

Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)

Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Chief Probation Officer, Michael Rogers, called to order the regular meeting of the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) at 9:04 a.m., on April 22, 2021, at the Colusa County Day Reporting Center (DRC), located at 320 5th Street, Colusa, CA. Due to Covid-19, the meeting was held both in person and via Zoom (teleconference).

List of Executive and Advisory CCP Members Present

Matthew Beauchamp, District Attorney, Colusa County District Attorney's Office*

Josh Fitch, Police Chief, Colusa Police Department*

Joe Garofalo, Sheriff, Colusa County Sheriff's Office*

Michael Rogers, Chief Probation Officer, Colusa County Probation Department*

Albert Smith, Attorney, Colusa County Public Defender*

Audrey Uhring, Deputy Director Clinical Services, Colusa Behavioral Health Department

Michael West, Superintendent, Colusa County Office of Education

List of Executive and Advisory CCP Members Not Present

Lora Ceccon, Executive Director, Colusa County One Stop

Elizabeth Kelly, Director, Colusa County Department of Health & Human Services*

Noel O'Neill, Director, Colusa County Behavioral Health Department

Wendy Tyler, County Administrative Officer, Colusa County Administrative Office

Robert Zunino, Auditor-Controller, Colusa County Department of Auditor-Controller

**Executive Committee Member*

Additional CCP Members Present

Fanny Reynoso, Fiscal Program Analyst, Colusa County Probation Department

Norma Navarro, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Colusa County Probation Department

- b. Introductions. Quorum present.
- c. Review of previous committee minutes from September 10, 2020.
- d. Action Item – approval of minutes.
 - **VOTE: Mathew Beauchamp motioned to accept the minutes from September 10, 2020. Albert Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were accepted.**

II. SUB-GROUP COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES

a. Department updates/Progress/Concerns

COLUSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Joe Garofalo reported on his department. They have 8 Assembly Bill (AB) 109 inmates currently in Custody and 50 inmates in general population. They are doing a good job in keeping the jail population down and separated.

COLUSA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Matthew Beauchamp reported for his department. They have a new Investigator. They have another investigator who will be starting in May. They started setting trials again.

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Albert smith stated he is expecting that eventually they will see a large amount of cases.

COLUSA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Josh Fitch reported on his department. Their department is busy and business is as usual. They are the first recipient of the no bail policy. The inmate was released because they could not afford bail and was arrested the following day. It is frustrating for everyone involved.

COLUSA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Audrey Uhring reported for her department. Since March, Terrance Rooney retired and Noel O'Neill became Interim Behavioral Health Director and they have been hitting the ground running. All staff is back the department and they have been seeing clients face-to-face. They are still offering telehealth and over the phone for clients who are more comfortable. They are working on a couple of projects. They are looking at a satellite office in Williams to expand access to services. In addition, they are working with the local hospital and law enforcement with agreements and Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) for the various roles of the departments for clarity in terms of crises response. They are also working with Health and Human Services on the No Place Like Home project. Noel and Elizabeth are going to the Board on April 27th, to discuss entering an agreement with the Housing Authority regarding building apartments in the community. They are collaborating with Probation on establishing a youth center. They will be touring a space in the same building as the DRC, next week. They are excited to be offering that center for the youth. In collaboration with the Safe Haven leadership team, they are having a car show at the fairgrounds on May 8th. They are also looking at expanding their forensic team to more effectively work with more clients.

Norma Navarro asked when Mandi would be returning to provide services at the DRC. Audrey stated they are looking into how to provide those services to clients in a confidential manner. She is unsure when those services will be offered again at the DRC. Further discussion regarding client services.

Mike Rogers is meeting with Noel next week to discuss increasing services to the AB109 clients as well as probationers to increase Behavioral Health's participation. He is also working with the prospective buyer of the DRC and adjoining suites. The potential buyer is very pro-community. The purchase is in escrow. If the sale goes thru the suites in the building will provide space for Behavioral Health to provide client services in a confidential manner as well as expansion of DRC services. The potential owner is

looking forward in collaborating with the County on establishing low-income transitional housing to clients.

Discussion amongst members regarding the costs of bringing the building up to compliance for client housing.

COLUSA COUNTY PROBATION

Norma Navarro reported on her department's statistics for Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and Mandatory Supervision (MS); Up to date, they have 35 active PRCS cases. They have received a total of 10 new grants which 8 of those individuals were released early due to Covid-19. They have discharged 8 clients. They have 22 individuals out on warrant. No clients are on Global Positioning System (GPS) monitoring. They had 1 individual transfer-in from Yolo County, 1 has transferred-out, and 1 out-of-state being supervised by ICOTS. In regards to MS, they have 5 active cases. No new grants. 1 individual was satisfactorily discharged. 2 are out on warrant. 0 placed on GPS. 1 transfer-in, no transfer-outs, no ICOTS and no new incarcerations. Regarding full cases, they received 5 new cases that were sentenced to local imprisonment. Of those 5 cases, 1 was new and 4 went from Formal Probation to a full sentence. They currently have 92 clients on Formal Felony supervision, 27 individuals out on felony warrants and 1 client placed on GPS. The Formal Misdemeanor population is 15 and 4 individuals are out on misdemeanor warrants. They currently have a population of 4 on Diversion and Prop 36. They had 12 individuals sentenced to CDCR, 8 of those were brand new cases and the other 4 resulted from new law violations. She was not able to obtain the numbers for parole. They have completed 271 home visits and 33 searches. Searches are slowly increasing. They have 67 clients on Reconnect. Since the inception of the pre-release program which started April 5, 2021, they have 7 that they have done reports on, 2 that are on supervision.

