

# Re-Entry Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes – April 24, 2012, 3:30 p.m.

## Committee Members and Guests

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| Scott Ball           | Probation Department                 | Present |
| Lisa Maples          | Probation Department                 | Present |
| Chris Henn           | Probation Department                 | Present |
| Elizabeth Plascencia | Probation Department                 | Present |
| Cynthia Gallagher    | DCSS                                 | Present |
| Nick Dantzler        | DCSS                                 | Present |
| Janice Rector        | H.S.A.                               | Present |
| Pamela Cornelison    | Library – Adult Literacy Program     | Present |
| Tabitha Weeda        | Mental Health                        | Present |
| Vincent Andrade      | Public Defender’s Office             | Present |
| Erin Ristine         | Sheriffs Department                  | Present |
| Nancy Havens         | Workforce Investment                 | Present |
| Dave Lockridge       | Ace Overcomers                       | Present |
| Loretta Spence       | BET/BHC Steering Committee           | Present |
| Linda McMurray       | Potter’s Place Inc                   | Present |
| Frank Fontes         | CPMP                                 | Present |
| Monika Grasley       | LifeLine CDC (Community Devel. Corp) | Present |
| Rev. Phil Jenkins    | New Canaan Church                    | Present |
| Kelly Turner         | Symple Equazion                      | Present |
| Valerie Anthony      | TSI                                  | Present |
| Gregory Contreras    | TSI                                  | Present |

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- I. Introductions
- II. Public Comment – None
- III. Status of DPO Assigned to County Detention Facilities
  - Elizabeth Plascencia is the DPO assigned to the JJCC and Sandy Mush.
  - Her duties will include: Inmate assessment and linkage to services prior to being released from custody by using the STRONG assessment tool.
  - The Board of Supervisors approved expanding the DRC from 50 to 65 beds today.
  - Lisa Maples and Commander Ristine will be working together on implementing a detention release assessment.
- IV. Literacy Program
  - Pamela Cornelison is with the Merced County Library – Adult Literacy Program.
  - The Adult Literacy Program is for those 18 years and older for 3 hours a week for 6 months.
  - Supported by HSA.
  - The main goal/focus is assisting in obtaining a GED or High School Diploma.
  - There are currently 80 tutors throughout Merced County.
  - Looking for more adult volunteers.
  - 10% of employers do not require education, 20% require a GED/HS Diploma, and the remaining 70% require a college education.
- V. Workforce Investment
  - Probation and Workforce Investment will be discussing a Caseworker contract to focus on the re-entry program.
- VI. Mental Health Court
  - Today was the first official day of Mental Health Court.
  - The Mental Health Court was designed to allow multi-agencies discuss the needs of the individuals and to reduce the amount of time in jail and burden on the Law Enforcement Agencies.
  - Family can be part of the court process if they have concerns.
  - All probation referred cases or below are eligible to participate.

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## VII. PACT Update

- Today was Wayne Davidson's last day at the PACT Meetings.
- Supervising PO, Chris Henn, mentioned he is interested in looking to revamp the meetings as they are currently quite lengthy.
- Needs to be more service and provider driven.
- Chief Ball recognized Monika Grasley with LifeLine, CDC and Gateway Church for providing the venue and food for these meetings.
- A suggestion was made about the possibility of having probationers attend the PACT Meetings. If this was to take place, a separate meeting date/time would have to be scheduled. No sex offenders can be involved due to an on-site day care.
- Monika Grasley will e-mail the meeting schedule out to the Re-Entry Subgroup Committee.
- The next PACT Meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2012.

## VIII. AB109 Budget

- No new news has been received on the budget.
- The formula is still being debated at the State level.
- The 2012/13 Budget cannot be completed until the formula is received, so it's a wait and see game.
- A DPO still has not been hired for AB109, but the recruitment process has been initiated.

## IX. Day Reporting Center Outcomes and Graduation

- 12 individuals graduated last Thursday.
- Stats were pulled since the beginning the DRC opened.
- 104 have graduated.
- 26% recidivated, compared to CDCR recidivism rate of 67%.

## X. Transitional Housing

- Probation has met again with CSMA to look at the framework for residential treatment.
- Need to wait to proceed until AB109 funding is received.

## XI. Additional Information

- Dave Lockridge with Ace Overcomers shared that there is a new program now available in Atwater. Monday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. at Gateway Church, Tuesday Evenings at 6:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, and Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. at Atwater First Church of God.

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- Loretta Spence with BET/BHC is working on a collaborative project with Potters Place and TSI to fill in the gaps of services needed for youth.
- Kelly Turner with Symple Equazion shared that “Youth Law Day” was on Thursday, April 26, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Stockton Educational Center. There will be another one on May 7, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the same location. CCWF, Valley and Folsom State Prisons will be participating via satellite.

### **XII. Next Meeting**

- CCP Re-Entry Subgroup Meeting  
Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 3:30 p.m.  
2222 M Street, Room 310