

# PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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## Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)

**March 17, 2014, 3:00 p.m.**

**Probation Classroom**

**Robert Reyes, Acting Chair**

## MINUTES

*Attendees:*

Community Corrections Partnership Title (or designee) – Name

Chief Probation Officer – Not available

The Presiding Judge of the Superior Court – Not available

A County Supervisor or CAO – Geoff O’Quest

The District Attorney – Gerry Shea

DA Victim Witness – Debra Vallely

Sheriff – Ian Parkinson, Michelle Cole

The Public Defender – Patricia Ashbaugh

A Chief of Police – Robert Burton, Paso Robles PD

Department Head of County Employment – Not available

Behavioral Health – Anne Robin

Drug and Alcohol Services – Not available

Department Head of Social Services – Not available

Health Agency – Jeff Hamm

The Head of the County Office of Education – DJ Pittenger

Probation – Chief Deputy Robert Reyes, Amy Gilman, Virginia Collie

35th State Assembly Representative – Kevin Drabinski

A representative from a community-based organization, Not available

Ian Fenwick, NAMI

AGENDA-

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Planning/Training
- V. Finance Committee Update
- VI. Program Updates
- VII. Outcome Updates
- VIII. Topics for next month’s meeting

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

There was a motion made by Anne Robin and seconded by Patricia Ashbaugh to approve the minutes from February 24, 2014. All in favor, with one abstention by Chief Robert Burton, motion carried.

**III. Public Comment**

Ian Fenwick stated the Laguna Middle School Beyond Differences lunch program has been started. He also commented on the Recruit With Conviction national campaign in England regarding employment of ex-offenders and a requirement they have that providers will only be paid in full if they are successful in reducing the reoffender rate. Anne Robin commented on the “SanaMente – Each Mind Matters” website through the California Mental Health Authority. There is a lot of information available written in Spanish on this website.

**IV. Planning/Training**

There was no discussion.

**V. Finance Committee Update**

Robert reported that as of February we have received approximately 3.9 million of the 5.1 million total allocation for 13-14. This equates to about 3/4s of the entire allocation for the fiscal year. Most agencies are still operating within their budget. There has been an increase in the LEMC and security costs at the jail. They are looking at their budgets for any savings to offset these increases in costs. The next finance committee meeting will be April 16<sup>th</sup>. Jim Salio will be calling an executive committee meeting as soon as possible to discuss the AB 109 funding portion for these increased costs. Geoff O’Quest would ideally like to have the issue resolved by the end of next week so that it could be added to the regular budgeting process. County administration can address the monies requested from the General Fund but the CCP Executive committee needs to address the portion that could be paid out of AB 109 funds. Up until now the AB 109 funding stream has been able to keep up with past expenditures. Now the CCP Executive committee will need to make some decisions, based on what the final allocation will be, as to whether they hold with the status quo or scale back in some programs.

**VI. Program Updates**

There is nothing new to report on since the last time the partnership met. Re-entry programs are establishing waiting lists for re-entry services. Drug and Alcohol has started to do that for services out in the community as well. There may be a need to prioritize recipients for community services when they become available, rather than on a first come, first served basis. Anne Robin reported behavioral health is working on the outflow rather than the inflow of clients and decisions need to be made regarding how long a service is provided for an individual, how many times do they get to repeat a program, and when is it appropriate to remove people out of a program.

**VII. Outcome Updates**

Amy Gilman had nothing new to report since our last meeting. Robert mentioned there will be another analysis of the 1170h population presented at the next meeting. These are

the felony probationers who are serving a straight time sentence. Factors to be looked at include the reasons for the sentence and why a person is having difficulty staying on probation. Substance abuse seems to be a driving force behind a lot of these repeat offenders.

Anne Robin reported on Senate bill 1054 introduced by Senator Steinberg in February 2014. This bill would require the board of state and community corrections to administer and award mentally ill offender crime reduction grants on a competitive basis to counties that expand or establish a continuum of swift, certain, and graduated responses to reduce crime and criminal justice costs related to mentally ill offenders. These will be competitive grants and she will want CCP's input in writing the grant. Kevin Drabinski offered a support letter from Assemblyman Achadjian's office.

**VIII. Topics for Next meeting**

No topics were suggested. Jim Salio will work on convening a meeting of the CCP executive committee to go over budget augmentation requests next week.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:26 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Virginia Collie - Secretary*