

Napa County Community Corrections Partnership Council
Special Meeting – May 10, 2012
Minutes

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

In attendance: Ron Abernethy, Brian Banducci, Mark Boessenecker, Mary Butler, Terry Davis, Rick Feldstein, Britt Ferguson, Elizabeth Habkirk, DJ Johnson, Gary Lieberstein, David Lovell, Mark Luce, Rich Melton, Connie Moreno-Peraza, Lee Philipson, Steve Potter, John Robertson, Silva Darbinian, Diane Price and Lenard Vare.

Absent: Jamie Johnson, Barbara Nemko, Amanda Owens, Randy Snowden, Jaye Vanderhurst and Robert Westmeyer.

Public Comments: None.

Sheriff Robertson welcomed as official voting member.

Approval of Minutes: April 5, 2012, Regular Meeting – M/S Davis/Ferguson, unanimously approved.

Electronic Monitoring/Home Detention Policy: Lenard Vare is in traffic and unable to make the meeting. Chief Butler presented the Electronic Monitoring/Home Detention Policy. The policy addresses who will supervise the person while they are on home detention; since the jail is unable to supervise, Mary Butler volunteered the Probation Department to supervise the person while they are on home detention. The committee discussed how a person would be eligible for the electronic monitoring program and how they would be supervised. Elizabeth Habkirk added that the process that the jail uses to decide who is eligible is very tedious and time consuming. The jail uses a release matrix (page 11). If the jail is crowded and they need to release the Probation Department will be responsible to supervise those chosen for the program. The matrix can be amended even if the Board passes the policy.

There was a suggestion to trade Felony Drug Possession with DUI. The committee generally agreed. This will be changed in the matrix. There is an exception for medical conditions that can be monitored outside jail. Also, county parole process can still be used before the release date.

So far there have been more than 30 referrals to the DUI Deferred Entry of Judgment program. There should be an article in the paper about this program soon.

Last Tuesday, the Board approved a contract with a new provided for electronic monitoring. 3M has been awarded the contract and the transition to the new product will be done in the next few weeks. Britt Ferguson acknowledged what everyone has done to cooperate, managing the population, streamline by Probation, the judges, etc. We are touching the cap more often, but dealing with it.

The rate number of 1170h members in the jail is lower than projected. We expected to have about 55 by now; but we have 27 currently in custody. Most now have a split sentences. The departments are still looking at other alternatives to impact the jail population. Rich Melton mentioned that if the jail is near its limit and there is a busy weekend, we can easily go over. The committee expressed concerns regarding lawsuits filed against state migrating to counties. We must look at all alternatives. There is a large group of multiple DUI's where security is not required but they can't be released. Also, Walmart thefts, could be filed differently than as a burglary. ICE holds trends – there are approximately 6 per week.

Future Agenda Items: ICE Hold Trends – there is in a model in Yolo County which advocates using funding for Corrections, Probation and DA to coordinate.

Announcement: CCSC Graduation tonight at 6:00pm – 20 graduates.

Next meeting: June 7th at 2:00 pm in the Probation Conference Room.

Adjourn: 2:45 pm