



PROBATION DEPARTMENT



Kalisa Rochester
Chief Probation Officer

Adult Services Committee of the Local Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)

Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2021 at 10:00 AM

Meeting via BlueJeans

CCP Committee Members and Guests Present

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| 1. | Christopher Henn, Deputy Chief Probation Officer (Chair) | Probation Department |
| 2. | Shoua Her, Acting Program Manager | Probation Department |
| 3. | Jason Garcia, Supervising Probation Officer | Probation Department |
| 4. | Eddie Hazel, Supervising Probation Officer | Probation Department |
| 5. | Mariela Gutierrez, Supervising Probation Officer | Probation Department |
| 6. | Melvin McKinney, Peer Support Specialist | Probation Department |
| 7. | Christina Flores, Staff Services Analyst | Probation Department |
| 8. | Dionne Loera, Supervising Probation Officer | Probation Department |
| 9. | Chris Haberman, Supervising Probation Officer | Probation Department |
| 10. | Jessica Mazlum, Business Development Director, Western Region | BI/GEO Group |
| 11. | Mai Yang, Merced/Los Banos DRCs/JRP Program Manager | BI/GEO Group |
| 12. | Humberto Sanchez, Central California Regional Manager | BI/GEO Group |
| 13. | Feliza Gray, Deputy Director | Human Services Agency |
| 14. | Holly Newlon, Director of Educational Services | Merced County Office of Education |
| 15. | David Carr, Director of Bridge to Hope | Merced Rescue Mission |
| 16. | Brittany Howell, Corrections Officer | Merced Sheriff's |
| 17. | John Hendon, Corrections Officer | Merced Sheriff's |
| 18. | Genevieve Valentine, Director | Behavioral Health & Recovery Services |
| 19. | Jeff Sabeau, Division Director | Behavioral Health & Recovery Services |
| 20. | Scott Dockstader, Management Analyst III | Merced County CEO's Office |
| 21. | Lindsey Johnson, Management Analyst | Merced County CEO's Office |
| 22. | Erick Serrato, Director | Workforce Investment |
| 23. | Reyna Espinoza, Program Manager | Workforce Investment |
| 24. | Dave Lockridge, Executive Director | ACE Overcomers |

Meeting commenced at 10:03 AM.

- I. **Introductions**
Chris Henn introduced himself and welcomed everyone.

- II. **Public Comment**
There was no public comment.

III. **Approval of Minutes- November 4, 2020**

Melvin McKinney motioned to approve/John Hendon seconded/Motion carried unanimous.

IV. **Deputy Chief Henn Updates**

Chris Henn presented updates. The power point presentation will be included with the minutes. He reported on the following items:

- The Los Banos Modular is up and running. WorkNet and Leadership for Life are operating out there now. BHRS will be staffing their people shortly. We are working to get it fully operational.
- We are currently working with our judicial partners to update our incentives and sanctions matrix.
- The Pre-Trial Assessment Tool might be changed to a different model. It will hopefully eliminate some implicit bias. AB 1950 has reduced most felony cases to two (2) years. We are working with partners to get things moving on this front.
- The BHRS Clinician has been working well with the jail clients. She has completed about forty (40) assessments since November. About half have been recommended for the residential treatment program. Prior to this assessment process, this number would have been much higher. Now we are able to get the appropriate clients in the treatment program.

V. **Budget FY 2020/2021**

Chris Henn went over the budget. Sarah Marsh reported at a previous meeting that we are down about a million dollars. He went over the expenditures for this year. We have gone through about half our budget in the first half of the fiscal year.

VI. **Leadership for Life Update**

Christina Flores reported on the data received for Leadership for Life.

Melvin McKinney shared information on cohort 24. Things are going really well. This is the first group with a transgender client. We are up and running in Los Banos. Cohort 25 just recently started.

