouldn't accept him due to some of his charges. The only one that did was in Monterrey. If he went to that program, he would not have been able to start the reunification process with his son. If he had gone to prison he would have lost his son which would have devastated him. Robin devised a plan which was

to check into probation, register as required, and to acquire housing at About Time Recovery. He had to get a sponsor, work the 12 steps of AA, attend 90 meetings in 90 days, get a job, become self-sufficient and self-paid for the program, check in with CFS and begin the process of reunification. Robin was a significant level of support by attending family team meetings with him. There was some situations that occurred with CFS where Robin intervened and she was able to support him in that effort. He had to abide by all laws and expectations of Probation and CFS, and establish continued outpatient with New Beginnings. He stated that it took him 6 months to complete all the expectations for the court. He was awarded 3 years' probation. For CFS he completed Triple P, one on one counseling and psych evals, which was required for reunification. He was awarded custody of his son September 17, 2017. He stated that he had established a good job with a reputable company where he has continued to stay employed. He's in daily contact with his sponsor and he works with sponsees. He just recently changed positions at his work from route to outside sales, and he has also begun managing a sober living environment in the area. He does his best to be an example to his son. He wanted to impress upon the committee, the impact and the level of support and encouragement the department has given him. They saved his life. 3 years 8 months in prison would have just warehoused him and made him come out worse than when he went in. The program helped him to become the successful man that he is today and become a responsible contributor to society once again. Robin Gosney asked Derek if he recalled the date he was in custody. Derek stated it was October 15, 2015. Robin Gosney stated that the gentlemen here today are ones who have completed and maintained for a significant amount of time.

Jeremiah C. shared his story of how the social workers at the public defender's office fought for him, and how he is active in his recovery. He stated that he a 42-year old veteran, born and raised in Redding. He lived in active addiction in alcoholism for 25 years. There were a lot of times where he wanted to stop but didn't know how. He stated that three and a half years ago, although he had never been in trouble with the law, he got into a whole lot of trouble at once. Two weeks prior he had been in the VA hospital with a drug induced psychosis diagnosis. He was convicted of felony evasion and felony attempted carjacking. The DA wanted to send him to prison, but maybe because he was a veteran, and had not been in trouble before, the social workers came and fought for him. His charges didn't involve drugs and alcohol, but they were caused by them, and the social workers were able to get the records from the VA hospital and bring that to the attention of the court. He served 115 days, and was released under the condition that he attend and complete an inpatient rehabilitation, and serve three years' felony probation. The social worker came and got him from jail, took him to the VA to get funding, and took him to Empire. He completed a 60-day program, got a sponsor, started working the steps, and continued going to meetings. He was able to get his old job back, and enrolled in Shasta College. He worked the 12 steps thoroughly, and then began to sponsor others. He maintained contact with his social worker through the alumni meeting at Empire. He transferred from Shasta College to Simpson University. He's in the Aspire program and will complete September of next year. He has 3 sponsees, one of them has two years of sobriety. He stated that he is active in his recovery. He has 3 service positions in meetings around town, one of them is the alumni group at Empire. He stated that Empire has always been important to him. When he was arrested, he was 148 pounds, that is no longer the case. He stated that he didn't know that there was a way or a program, he had never been introduced to it before, and his recovery has really been a blessing that he didn't know existed. He stated that you have to work for it and he got off probation in August with no violations. Last month he applied to have his record expunged, and he made progress. It's going to take more time. He stated next month he will be buying a house for his mom. When he was in his addiction he was so selfish that it would never happen. His program of recovery has allowed him to become someone that he never thought he could be. He stated that it wouldn't have been possible without the social workers from the Public Defender's office.

Action Items

Review and Approve the CCP Planning Survey Report for FY 2018-19 for submission to the Board of State and Community Corrections

Tracie Neal stated that this is the report that we do every November to be submitted in December. Submission of this report to the Board of State and Community Corrections is linked to the annual planning and implementation dollars for CCP.

Erin Bertain stated that the format is the same as last year. She said that the changes to the membership were made. Section 2 includes updates on the goals that were set last year. She stated that the next section is the section where goals are set for next year. The first goal is a continuation of last year for the Correctional Program Checklist. She reported that the same initial group that was trained to assess programs has now be trained for assessing the group type programs (CPC-GA) funded by the CCP. The second goal is for the District Attorney's office for the misdemeanor pre-file diversion program and the crime victim advocate program. She stated that the diversion program began being funded with CCP funding last year and the victim advocate was funded during this fiscal year. She stated the last goal is for the new provider for MRT. She stated that MRT is a program that Probation sends many offenders to. This year an RFP was issued and a new provider was selected so the goal was set to monitor the new provider to assist them in being successful.

Tom Bosenko asked if Probation sets the goals and CCP ratifies them. Erin Bertain stated, that as in the past, Probation takes the lead because the timeline can be challenging to coordinate with scheduled meetings. She stated that Probation tries to complete it with goals that are generally in line with what was planned for the year by the CCP and are generally in line with the budget. She said they can certainly be changed or modified if the CCP wants to make any changes from what is proposed.

Bill Bateman asked what the impact of the survey is and if they ever evaluate our goals. Tracie Neal stated that the progress from last year is included in the survey. She stated that next year we would report on the goals from this year. If the governor does not put the planning dollars in the budget, then the survey would probably go away. Erin Bertain stated that the state does not evaluate the survey and give us feedback. She stated that it is submitted and they send us the implementation and planning dollars. She stated that we have gotten better at defining our goals. She said that we've had years in the past where we did not achieve the goals we set and we received the funding but not any feedback.

