

Napa County Community Corrections Partnership Council
Regular Meeting – January 5, 2012
Minutes

Call to Order by Chair Mary Butler at 2:03 pm

In attendance: Ron Abernethy, Brian Banducci, Mark Boessenecker, Mary Butler, Rick Feldstein, Britt Ferguson, Elizabeth Habkirk, DJ Johnson, Jamie Johnson, Gary Lieberstein, David Lovell, Rich Melton, Barbara Nemko, Amanda Owens, Lee Philipson, Randy Snowden, Jaye Vanderhurst, and Lenard Vare.

Absent: Susan Altman, Terry Davis, Doug Koford, Mark Luce, Connie Moreno-Peraza, and Steve Potter.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Minutes: November 3, 2011, Regular Meeting – M/S Nemko/Johnson, unanimously approved

Status of Realignment: Per Mary Butler, since October 1st, there have been 15 on caseload, with majority appearing at Probation Dept. One has gone to Solano, one to Sonoma, one to Contra Costa Counties to live instead of Napa. There have been two no-shows; warrants are out on those. Four to five split sentences have come through and three to four straight jail terms. Many of those were already known here.

CalRAP Project: December meeting in San Francisco. There are four counties in this project: Yolo, Santa Cruz, Napa, and SF. Meeting purpose was to discuss how the counties are dealing with Realignment. Napa is the smallest county, with the largest team there, especially now that Sheriffs and jails are included. Also, our realignment plan is further along than others. Judges Cousins and Warren urge other counties to motivate people to work together. Also of note: SF has a social worker who advises on dispositions in the DA's office.

Update on new substance abuse residential program (McAlister Institute): Per Randy Snowden, 19 out of 20 residential beds are currently full; 5 out of 10 detox beds are full, but only one from law enforcement so far. It might be possible to allow above the 20 bed allotment for a short time in order to allow McAlister a successful start. Law enforcement is working on making referrals here rather than to jail.

Electronic Monitoring (EM) in the jail: Per Leonard Vare, EM is used when inmates are given house arrest out of jail or with alcohol issues (CAD monitor) while on house arrest. Before Realignment, EM costs were \$2,500/mo. Now, because more people are eligible, costs are \$7,500/mo; Leonard anticipates \$9,000 to \$11,000/mo. Therefore, asking for \$63,000 from Community Corrections account to cover EM. RFP is currently in process with several companies for contracts. If all funds not used, they will be returned to the account. Discussion ensued; Depts. of Corrections and Probation went together on future EM for cost-savings, since Probation is responsible for pre-sentence EM. NPD would like to know who is out of jail and on EM. New contract info anticipated in a month. Committee agreed it is a good program to continue and fund.

Jail Population: Per David Lovell, now tracking daily, semiweekly, weekly, and monthly population info, which generally show a downward trend in the sentenced population since June 2010. There was a spike in October after the group stopped meeting, then downward trend began again as discussions of possible releases ensued. This will be tracked to determine longer term trends. Jail has seen a decrease in population since probation officers have begun evaluating for Pre-Trial (population is at 268 today). This report will be delivered periodically. Discussion ensued; Chief Melton advised DUI, drug-related, and violation of 647(f)PC are the charges most often seen by Napa PD.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

- Law Enforcement Committee is looking at alternatives to jail incarceration.
- Court Committee hasn't met recently.
- Corrections/Sanctions Committee staying on top of those arriving here. Parole holds are still in effect.
- Community Outreach Committee hasn't met lately; however, there have not been many questions from the public. Gary Lieberstein spoke to Rotary Clubs in October and November, including Realignment issues in his talks. Suggestion was made that a package be developed for later this fiscal year, after all programs are up and running.

Terms of Office for Appointed Members: There are 3 appointed members on this committee, and one must have a two-year term of office. The 3 appointed members are: Jamie Johnson (victim representative), Rich Melton (police department representative) and a representative of an agency working with offenders (not yet appointed). By random drawing, it was determined that the Victim Representative would be the two-year term, while the other two would be four-year terms.

Future Agenda Items: Criminal Justice Outline of where the money is going.

Next meeting at the current three-week interval would be Thursday, January 26; however, it was decided that meetings would take place monthly instead, on the first Thursday of each month.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 2:00 pm in the Probation Conference Room.

Adjourn: 3:00 pm