

CCP Executive Retreat – May 29, 2014

I. Call to Order

- The CCP Executive Retreat was called to order at 10:05 a.m. in Room 310 of the Merced County Administration Building.

II. Executive Committee Members Present

- Scott Ball (Chair), Chief Probation Officer
- Brian McCabe, Presiding Judge, Superior Court
- Larry Morse, District Attorney
- Greg Sullivan for Sheriff Thomas Cavallero
- Vincent Andrade, Interim Public Defender
- Ana Pagan, Director, Human Services Agency

III. Local Community Corrections Partnership Members Present:

- James Brown, County Executive Officer
- Jerry O'Banion, Chair, Board of Supervisors
- Scott De Moss, Assistant CEO and Interim Mental Health/AOD Director
- Robert Morris, Director, Workforce Investment Agency
- Sharon Wardale-Trejo, Director, Child Support Services
- Jeannette Pacheco for Lisa DeSantis, Victim Services Division of the DA's Office

IV. Also Present:

- Hub Walsh, Board of Supervisors
- John Pedrozo, Board of Supervisors
- Linn Davis, Board of Supervisors
- Crescencio Castaneda, Behavioral Interventions, Inc.
- Jeff Kettering, Assistant Chief Probation Officer
- Lt. Erin Ristine, Sheriff's Department
- Lt. Jason Goins, Sheriff's Department
- Lisa Maples, Probation Program Manager

V. Review of Minutes

- Copies of the June 5, 2013, minutes were made available and approved as submitted. Jerry O'Banion/Greg Sullivan/Unanimous (M/S/C)

VI. Public Comment Period 1

- The CCP Executive Retreat was announced at the May 27, 2014, Adult Services Committee Meeting. The agenda was made available and publically posted May 22, 2014, along with the 2014/15 Strategies.
- No public comment.

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VII. CCP General Meetings

- Overview of 13/14 Adult Services Committee (Jeff Kettering): The Adult Services Committee serve as a resource for the Community Corrections Partnership. This meeting started as the Re-Entry Subgroup Committee Meeting and morphed to the Adult Services Committee Meeting. For 2014/15, it will now be known as the Adult Services Committee of the Local Community Corrections Partnership and will meet quarterly, functioning as the Local Community Corrections Partnership.

These meetings allow justice partners and community members the opportunity to discuss programs available to the population being served by public safety agencies and community based organizations. They also serve as a forum for agencies and citizens to ask questions of the service providers. Some of the agencies that have participated in these meetings include the following:

- Probation Department
- CEO's office
- Human Services Agency
- Mental Health / AOD Dept.
- Workforce Investment Agency
- Child Support Services
- Sheriff's Department
- District Attorney's Office
- Symple Equazion
- Community Members
- Public Defender
- Superior Court
- Library
- U.S. Prison, Atwater
- American Civil Liberties Union
- Building Healthy Communities
- Behavioral Interventions, Inc.
- CSMA (Residential Treatment)
- Journey for Justice

Topics discussed include Leadership for Life, Jail Re-Entry Program, Affordable Care Act, Warrant Reduction Advocacy Program, Pre-Trial Services, Trident Center and AB 109 Updates.

VIII. Overview of Programs

- Behavioral Interventions, Inc Programs (Crescencio "Chris" Castaneda): Mr. Castaneda is the new Day Reporting Center Program Manager for Behavioral Interventions, Inc.

The Day Reporting Center Graduation is scheduled for July 2, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. at the Branding Iron Restaurant.

BI will be expanding by providing services for the Jail Re-Entry Program, a Day Reporting Center (DRC) located in Los Banos and the Warrant Reduction Advocates Program (WRAP).

The Los Banos DRC will be open five days a week with services to include:

- Daily Check-in's
- Substance Abuse Treatment

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- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Random Drug Screening
- Life Skills
- Education
- Employment Skills

The Jail Re-Entry Program will consist of:

- Gender specific groups for 50 participants.
- Highly trained staff.
- Behavioral change plans.
- One on one counseling.
- Mobile Lab/Employment readiness.
- Educational/vocational training.
- Substance abuse counseling.
- Release plan.
- 1 Deputy Probation Officer will be assigned to the caseload and one full time Deputy Sheriff for programming.