Erin Bertain continued by stating the Section 3 contains optional questions, which we generally complete because it's a way of giving them feedback and talking about things that we are doing in our county. It's an opportunity to highlight things that we do. She continued by stating that the BSCC has very specific definitions, and that for number 16, the only one that we don't use is their definition of Recidivism. The BSCC's definition for recidivism is a new conviction from the time that they are released from jail, but we don't have a way of connecting those two things. Our recidivism is based on when they are under our supervision. On question 17, which is related to the percentage of the allocation used for evidence-based programming. Tracie Neal asked what percentage we are. Erin Bertain responded with 17.6%. Bill Bateman stated that he was surprised that it is less than 20% because assessing someone is evidence-based. Erin stated that aside from actual programs, being able to quantify staff time spent on evidence

based programming is complicated. Bill Bateman clarified that it is for 20% of the CCP Programs. Tracie Neal stated that it is 20% of the CCP funds, not programs.

Erin Bertain stated that questions 18 through 21 are about the programs that we have, the challenges related to them, the changes that we think might be valuable to other counties, and results of our programs. Tracie Neal stated that there is a spelling error in the second to last paragraph, it reads “participates” and should be “participants”. She stated that in the last paragraph in the middle section, the number 3 should be spelled out.

Erin Bertain stated that the next page is regarding submission, and the last several pages indicate where the money is being allocated. She stated that it is important to note that on the totals for the questions that talk about where the funds that were allocated, the amounts will be lower than the budget to actuals because we are spending our allocation plus some of our reserves. The report includes a relative value so that it paints that picture of where the money is being spent.

Stephanie Bridgett moved to approve the report with the noted changes.

Elaine Grossman noted that on #11 it should read “Diversion” not “Division”. Stephanie Bridgett amended her motion to include the change. Bill Bateman seconded the motion.

Motion Passed: 4 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abstentions

Review and consider the CCP Annual Report

Tracie Neal stated that this is a draft report that Probation has been working on with input from other departments in regards to different programs that are being operated. She stated that this is the first time this report has been done so it includes information from prior years about the programs as well as a detailed expenditure “at a glance”. She stated that the goal is to complete a report on an annual basis, submit it for consideration to the Board of Supervisors, and post it on the website to communicate what the CCP has been doing. She stated that the end of the report includes challenges that have been experienced, efforts made, and ongoing discussions. She stated that it’s the first draft in a report format, and indicated that the committee doesn’t have to move forward with this today considering it’s the first time the committee is reviewing it.

Tom Bosenko requested that approval be tabled to give more time for review. Stephanie Bridgett agreed. Tracie Neal stated that we can have it on the January agenda. She requested that changes and additions be sent so that it can be included in the January draft. Tracie Neal suggested December 28th, the last Friday of the month, to allow time for changes to be made and the draft to be posted it at the same time as the agenda. Bill Bateman asked if everything was open to modification and change. Tracie Neal responded in the affirmative. Bill Bateman asked if it is a report that summarizes the work that they have done or if it is a plan for what their vision is for the future. Tracie Neal summarized the document and stated that it includes an introduction that talks about Realignment and the bills associated with it, discusses the three strategies defined in the plan, summarizes the work done under those strategies, specifies some of the challenges, and reports expenditures. Erin Bertain stated that the document does not change the CCP Plan and that it is just reporting out on what has been done in relation to the Plan. Bill Bateman stated that he had been wondering if this was an opportunity to readdress the CCP Plan. Erin Bertain stated that it is a separate document that would have to be changed and that this document

would not alter that. Tracie Neal stated that they are hoping to address changes and modifications to the CCP Plan after CCP budget discussions in January and February.

Proposed CCP Meeting Dates for 2019

Bill Bateman made a motion to approve the 2019 Calendar. Tom Bosenko seconded the motion.

Motion passed: 4 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abstentions

Operational Updates

Danielle Gehrung stated that the next Shasta Day Reporting Center Transition Celebration would be on Thursday, January 24th at 6:00 pm at the Holiday Inn. She stated that she will be sending out electronic invitations as well as handing out invitations.

Tom Bosenko gave an update on the jail stating that it is at 94% capacity. He stated that they start doing releases at about 90%, so they are a little bit over that, but under 100% and they are not exceeding capacity. He stated that they have 25 people in custody for homicide, 23 for rape and sex crimes, and 15 people for robbery. He stated that there are 23 in-custody out of county contract beds, one of which is at fire camp. He stated that the jail project to expand jail beds is underway. He stated that the project is expected to be completed by the end of the year or at the very beginning of 2019. He stated that they are adding approximately 102 beds which will bring the total number of beds up to 441, current capacity is 381. He stated that part of the project is installing showers in the jail to keep the ratio of 16 inmates to one shower, as required by the Board of State and Community Corrections. He stated that they are also dividing their recreation yards and adding ADA upgrades of the fixtures in the recreation yards for compliance as well.

Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items.

Next Meeting

Tracie Neal stated that the advisory committee meeting in September was canceled because they did not have a quorum and that a special meeting will be scheduled for December 19th at 2:30 pm.

Adjourn

Tom Bosenko made the motion to adjourn. Stephanie Bridgett seconded the motion. Motion passed: 4 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.