

Trinity County Community Corrections Partnership

April 30, 2015 Minutes

Trinity County Probation Department
333 Tom Bell Rd
Weaverville, CA 96093

In attendance: Bruce Haney, Hal Ridlehuber, Margie Lee, Judy Morris, Anne Lagorio, Christine Zoppi, Dede Richards, Tim Rogers, Karl Fisher, Eric Heryford, Mike Harper, Andrea Saxon

Call to order at 10:00am

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

- Bruce motions to approve the minutes from January 27, 2015. Christine seconds. Minutes are approved.

Review of Programs

Probation

- Two staff are currently doing a combination supervision of the AB109 offenders and the Electronic Monitoring (EM) including GPS monitoring and the Alcohol Unit.
- EM days have decreased to 859 days through the end of March; not as many referrals from the jail since jail population has decreased due to Prop 47
- All PRCS offenders are hooked up on GPS monitoring for about 30 days right after their release; seems to be a good control device to make sure they are doing everything they're supposed to.
- Review of AB109 Stats
 - 51 packets have been received since implementation (October 2011)
 - Projection is seeming accurate of one PRCS offender received per month
 - 19 warrants have been issued since October 2011
 - Recidivism
 - Recidivism rate refers to those convicted of a crime while on PRCS, definitions still differ and there is still debate on it.
 - May be useful to track recidivism 3-5 years after PRCS term has expired.
 - State Parole had a 70% recidivism rate back to prison but that included technical violations, the PRCS recidivism does not include technical violations
 - Overall, doing a better job than parole at keeping recidivism low, probably due to more interaction with offenders
 - Most Flash Incarcerations were from technical violations; these violations could be looked at as a success due to proactive supervision
- Most problems seem to arise from offenders not caring or trying to participate in case planning, many just want to get through their year of supervision so it can be a challenge to get them engaged in their plan.

- CCP Plan does need to be updated and brought to the CCP Board and the Board of Supervisors; many things that were originally planned are not realistic. The following has been discussed to improve the programming plan:
 - The PRCS probation officer does a lot of supervision in the field on his own which can be dangerous, would be ideal if someone could go with him
 - Looking at re-entry, engaging earlier in the process with offenders before release, enhancements to offender accountability
 - The more services placed up front, the better the outcome: try to go to the prison before release; get the direct connection between offenders and BHS, HRN, Probation; offer transport from the prison to the county
 - Create different phases in the programming with clear definitions
 - Increase housing opportunities
 - Incentives and rewards, employment training
 - Plan won't be complete until around the end of the year

Behavioral Health

- Has been working with Probation on developing the new CCP Plan programming previously discussed. Focusing on the gaps in the current plan such as the moment an offender is released to the time they are to report to Probation. Relying on the offender to get themselves from prison to Probation may set them up to use drugs/alcohol, etc during that gap
- Picking up offender from prison and getting them immediately into housing and HRN/BHS would be beneficial
- Part of recovery is relapse, they need time to learn so technical violations with no harsh punishments can keep them on track
- Working on new jail health plan to include mental health in the jail
- AODS is the only treatment program in the county and they have a very small staff. They have four new interns that will be future AODS staff

HRN

- Still housing PRCS offenders, even if offenders do not need housing services they still go there for other services
- A case plan is created with housing services, offenders must check in every day at first and then a minimum of two times per week. They must follow the plan to continue to be housed.
- Those that have stayed in the housing have been very successful and it's important for staff to celebrate that success
- If the housing is full, they are housed in a hotel until something becomes available
- They do not double book the houses, only one person housed at a time in the emergency shelters (trailers)
- The transitional housing are two duplexes on the same property
- The AB109 funding goes toward just AB109 population, the Recidivism Reduction Grant money funds both the AB109 population and others
- Many people come in for food/transportation to weekly appointments in Redding for required counseling

- Would be beneficial to start paperwork for SSDI before offender is released because of the time it takes to go through the process, that way the offender can start to receive money sooner after release so they are more likely to find housing, etc.

District Attorney's Office

- Handles the violations that are submitted on PRCS offenders, but they are not seeing a huge impact on their office

Sheriff's Department

- In the process of compiling stats from the Pre Trial tool
 - All bookings are being assessed with this tool, but there needs to be a process to get it to the Courts/DA so the info can be used at their first court appearance
- No PRCS offenders currently in the jail, which is not the case in many other counties (some other counties have had offenders sentenced to 20 years in the jail)
- Looking at having a deputy be able to provide assistance to the probation officer supervising PRCS offenders and be on the "AB109 team"

Updating the CCP Implementation Plan

- Looking to get a group together to participate in updating the CCP Plan for Phase II – those interested: Hal, Christine, Tim, Margie, Bruce, Anne
- This will be more comprehensive than the program planning that is already being discussed with the "AB109 team"
- The updated plan will probably be completed by the end of the year; a separate meeting will be scheduled to start discussing the updated plan

Budget Review

- Review of the Base and Growth Funds definitions – 45% of the base funds are based on the caseload size, 45% on county crime and population and 10% special factors including poverty and small county minimums.
- Review of the CCP Budget for the 2015/16 FY
 - The 15/16 base amount has increased from last year to \$489,307.00; estimated growth for 14/15 is \$181,780.00; the one-time 14/15 growth is \$17,229.00; the estimated allocation is \$688,316.00.
 - Estimated allocation available - \$357,347.42
 - Probation requests for increases:
 - Testing supplies increase to \$3,500.00
 - Publications/Legal Notices increase to \$3,000.00
 - Office Supplies increase to \$3,000.00
 - Transportation/Travel increase to \$10,000.00 (to allow CCP to pay for trainings for CCP team)
 - Communications - \$4,000.00 (many PO's are using cell phones for email and access to case management system)
 - Vehicle and radio - \$30,000.00 (need a reliable vehicle for field supervision)
 - Firearms - \$10,000.00

- TCSO requests for increases:
 - Deputy Sheriff - \$129,717.00
- Behavioral Health requests for increases:
 - Substance Abuse Specialist I that would be dedicated to AB109 offenders - \$63,334.98
 - Increase current allocation from \$5,894.00 to \$10,000.00
- HRN request for increases:
 - Funding for a half time employee - \$15,000.00 (this would be in addition to the currently funded \$10,000.00 for transitional housing)
- It is decided to keep \$100,000.00 of the estimated growth funds as a reserve
- Behavioral Health's request will be reduced to \$49,129.00 to help fund a Substance Abuse Specialist.
- Eric motions to approve the requested funding, all are in favor. The following increases/additions are approved by the CCP Board for the 2015/16 CCP Budget:
 - Probation Operating Expenses
 - Testing Supplies - \$3,500.00
 - Publications/Legal Notices - \$3,000.00
 - Office Supplies - \$3,000.00
 - Transportation/Travel - \$10,000.00
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 - TCSO
 - Deputy Sheriff - \$129,717.00
 - Behavioral Health
 - Substance Abuse Specialist - \$49,129.00
 - HRN
 - ½ time Employee - \$15,000.00
 - Probation Dept.
 - Vehicle and radio - \$30,000.00
 - Firearms - \$10,000.00
 - Reserve - \$100,000.00
- As discussed previously, the Sheriff's Dept. would like the remaining half of the 2013/14 Growth Money of \$33,000.00; Christine motions to approve, Judy seconds.

Closing Remarks

- Hal would like the full CCP to meet quarterly.
- The proposed CCP Budget for the 15/16 FY will be submitted to the BOS with the budget packet.

Close at 12:00pm.