

Trinity County Community Corrections Partnership

September 19, 2011 Minutes

9am-12pm
Trinity County Library
Conference Room
351 Main St.
Weaverville, CA 96093

Call to order at 9:02 am

In attendance: Terry Lee, Dave Toller, Noel O'Neill, Ann Lagorio, Mike Harper, Linda Wright, Wendy Tyler, Debbie DeCoito, Judy Pflueger, Laurie Wills for James Woodward, Alsah Bundi, Hal Ridlehuber, Ken Langston

Introduction by Terry with welcome and introduction, including a detailed overview of AB 109 and its related trailer bills and funding streams

- Terry-Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and the timeline for implementing the program. Discussion on supervision models and requirements, revocation process and local incarceration options. The goal is to reduce recidivism rates and to take a localized approach to corrections. The Supreme Court got the ball rolling when the declared that the overpopulation in the prison system was a violation of inmates rights and ordered the State to take action to reduce populations by 40% over the next few years. The state feels the timeline is not adequate, so they have asked for extensions. Regardless, the process will begin whether we are ready or not. The State projected we would have one inmate a month returned to our care; we are currently slated to have 7 in the first thirty days. Supervision and housing are key elements, as well as getting staff training and working on developing sentencing guidelines. The plan submitted for your review and comment is a very rough draft, this is just a starting point. Veterans, fire camps, other groups want to be part of the plan or be considered for the plan as well. Housing, a jail needs study; community service program, etc. are also things we need to incorporate into the plan. The use of evidence based programs is being highly stressed. We need to create workgroups or sub-committees to develop these areas, and they will all fall under the Brown Act. Money that is unused will roll over and stay in the county realignment fund for next year. We need additional programs to be developed, based upon the community needs. We are very concerned about the numbers of people we are going to work with, as we feel the estimates were significantly lower than our actual allocation will support. We hope to have the plan to the BOS on the Oct 18th meeting and no monies can be released until an approved plan is in place.
- Linda-The general concept is a multi-phase rollout of this plan and this is just the earliest implementation, correct?
- Terry-Yes, this is a three phase plan to rollout services as we determine needs and develop services. Brief discussion of timeline for plan. Due to this model, we need to determine the most urgent needs and fund those in this first phase of the plan, including supervision, the jail needs study, housing, a contingency fund for emergencies, a PRCS program, and electronic monitoring programs. We also need to set aside additional monies for the revocation hearings process, as our allocation will not come close to covering anticipated numbers of cases and associated costs. If we are forced to abide by the Morrissey hearings, we may have to do extensive travel to conduct revocation hearings as well; this is pending current clarification from the state. We also may or may not be able to use flash incarceration as a tool; its validity is under contention. Also, if the jail does not meet code, we may not be able to receive our AB 109 monies.
- Noel- If we move from a correction to a rehabilitation model we can do so much more in terms of services offered.
- Terry-We want to move to a supervision model that allows more access to treatment and look at how we screen and release people together. There are low numbers of individuals who are eligible for alternative sentencing and we need to develop a plan for how to house and treat this population. Also, we have to look at how the Interstate Compact works when we are trying to transfer cases from state to state, this may pose a challenge. We are supposed to receive packets 180 days in advance, but so far it has been around 30 days or less. Our average is 50-60 parolees at any given time; their estimate of 9 is too low. Our allocation is just too low-it's an estimate.
- Linda-We already provide services to this population and the community, we need to explore the longer term provision of services.
- Noel-Look at the idea of a contingency fund to cover extreme needs. We have fee scales in place for AODS and BHS services for those who do not have insurance coverage, so maybe that can help cover the inmates share of cost

to keep them in services. Look at milestone-they may want to participate for free, but the actual treatment is fee based and the contingency fund would help with this costs.

- Terry-What do we have to offer and can cover through needs assessments. We need supervision to cover the basic safety immediately.
- Noel-BHS is a treatment agency. CMSP will not cover this population, what do we do to cover these costs?
- Mike-Only alternative sentencing people are in this category, all others can apply as regular citizens.
- Linda-CMSP cannot cover as we need, so there will be many changes here. If incarcerated, then they are covered under the Jail Health, which is limited at best.
- Terry-This money is not constitutionally protected as yet.
- Laurie W.-Who will notify the victims?
- Terry-The state will remain responsible for this for the time being, but eventually we anticipate it will fall to us (the County). There are lots of changes in supervision and sentencing and we anticipate that there courts will be able to change in the future. Housing inmates and alternative custody as well as alternative sentencing will all be available.
- Linda-What about the faith based supports and programs. Could we look at a program that would allow this community to “adopt” individuals and their families and help to support them and work with them like mentors or buddies? We could invite the churches to the table.
- Terry-Look at education as well as a sentencing option. We need to address their crimenogenic needs and not overwhelm people; we need to set them up for success. Now we need to create sub-groups to help develop the programs for these areas.
- Wendy-We need to add language for the contingency fund in the draft and try to push it through for approval.
- Noel- We need to develop a release between agencies.
- Judy-I’d like to see the draft approved. We need it as soon as possible; this enables us to leverage what we have to move forward.
- Linda-Motion to add contingency fund. (For specialized Professional Services, i.e. AODS, BHS, etc.)
- Mike-Motion Seconded; motion carried.
- Terry-All comments on the Draft will be Due by September 21st, the Final Draft will be sent out to the group by noon on 9/23/11 and it will go to a vote by the Executive Committee at *:00 am on 11/26/11. If approved, it will go before the BOS for its October 18th meeting. Also, if you need to claim your time at these meetings to the program, there are time studies available to reimburse your costs for participation in the CCP. Trainings will also be made available to the group.

Closing at 11:43 am