Norma Navarro, explains Reconnect. Reconnect is a new program that probation is looking into and are currently doing a pilot program which is an app on your phone in which you can communicate with your probationers. It can remind them of appointments, court dates, and can submit monthly report forms. They can report law enforcement contacts, set up curfews and also make sure they report via facetime stating they are attending classes. They are currently in a pilot program that started February 10th, they have 67 participants. They are getting positive feedback from probationers as well as probation officers, and hopefully this is something they can adopt and take before the Board for complete approval of the program.

Discussion between members regarding Reconnect's GPS tracking possibilities.

Mike Rogers stated that Reconnect is a pilot program so there are no costs to the County at this time. He further expanded on the Reconnect program and the program's benefits, and costs.

Norma Navarro reported on the Day Reporting Center (DRC). The department has continued to provide programming through Zoom. They are still providing Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT), Thinking for Good, Staying Quit, the Batterers' Treatment program, Taking the High Road, and are looking into new programs. Currently they have 32 participants in MRT, 58 in Thinking for Good, 23 in Staying Quit, 27 in the Batterers' Treatment program, and no participants in Taking the High Road. They had 4 people graduate from MRT, 10 have graduated Thinking for Good, and 18 have graduated from the Batterer's' Treatment program. Programming is provided through Zoom, either at home or in our office.

COLUSA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Mike West stated all the districts are back on track. Pierce has 4 students that are still on distance learning by parental choice, Maxwell has 2 by parental choice, Colusa still has a significant amount of students still on distance learning and Williams' is back to face-to-face classes. They have seen zero transmissions of Covid-19 through student to student, student to teacher, or teacher to teacher. The Covid-19 infections that have occurred were amongst students participating in club programs. They are trying to move forward. The biggest issue they are having are the Governor's and Public Health's guidelines and directives, and Cal OSHA. They are seeing funding roll out from the State and Federal governments. They made a statement to the governor's staff to let them finish out the school year and not change anything. All 5 districts are having summer school programs including the County for their severe and emotionally disturbed students. They are having issues finding staff to work through the summer as all staff have been working nonstop since October. Another piece that is quite frustrating is that approximately 35,000 teachers have chosen to leave the industry and 85% of them are going to another sector. Now they are in a battle with the State and credentialing. They have 5 Special Ed teachers and 2 nurses that are willing to come from out of State to work in the County but it will be at least a year and a half before the State will give them credentials to work. Legislatively there is a big push about parental choice to retain students and a big push to allow seniors to stay in school for an additional year. Currently, there is no testing requirements for students to attend universities. They are saying admissions are up approximately 45-50%.

- c. Action requested - Review of proposed 2020/2021 AB109 Budget.
 - The proposed 2020/2021 AB109 Budget was previously provided to committee members for review and a handout was provided. Mike Rogers stated this year's budget is pretty much status quo the budget from last year. Based on the numbers that have been provided by the State, the anticipated base revenue and their additional \$100,000.00 survey money they receive every year, they will be approximately \$1000.00 in the plus of expenditures and revenue coming in on the base. They anticipate to get \$981,492.00 and are looking to spend \$980,734.00. There is also an approximate \$300,000.00 growth component, due to the great performance of staff, which was not included in the budget as they may not receive it. If they do receive it, it will go into reserves. There is not much in reserves right now. There is approximately \$40,000.00 in reserves.
 - **VOTE: Albert Smith motioned to accept the 2020/2021 AB109 Budget. Matthew Beauchamp seconded the motion. All were in favor and the budget was accepted.**
- d. Announcements of any Legislative and/or funding updates/budget/training opportunities.
 - Mike Rogers stated his department has been effected by Assembly Bill (AB) 1950, which went into effect Since January 1st. This is the bill that dropped the maximum probation term on many cases from a 3 year grant to a 2 year grant. In many cases it made misdemeanor cases a maximum of 1 year. This has affected our felony numbers to some extent. However, they will be taking more misdemeanor cases. They are working with the

Courts on developing misdemeanor grants. The Court is also requesting probation take on misdemeanor DUI cases. Now they will be enacting AB 1869 as of July 1st. This bill takes away all probation fines and fees including the GPS and Work programs. They are looking at ways to produce funds to continue to provide these services. He believes the work program is a necessity and is something worth continuing in this County.

- Mike stated in regards to trainings and the changes and the new use of force laws, the Probation Department has included some great trainings. All of his officers have had the De-escalation training, Complicit Bias training and are now working through Cultural Diversity training.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Meeting Minutes submitted by R. Lawson, Colusa County Probation