VII. **Lifeline Community Development Corporation**

The PACT Program had several meetings canceled due to COVID. Meetings will resume in February. Christina Flores went over the data. Flyers were provided by Monica Grasely who was unable to attend. These flyers for the different community centers will be attached with the minutes.

VIII. **Day Reporting Centers-Merced/Los Banos**

Christina Flores went over the data.

Mai Yang provided the updates for the program. We will have eight (8) graduates. A flyer will be provided with the minutes.

IX. **Other Programs/Strategies**

Christina Flores went over the information for all of the following programs.

Incentives and Sanctions

- She shared all the data and referral information. The top three (3) incentives this quarter were verbal affirmations, snacks and gift cards. The top three (3) sanctions this quarter were verbal reprimands, 30 days in jail and referrals to DRC.

Educational and Vocational Services: Phoenix Project

- She gave the data for the Phoenix Project. There were no graduates for this quarter.
- Holly Newlon gave an update on their operations for the programs they run. She explained how some of the programs have been halted due to COVID. Usually the number of referrals to the number who attend is fifty percent (50%).

Transitional Housing

- Data was given for this project. We have 1572 bed days left so we are a little over half way through our allotted bed days which total 2900 per fiscal year.
- David Carr gave a brief update. Things have been challenging due to COVID. Despite this, they have had some successes. He reports they are doing ok right now.

ACE Overcomers

- There are two (2) cohorts running right now. Christina gave the details of the data and the upcoming graduations. The graduations will be in person.
- Dave Lockridge reported that things are going well. Instructional development, social skills, emotional learning and parenting skills are all addressed to further the success of the clients. He has received positive feedback that their program is working.

Probation K-9 Sage

- Christina reported on the searches Sage conducted and gave the pertinent data from her finds.

X. **In-Custody Program Update**

John Hendon presented an update in the data. He explained how they are improving the process to streamline the access to programs. Due to COVID, the population is changing. They have some high-risk people in custody due to the crime they committed. They are writing proposals to work with Probation to get these people back into programming sooner.

He gave information about the data presented. Fifty percent (50%) of the new crimes are due to drug or alcohol related events. He explained how the streamlining process will be working. He reported that seventy five percent (75%) of all arrests return to custody within three (3) years. Because they are violent offenders, this is causing the jail population to remain there a lot longer.

He reported that a large percent of the clients were not enrolled in programs. The partnership with Probation will assist with this goal and get them into programs hoping to reduce recidivism. He is working with Probation to have an officer stationed at the jail full time. This will help to bridge the gap and get clients in for services sooner.

The Teen Outreach program has been completely shut down due to COVID. They are hoping to reopen soon. This program is for juvenile offenders. The goal is to get it reactivated in March or April.

Prior to COVID, they were working on a proposal for implementation of a Juvenile Bootcamp. It would work similar to a Scared Straight Program only without the inmates. The program would be set up para military style, in a two-day academy type setting. It would involve providing these at-risk kids a positive direction, possibly using a "tough love" approach. It is in the infant stages of development and the goal is to partner with Probation for better results. The template they are using is patterned after the Canyon Academy out of Southern California. The hope is to have this in place by the end of this year.

John went over the data for juvenile felony arrest rates and possible solutions.

XI. **Adult Services**

Christina Flores reported on the quarterly data for the following:

- Bail reviews
- Pre-Trial assessments
- Offender Needs Assessment & Static Risk Assessments 2.0
- Home Visits and Office Visits
- Drug Tests and Statements of Admission
- Program referrals
- Revocations and 1170's

XII. **ASAM Assessments at the Jail**

Christina Flores reported that Jacqueline Gordon is the Clinician at the Jail. She is conducting the ASAM assessment. She started November 6th and she has performed numerous assessments. She gave the breakdown of the referrals given.

XIII. **Next Meeting**

There was an opportunity for questions.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.

The next meeting will be May 6, 2021. Meeting details to follow at a later date.

Minutes scribed by Maurina Erickson, Secretary III