MINUTES

Attendees:
Community Corrections Partnership Title (or designee) – Name
Chief Probation Officer – Jim Salio
The Presiding Judge of the Superior Court – Michael Powell
A County Supervisor or CAO – Geoff O’Quest
The District Attorney – Dan Dow
DA Victim Witness – Diana McPartlan
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, Ben Jacobson, Christine Pirruccello
Drug and Alcohol Services – Star Graber
Department Head of Social Services – Not available
Health Agency – Penny Borenstein
The Head of the County Office of Education – Not available
Probation – Assistant Chief Robert Reyes, Wendy White, Amy Gilman, Rosana Ortiz, Virginia Collie
35th State Assembly Representative – Kevin Drabinski
Senator Monning’s Representative – Hunter Snider
A representative from a community-based organization – Grace McIntosh, CAPSLO
Marci McGowan, Gang Task Force Coordinator

AGENDA-
I. Welcome and Introductions
II. Approval of Minutes
III. Public Comment
IV. Program update
V. Treasurer’s report
VI: Mobile crisis team presentation
VII: Topics
I. Welcome and Introductions
The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes
There was a motion made by Dan Dow and seconded by Ian Parkinson to approve the minutes from Sept 19. All in favor, motion carried.

III. Public Comment
None.

IV. Program Updates
BHTCC (Behavioral Health Treatment Court Collaborative)
Star Graber reported they have just finished up their 2nd year for this grant. The total intake for Year 2 ended up at 59 participants and the grant is on target for intake goals over the two years. Discharge numbers have returned to a more realistic pattern and BHTCC staff are working on keeping clients engaged in treatment. Cross site evaluation tools have been approved at the federal level. This means there will be an increased focus on data collection during the period November 2016 – February 2017. There are four parts to the data collection:

- Concept mapping which is a “map” of the different elements of the program obtained by asking staff and clients their perceptions of programs.
- Key informant interviews will consist of an online survey for key informants such as the Project Director, Judge, Probation Officer, Attorneys and project staff. Star will submit names for the key informant interviews and send out email information to chosen participants.
- Client level data abstraction will measure the number of legal arrests and other outcomes such as hospitalizations measured 18 months after enrollment for each program participant.
- Bi-Annual Program inventory involves recording all of the program services provided and all referrals made for the clients. Then an analysis will be completed comparing us to the other 13 sites across the country to see how we are doing, what services we are giving that are effective, and so forth.

Please mark your calendars for the next BHTCC graduation tentatively scheduled for Friday, December 9th to be held in the courtroom, details to follow.

MIOCR (Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction grant)
We are at the end of the first year for this grant. The program finished well ahead of the grant goal to serve 60 individuals per year by serving 141 total clients. First year achievements include having all program staff hired and trained. Gap services are working as intended to fill a need. Transitions to the long-term mental health or co-occurring disorders care appears to be generally successful. In-custody treatment for mentally ill population has been established and groups and individual sessions are conducted on a regular basis. Finally, education of the partners, court, attorneys and Probation has been successful in changing the dynamics of treatment options available to mentally ill offenders.
V. Treasurer’s Report
Wendy White reported that monies are still coming in and she will have an updated expenditure report for the 1st quarter and revenues received through that date available at next meeting. Just a reminder that Budget Augmentation requests are due to her a week from today (10/24/16).

Jim reported that the County will also be receiving innovation funds from the state of approximately $39,716. A notice has been sent to the CAO requesting direction on how the money is to be spent. This is the first time we have received these funds and they come from the state’s 2015-16 FY growth money.

VI. Mobile Crisis Team Presentation
Christine Pirruccello and Ben Jacobson gave a presentation on the Mental Health Evaluation Team, formerly known as the mobile crisis team. They are a non-profit contracted through the County since July, 2015 and are located on site at the county mental health clinic. They provide emergency psychiatric evaluation services to the community, ensure timely follow-up and referral services on all evaluations, and strive to improve access to services through linkage and/or referral to community services. They serve any adult or child who has a psychiatric emergency, is at psychiatric risk, or needs psychiatric hospitalization. They have conducted approximately 1900 evaluations in the community throughout San Luis Obispo County which were 5150 or 5185 evaluations. About 75% of those were diverted to outpatient mental health services and 25% actually placed on psych holds. They currently have 2.5 team members working the entire county. Their job is to provide crisis intervention, to provide evaluations for involuntary hospitalization (5150 holds), to assist police, fire and social service agencies in response to psychiatric emergencies, to assist hospital emergency departments with assessment and consultation for patients in the ED in need of or waiting for inpatient services, and to provide information and referral for family members to community support services. They are also focusing on collection of more data. Dan Dow asked about any relationship between substance abuse and calls. They do monitor if the call was substance abuse involved, but more typically the patient is taken to the ER and then the crisis worker goes to the hospital.

They have seen the most number of calls coming from North County and they do see an increase in contacts when the school year begins and around holidays. Approximately 70% of the calls involve self-harm. Because their staff is limited, they are constantly working to improve coordination of care and trying to streamline and be more efficient. They do rely a lot on law enforcement and Ian Parkinson mentioned that it does take a large amount of time to gain hospital clearance and admittance to the psychiatric health facility (PHF). They are also seeing a lot more calls regarding the elderly so they are exploring resources available for those types of situations.

VII. Topics for next month’s meeting
The next meeting is scheduled for November 21 which will be an executive committee meeting for executive members to vote on any submitted BARS.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Collie, CCP Secretary