

Trinity County Community Corrections Partnership

January 27, 2015 Minutes

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

In attendance: Bruce Haney, Hal Ridlehuber, Margie Lee, Mark Loveless, Judy Morris, Anne Lagorio, Christine Zoppi, Fabio Robles, Noel O'Neill, Dede Richards, Tim Rogers

Call to order at 11:20am

Introduction/Opening Comments

- Hal had been waiting for this year's Base and Growth allocations to be more certain before having another meeting. The Community Recidivism Reduction Grant RFP routing and approval process took longer than expected to go through the necessary channels before proposals could be accepted. Planning for next year will start earlier.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

- Bruce motions to approve the minutes from June 17, 2014. Mark seconds. Minutes are approved.

Executive Committee Report on Recidivism Reduction Grant

- Executive Committee voted to recommend the CAO award HRN the grant for transitional housing.

Review of Programs

Probation

- Have supervised 48 AB109 offenders since November 2011
- Between July 2014 and December 2014, 28 offenders have been supervised (25 PRCS and 3 Mandatory Supervision)
- Number of offenders in bench warrant status is starting to increase. 9 are on warrant status (close to 30%)
- Almost all offenders are High Risk to reoffend
- 6 VOPs have been filed in six months with a bench warrant and 3 have been filed without a warrant
- Number of transfer ins from other counties are increasing
- There have been three successful completions between July and December 2014
- Most PRCS offenders are working unconventional jobs (cutting firewood, etc)
- Offenders have been on electronic monitoring for 634 days in 6 months; savings of \$48,000 to the county with offenders on electronic monitoring instead of in jail
- 1170(h) sentencing – 18 cases since implementation of AB109, 15 straight jail sentences and 3 split sentences. The numbers of split sentences vary greatly across counties as many judges do not like the idea of split sentences

- We have an advantage over larger counties in that we have the ability to directly interact with offenders
- Tim discussed a re-entry model that could be used with PRCS offenders: meet with offenders directly after release, create phases in the program (example: have EM tied to goals, offender can get off EM if they complete certain goals), importance of connecting offender to services within 30 days

Behavioral Health

- Ann discussed monthly meetings between Probation, AODS, and HRN to manage PRCS cases.
- Behavioral Health is hoping to add a male therapist which will help to better assist some offenders
- Many fees associated with AODS/Behavioral Health can now be reimbursed through MediCal, however it will not cover expenses if an offender needs inpatient treatment. This is why Behavioral Health is choosing to let their unused allocation continue to roll over this year so that there will be a way to cover costs in this type of instance.
- MRT has been very successful. They meet weekly at the jail with many offenders completing the program. The program is fluid across ages and transitions with people in and out of jail.
- Behavioral Health is using some of their allocation for MRT expenses. They would like to use some of their allocation to pay for MRT training and expenses for two people. Hal motions to approve, Bruce seconds for training costs (\$500 for each person) and expenses.

HRN

- They are continuing to provide housing for AB109 offenders. There have been about four or five housed to date.
- All offenders housed have been successful and work with a case manager twice a week. They must accomplish certain goals to be able to stay in the house.
- There is a good connection between staff and clients, they receive lots of encouragement and help in applying for jobs
- Offenders that are not housed through HRN come in for food, transportation to appointments, or other services. There is more incentive for an offender to accomplish goals when they are housed.

Budget Review

- Growth money came in at about \$67,000 instead of the estimated \$46,614. This growth money still needs to be allocated.
- The estimated Base Allocation, Growth Allocation and additional “Growth-One-Time Portion” to the county next year is \$688,316. There may be more opportunities next year with the additional funding to enhance programs.
- Allocations are based on several factors including caseload, crime and population.
- Growth money can be affected by the number of revocations to prison.

- There is estimated \$30,000 unallocated in reserve as well as the \$67,152.62 in growth money.
- Probation asks for \$33,500 from the growth money. Bruce motions to approve, Mark seconds. Motion approved; the Probation Department will receive \$33,500 from the growth money.
- The remaining growth funds will be added to the \$30,000 reserve and Bruce will review his budget to determine if he needs to request any additional funds this fiscal year.

Planning for Next Year

- Departments should think about what they would like for the 15/16 FY so the committee can begin planning for next year at the next meeting.

Closing Remarks

- The next meeting will be set at the end of April. A poll will be set up to determine a date.

Close at 12:25pm.