The Warrant Reduction Advocates Program (WRAP) will reduce the number of pre-trial details through the following efforts:

- Assist clients with Court attendance through coaching and support.
- Develop a Court schedule plan (office and off-site visits).
- Provide an orientation process to include support systems along with handbooks that include policies and legal resources.
- Referrals to rehabilitative, educational, and vocational services.

- Sheriff's GPS Supervision (Greg Sullivan): The Supervising Release Team (SRT) is working with jail staff for releases to the GPS supervision program.
 - The capacity at the John Latorraca Correctional Facility is:
 - 564 beds
 - 500 beds maximum are available as some are dorms that are damaged or under repair
 - 488 beds currently filled
 - The capacity at the Main Jail is:
 - 189 beds
 - 170 beds filled max
 - 175 beds filled as of May 27, 2014
 - 145 on GPS and/or Work in lieu
 - 37 are set for pre-trial at a State Hospital
 - 6 in the Los Banos Jail as of May 27, 2014

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- April Stats:
 - 25 new bookings a day
 - 897 average daily population
- 87 have been sentenced and are housed due to AB109
- Probation GPS Supervision (Jeff Kettering): The Probation Department uses GPS as an additional tool for the supervision of clients under the following conditions:
 - Sanctions in lieu of incarceration.
 - Domestic violence offenders with stay-away orders.
 - Sex offenders – High risk sex offenders must be placed on GPS and monitored daily.
 - Unverified address of client.
 - Travel requests.
 - General compliance.
- GPS Usage from January 1, 2013 to May 1, 2014:
 - Number of Clients placed on GPS: 420
 - Average number of days on GPS: 46
 - Longest use of GPS on one client: 392 days
 - Shortest use of GPS on one client: 2 days
- Behavioral Health Court (Jeff Kettering): The Merced County Behavioral Health Court is a collaboration between Probation, Mental Health, DA office, Defense Attorneys and the Court. This specialty court serves probation clients in need of additional mental health services and additional face time with the Court to reinforce their conditions and support their treatment plans. From April 2013 to April 2014 services were provided to an average of 24 clients/day.
- Court/Probation Pre-Trial Release Program (Jeff Kettering): Currently, the Merced County Probation Department's involvement in the pre-trial process consists of the preparation of court ordered bail reviews. Utilizing a validated risk assessment, the probation department provides a recommendation to the Court as to whether the client should be detained or released on own recognizance or to GPS. Beginning in July 2014, the Probation Department will have a Deputy Probation Officer assigned to the Jail in order to interview all offenders prior to completion of bail reviews.

As of April 2013 to April 2014, the Pre-trial statistics were as follows:

- Number of bail reviews completed: 946
- Recommendation for release on GPS supervision: 46 (5%)
- Recommendation for release on own recognizance: 100 (10%)

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- Workforce Investment Referrals (Robert Morris):
 - AB 2060 – Job Training Program passed committee on May 28, 2014.
 - As of July 1, 2013, convictions are no longer asked at the first stages of the application/recruitment process.
 - Lyle Davis with Merced College provided information for adult clients for free vocational training through Merced College.
- Victim Advocacy (Jeannette Pacheco): Provided an update on the allocated funds for the Advocate. The full-time position was filled in February. Salary projections were submitted to Probation for 2014/15.

There has been an increase in victim services. In 2011, there were 1,900 services and 5,300 in 2013. That's over 3,000 services since the implementation of AB109. There were 3.5 full-time Advocates prior to 2011 and each Advocate provides 1,000 each year.

Victims are contacting the District Attorney's office to inquire about restitution procedures and how the system works, which creates more of a workload. Victim restitution goes through Revenue and Reimbursement and straight to the victim.

