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James E. Salio
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Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)

August 17, 2015, 3:00 p.m.

Probation Classroom

Jim Salio, Chair

MINUTES

Attendees:

Community Corrections Partnership Title (or designee) – Name

Chief Probation Officer – Jim Salio

The Presiding Judge of the Superior Court – Not available

A County Supervisor or CAO – Not available

The District Attorney – Dan Dow

DA Victim Witness – Debra Vallely

Sheriff – Ian Parkinson

The Public Defender – Patricia Ashbaugh

A Chief of Police – Not available

Department Head of County Employment – Not available

Behavioral Health – Anne Robin

Drug and Alcohol Services – Star Graber

Department Head of Social Services – Not available

Health Agency – Michelle Shoresman

The Head of the County Office of Education – Not available

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

35th State Assembly Representative – Not available

Senator Monning's Representative – Annie Agviniga

A representative from a community-based organization – Grace MacIntosh

Iain Fenwick - NAMI

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 pm. Members introduced themselves. Chief Salio announced the promotion of Deputy Chief Robert Reyes to the Assistant Probation Chief position. SDPO Rosana Ortiz will be taking Robert's position as a Deputy Chief with Probation, effective August 30, 2015.

II. Approval of Minutes

There was a motion made by Patricia Ashbaugh and seconded by Ian Parkinson to approve the minutes from July. All in favor, minutes approved as submitted.

III. Public Comment

Iain Fenwick announced that NAMI will be doing some tributes and formulating a scholarship to their former head that recently passed away after battling cancer. He also mentioned that state Senator John Cornyn from Texas has introduced the Mental Health and Safe Communities Act which will enable law enforcement and local officials to better identify and treat potentially dangerous mentally ill individuals. This piece of legislation seems to touch a lot on what we are doing with our treatment courts and in our County.

IV. Program Updates

MIOCR Strategy Committee- Star Graber announced that the CCP will function as the strategy committee for the MIOCR (Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction) grant. The purpose of the committee will be to monitor program progress and serve as a forum for stakeholder problem-solving, information sharing and education. She distributed a handout that described a three pronged approach, staffing levels, status achieved during this past month and steps to take during the next month. The strategy committee is to meet once a month during the beginning start-up phase of the grant. The grant start date was July 1. Staffing will include the presence of a Behavioral Health Technician in the pre-trial courtroom to screen mentally ill offenders as they are being sentenced, thus providing an alternative to incarceration. There will be clinical treatment services in-custody in the specialized Mental Health unit 200 at the County jail providing evidenced based programs; and an increase in the Psychiatrist and Licensed Psychiatric Technician capacity in the community clinic to provide walk-in medication and screening appointments for post-release, mentally ill adult offenders in order to provide an immediate seamless re-entry from jail to community.

BHTCC Workgroup – The CCP will also function as the BHTCC (Behavioral Health Treatment Court Collaborative) workgroup. This group will monitor program progress and serve as a forum for stakeholder problem-solving, information sharing and education. The workgroup is to meet once a month in the first year, and then quarterly in years 2, 3, and 4. The BHTC (Behavioral Health Treatment Court) serves the seriously mentally ill using an Assertive Community Team. The ATCC (Adult Treatment Court Collaborative) serves the co-occurring disorder population (think moderate-severe substance abuse along with mild-moderate mental health diagnosis). Treatment is provided in an intensive outpatient treatment program (4 days per week with 3 hours per day). Programs are 12-18 months long. Together these two programs make up the BHTCC which will serve 60 participants per year. Data is tracked separately but reported together under the grant. There have been 54 program intakes to date. This is a 1.3 million dollar grant over four years. Dan Dow asked what positions the grant funds. Star responded 1 FTE legal court clerk, a ½ FTE probation officer, and a half FTE clerical worker, along with four sober living beds. Interviews will be conducted at Drug and Alcohol as there is no space currently available at the courts to conduct confidential interviews. That is a concern because the counselor really needs to be at the courthouse. Ian Parkinson suggested perhaps being able to use one-time start up monies to assist the court in any remodels to create space for interviews.

Community Recidivism Reduction Grants- The state has allocated another \$25,000 to San Luis Obispo County for these grants for FY 15-16. Anne Robin made a motion and Robert Reyes seconded to accept the \$25,000 CRRG grant money for FY 15-16; all in favor, motion carried.

Quarterly Data Report – Amy Gilman reported on the FY15-16 quarterly data snapshot. The general felony population has been decreasing while the misdemeanor population is increasing. Likewise, the PRCS population has been dropping and the mandatory supervision population slightly increasing. She also reported on the returns to CDCR. Of those cases that closed in the quarter, 11% of Mandatory sups and PRCS as well as 11% of formal felony probationers were sent to prison. 1% of misdemeanors were sent to prison, due to a new felony conviction. Prop 47 is affecting the overall number of misdemeanor cases. Anne Robin expressed concern on the impacts to our county funding and mental health unit. She would like to see these individuals engaged early, perhaps through the MIOCR so they don't fall under PC 1370.

V. Treasurer's Report – Timeline for BAR submittals

The process for submitting BARS to the CCP for FY 16-17 will be the same as in previous years. The completed BARS are due to the CCP Treasurer by 10-26-15. They will be reviewed by the Treasurer and fiscal staff the week of 11-2-15. On 11-16-15 the BARS will be reviewed at the CCP meeting and then the CCP Executive Committee will meet on the 17th to vote on the proposed BARS. The results of the committee vote will be communicated to the requesting agencies by 11-18-15 and the proposed County budgets are due to Administration by 1-28-16. Right now our total unallocated funds are \$2,108,988.48. Approximately 1.5 million will be available if the CCP still wants to hold \$500,000 in reserve. The BAR forms can be found on the Probation Department's Intranet site under Quicklinks.

VI. Confirmation of Executive Committee meeting on November 17, 2015

The Executive Committee meeting has been confirmed for Tuesday November 17, 2015 and we have confirmation of attendance from all seven members. The meeting is subject to the Brown Act and is still a public meeting so anyone can attend.

VII. Topics for next month's meeting

Grace Macintosh would like Janet Allenspach to come to the September meeting to present an update on the Liberty Tattoo removal program.

Patricia Ashbaugh suggested having Sheila McCann come and talk about her running program. She will let the CCP secretary know.

Jim Salio announced that the annual Board update on realignment will occur at the October 27th Board meeting, probably in the afternoon under Board business. This year the presentation will include some more human interest stories.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Collie
Secretary