Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)

Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 5, 2012

I. Call to Order

Scott Ball called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

II. Introductions

The following members were present: Scott Ball, Chief Probation Officer; Jeff Kettering, Assistant Chief Probation Officer; Lisa Maples, Probation Program Manager; Janice Rector, H.S.A.; Nancy Havens, Workforce Investment; Louise Sandoval, Parent/Grandparent; Minerva Perez, HealthyCal.org; Jason Flores, Merced Organizing Project; Pam Whalen, ACLU; Rev. Jerry Huey, St. Matthew Church; Jennifer White, USP Atwater; Cynthia Gallagher, DCSS; Nick Dantzler, DCSS; Susan Bouscaren, Occupy Merced/Prison Reform Adv.; Kelly Turner, Symple Equazion; Loretta Spencer, Building Healthy Communities; Gloria Sandoval, CA C.V. Journey for Justice; Nancy Havens, Workforce Investment; Michael Rhodes, Co. of Merced; Tabatha Weeda, Mental Health/AOD; Patty Carter, Behavioral Interventions; Tamara Cobb, BHC.

III. Review of Minutes for January 23, 2012

To approve the CCP meeting minutes as drafted.

Motion: Janice Rector
Second: Tabitha Weeda
All in Favor: Unanimous

IV. Public Comment Period

Pam Whalen, ACLU

- New Organization: Merced Prison Reform Advocates.
- Question 1: How many defendants are not being released due to gang enhancements and/or validation? Answer not known. The Sheriff's Department oversees the early release program.
- Question 2: How many days are defendants serving in jail under "flash incarceration"? Answer: Typically 4 – cannot flash incarcerate more than 10 day per AB109.

- Question 3: What services are being received in custody? Answer: may be limited to religious services. Will need the Sheriff's Department to answer. Re-entry planning by the CCP subgroup will address services in detention.
- Question 4: Can CCP meeting times be changed to later hours to accommodate community participants? Answer: May 21 (3pm) is the only remaining scheduled CCP meeting. We will look at other options/venues for meetings scheduled thereafter.

V. Sub-Group Report Back (Meeting Notes of 2/17/12 below)

Meeting Minutes - February 17, 2012, 1:30 p.m.

Committee Members and Guests

Scott Ball	Probation Department
Linda Romero-Soles	Superior Court
Jim Bucknell	Probation Department
Christopher Henn	Probation Department
Chris Loethen	Deputy Public Defender
Rob Carroll	District Attorney's Office
Rev. Felix Jenkins	Pastor - New Canaan Baptist
Janice Rector	Human Services Agency
Dave Lockridge	ACE Over-comers
Nancy Havens	Workforce Investment
Loretta Spencer	BET/BHC Steering Committee
Beth Smith	MCOE
Linda McMurray	Potter's Place
Jerry C. Huey	A New Way
Pam White	Potter's Place

Open Forum – What is "Re-Entry"?

Attendees shared key components to successful inmate re-entry, including:

- Jail Efforts
- Addressing Addiction
- Life Skills
- Family Counseling
- Attaining California ID through DMV
- Education / GED
- Vocational
- Faith Based v. Secular Programming

Custodial

- Attendees agreed re-entry efforts should begin prior to release.

- Sheriff personnel not available for this meeting. Scott Ball to follow up with Sheriff Pazin to see what options are available for efforts within the two jail facilities.
- Current Barriers: long wait time to see offenders and lack of space to meet with offenders.
- Current Services: unknown – may be limited to religious services.

Services Available in the Community

- **"Love, Faith, Hope"** Re-entry Program (Loretta Spencer). Includes employment and work-force efforts.
- **ACE Over-comers** (Dave Lockridge). Curriculum to help clients overcome adverse child experiences. Currently working with First 5, Head Start, and MCOE.
- **MCOE Adult ROP** (Beth Smith)
- **Potter's Place** (Linda McMurray). Literacy program and "First Step" for parolees.
- **Empowered:** Collaboration between Work Force Investment and MCOE.
- **Human Services Agency** (Janice Rector): options for offenders to receive benefits upon release.
- **PACT:** Program held at Gateway Community Church and sponsored by LifeLine, Inc. County and local CBOs provide offenders recently released from CDCR with information on services available in the community. Program is being transitioned from State Parole to the Probation Department.

Other Members ID for Committee

- Boys and Girls Club
- All Dads Matter (HSA)
- ComVIP members
- Business Community
- Transitional Housing providers.
- Veteran Affairs
- Merced PD
- Child Support

Timeline

- Re-entry Strategic Plan for Fiscal Year 2012/2013

Next Re-entry Meeting – March 5, 2012, @ 3:00 p.m.
2222 M Street, Room 310

VI. Program Updates

- **Mental Health Court**: The MH Department has offered to provide the clinician utilizing MHSA funding. Application submitted. Start date of MH Court – April 2012. Update provided by Jeff and Tabatha Weeda.
- **AOD Counselor**: The MH Department has offered an AOD counselor for purposes of re-entry and treatment.
- **Environmental Health Building**: Has been designated for use by the Probation and Sheriff's AB109 teams. Will also house the MH clinician and AOD counselor.
- **Day Reporting Center**: Is in the process of being expanded to 65. Patty Carter of Behavioral Interventions provided an overview of the Center's services. Patty also reported that clients have a 56% reduction in recidivism and an employment rate of 80%.
- **AB109 Oversight**: Probation Program Manager Lisa Maples will have day to day oversight of AB109 operations, including Re-Entry Programs, effective March 12, 2012.
- **Re-Entry Officer**: Deputy Probation Officer Elizabeth Plascencia will be assigned to conducting intakes and re-entry assessments on locally sentenced defendants.
- **PRCS Officer**: Deputy Probation Officer Maribel Garibay will be assigned to conducting intakes and re-entry assessments on defendants released from State Prison to probation.
- **PRCS Cases**: Continue to come in at a rate of about 30% more than anticipated due to CDCR not including parole violators in calculations.

VII. Other Discussion

- Pam Whalen: Inquired about the number of defendants in custody vs. on electronic monitoring and general questions about pre-trial release. Jeff and Scott shared information on two different PT release programs: 1. PT release at time of arraignment, which is optional and fee based and run by the probation department; 2. Sheriff PT options 60 days after arraignment and at no cost.
- Gloria Sandoval: Has concerns about disproportionate # of ICE holds in Merced County. Answer: only ICE can place a federal hold on an illegal immigrant in jail for an offense.
- Kelly Turner: Volunteered to serve on the Re-entry committee.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned

Scott Ball adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

IX. Handouts

a. CCP Meeting minutes of January 23, 2012.