

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

Call to Order by Chair Mary Butler at 2:05 pm

In attendance: Ron Abernethy, Brian Banducci, Mark Boessenecker, Mary Butler, Terry Davis, Britt Ferguson, Elizabeth Habkirk, DJ Johnson, Jamie Johnson, Doug Koford, Gary Lieberstein, David Lovell, Connie Moreno-Peraza, Barbara Nemko, Steve Potter, Randy Snowden, Jaye Vanderhurst, Lenard Vare, and Robert Westmeyer.

Absent: Rick Feldstein, Mark Luce, Rich Melton, and Lee Philipson.

A special thank you is extended to Sheriff Doug Koford, who retires later this month.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Minutes: February 2, 2012, Regular Meeting – M/S Nemko/Ferguson, unanimously approved.

Status of Realignment: Per Mary Butler, Probation is working with the new population, which currently consists of 33 post-release supervision individuals with five more expected in April. A few have transferred to other counties, and we are close to our projections except in the area of Parole Violators. We have 13 in custody, when we had been predicted to have none. We are supervising four 1170(h) cases, with mandatory supervision time, while others are still in custody. Yesterday, Napa Courts issued the longest sentence so far—four years in custody plus three years of mandatory supervision. The Cal-RAPP Pilot Project has been implemented here (see hand-out.) We have no cases with high level violations, and the majority of our cases are medium violators. Before Cal-RAPP, medium violators would have been arrested; however, now there are positive and negative rewards for them other than jail. Probation is responding to every negative behavior, and we are pleased with the success so far. The other three counties where this pilot program will be tried have not implemented yet. Realignment from the Jail perspective: Per Lenard Vare, they are currently determining how to handle the long term sentences. A discussion ensued regarding a statewide ADA case against the California Department of Corrections and how that might impact county jails. Jail overcrowding also might become an issue, with overcrowding defined as 120% of capacity. In Napa County, that would equal 316 or more.

Update on Funding Formula: Per Liz Habkirk, CSAC and the CA Dept. of Finance have guaranteed at least twice this year's allocation amount for next fiscal year, which would mean a minimum of \$2.1 million. The formula currently being developed will add more for some counties, also. The source of this funding is not yet clear, however.

Update on Probation spending: For Napa County, we expect the SB678 grant to be greatly reduced next year, due to our success in keeping probation violators out of prison. Our rate of recidivism has been only 3.3%, which will reduce our SB678 funding from \$500,000 to between \$100,000 and \$200,000 next year. There is speculation that SB678 will be rolled into Realignment funding after next year.

Jail Classification Positions: Per Lenard Vare, they are meeting weekly to look at alternative programs for some offenders, in their quest to reduce the jail population to approximately 250. Their Classification Unit does casework on 10-15 cases per week plus about 120 remands per month. Currently, there are two Classification Specialists and one Supervisor, with no support staff. Dept. of Corrections is requesting realignment funding to add one Classification Specialist and one legal clerk. Discussion and input ensued;

Terry Davis stressed the need to keep track of overall spending on new positions, so they can be continued in the future.

Update on Jail Population: David Lovell presented charts to indicate jail population levels between July 2011 and April 2012. Levels have been reduced with the advent of pretrial services and as a result of the Community Corrections Partnership meetings and discussions. Arrests and bookings have been trending down, also. Keep in mind that many Parole Agents are opposed to Realignment.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

- Corrections/Sanctions Committee – Britt Ferguson indicated the committee is working on determining what type of offenders would best be served by which appropriate alternative sanctions. They have been looking at potential buildings for an unlocked facility, such as an secure residential facility that provides programs, jobs, and a residential component. They are looking for the least costly form of intervention which provides community safety and an effective approach.
- Law Enforcement Committee – will be meeting before the next Community Corrections Partnership.
- Community Outreach Committee – has talked to the Napa Register regarding Realignment.

Future Agenda Items: Next year's budget. Realignment funding allocation to the District Attorney and Public Defender Offices and the interpretation of who approves the spending.

Announcement: May 10th graduation for 20 BI graduates. All are encouraged to attend, and please contact Amanda Owens if you would like to be a speaker at this event.

Next meeting: The May 3rd meeting will be postponed to June 7th at 2:00 pm in the Probation Conference Room.

Adjourn: 3:40 pm