- Leadership for Life (Ana Pagan): This program was developed by a group of men who were attending All Dad's Matter with a focus on:
 - Previously incarcerated
 - Low literacy levels
 - Single parent homes without positive role models
 - Low self esteem

A national curriculum writer was brought in to create an intense program with customized assessments to provide services such as:

- Support groups
- Preparation for employment
- How to stay out of jail
- Etiquette
- Family participation and support
- Linkage to all services in the community

The program was customized for the Trident Center. The GED Program is an additional component that will be added.

- Child Support Services (Sharon Wardale-Trejo): Child Support is the ongoing monetary payments needed to cover a child's living expenses. Both parents have a legal responsibility to provide financial and medical support for their children. Services include:

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- Establishing paternity
- Establishes child support and medical support
- Enforces child support court orders
- Modifies child support court orders
- Collects and distributes child support payments

If incarcerated, a modification of the child support order is completed to set the current support to \$0.00 per month. Once released, Child Support Services helps with re-entry by:

- Modifying child support orders
- COAP: Compromise of Arrears Program
- COAP – FR: Compromise of Arrears Program – Family Reunification
- Release of driver and other license holds

Partnership between Child Support Services and Probation:

- The role of a Probation Officer is to initiate contact and identify when the probationer has a child support case. Contact child support to refer probationer. Encourage probationer to meet with child support.
- The role of Child Support Services is to meet or follow up with the probationer; review and evaluate their case(s); determine programs their case(s) may be eligible for; and educate clients on the processes.
- Provides access to the probation system to share criminal history with child support.
- As of May 2014, there were 566 active shared customers who have at least one open child support case.
- Total of 734 child support cases
- 101 probationers with 146 child support cases are in the AB109 program.
- Benefits of the partnership include enhanced services, shared concerns, goals, and results, and strengthening behavior to work within the system.

- AB109 Local Data (Scott Ball):

- October 1, 2014, will complete the third year of receiving AB109 cases.
- The number of PRCS cases will start to go down after October 1, 2014.
- Merced County is in the top 8-10 in counties for frequency of split sentencing.
- The PRCS Data from October 2011 to March 2014 and the PRCS Recidivism was reported to the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC). CPOC then reports the data to the Realignment Dashboard.
- State and local agencies are defining the measure of recidivism. Recidivism still needs to be defined in order to be written into the

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CLETS program by the Department of Justice (DOJ). Then the data can be used. The measure of recidivism currently under review statewide is as follows, in summary: “Any new conviction within three years of release from custody or court commitment.”

IX. **Funding Sources (Scott Ball):**

- \$934m will be allocated to counties during 14/15, a decrease of \$65m from 13/14.
- It is estimated that \$160m will be allocated to counties in the fall of 2014, an increase of \$96m from 13/14.
- Allocation Formula: Still to be determined by CSAC and approved by the Department of Finance.

X. **Direction on AB109 Programs (Scott Ball):**

- A motion to approve the FY 14/15 Strategies.
 - Scott Ball/Vincent Andrade/Unanimous
 - Executive Council Vote:
 - Greg Sullivan (for Thomas Cavallero, Sheriff) – Yes
 - Vincent Andrade – Yes
 - Judge Brian McCabe – Yes
 - Ana Pagan – Yes
 - Scott Ball – Yes

XI. **SB 678 (Scott Ball):**

- A motion to approve SB 678 Programs for FY 14/15.
 - Scott Ball/Vincent Andrade/Unanimous
 - Executive Council Vote:
 - Greg Sullivan (for Thomas Cavallero, Sheriff) – Yes
 - Vincent Andrade – Yes
 - Judge Brian McCabe – Yes
 - Ana Pagan – Yes
 - Scott Ball – Yes

XII. Public Comment 2: None

XIII. Next Meeting of the CCP Executive Team: TBD

XIV. Adjourn

The CCP Executive Committee Meeting was adjourned by Scott Ball at 2:36 p.m.