

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP**  
**October 4, 2012**

Present: Ron Abernathy, Brian Banducci, Mark Boessenecker, Mary Butler, Rick Feldstein, Britt Ferguson, Elizabeth Habkirk, David Lovell, Mark Luce, Rich Melton, Connie Moreno-Peraza, Barbara Nemko, Lee Philipson, Randy Snowden, Jaye Vanderhurst

(Added 10-30-12) Not Present: Gary Lieberstein, Jamie Johnson, DJ Johnson, Susan Altman, Amanda Owens, Steve Potter, John Robertson, Lenard Vare.

Others Present: Brooke Larsen

Meeting called to order by Chief Bulter.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

Approval of August 23, 2012 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion: Randy Snowden

Second: Mark Luce

Motion Approved

**STATUS OF REALIGNMENT**

We are one year into realignment. The numbers are very close to the predictions of PRCS releases and the first one year successful cases will be closed this month. Probation staff will begin *Thinking for a Change* with AB109 offenders. Drug Court participants are at a low and it is suggested some of the AB109 offenders could benefit from Drug Court. 1170(h) cases are going through court and the split sentence is appreciated as it allows time after incarceration for community supervision.

CDCR has contacted the DA and Court to inquire as to what steps this County is taking to prepare for parole violations hearings beginning July 2013. CDCR would like a consistent protocol between all counties. It was decided a subcommittee will meet and report back to this group.

**MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING PROPOSALS**

(Handouts provided) It is requested one full-time Forensic Mental Health Counselor position and one full-time Mental Health Counselor position be created on a limited term basis from the Realignment funds. Both positions are limited term.

The Forensic Mental Health Counselor would be the 3<sup>rd</sup> in the jail; the other two positions provide the basic requirements within the jail and one of the positions is a supervisor. Adding a Forensic Mental Health Counselor will allow MH services to expand beyond basic requirements and increase availability on evenings and weekends. It will also help provide more services for the 1170(h) offenders who are serving lengthy sentences in the county jail.

The Mental Health Counselor will be added to the Mental Health Court team to increase participant cap from the current five to 15. Mental Health Court has shown to reduce the amount of time participants spend in jail. The initial oversight group will be asked to reconvene to discuss any modifications to the program that may need to be made.

There were no objections from the committee as to the recommendation of adding one full-time Forensic Mental Health Counselor position and one full-time Mental Health Counselor position and preparation for hiring will proceed.

### **REVISED JAIL POPULATION PROJECTION**

(Handouts Provided) The previous projections generated in 2007 from 2006 and earlier data was used and recalculated to get the current projections. The recalculation is based on the last eight months of data due to realignment. The jail population is lower based on the 2010 projections because it was assumed at that time that people would be spending their entire sentence in jail, minus the community supervision. The mid-range projection for jail capacity will be recommended (on page 5 of the handout). We need to go to the Board within the next two months with recommendations and it is suggested a special meeting occur in late October. There was discussion on the use of the term Evidence Based Practices in the projections handout and it was determined that Evidence Based Practices must imply the Evidence Based Practices agreed to with Mark Carey, meaning a program designed and supported by data to change offenders behavior and reduce recidivism; not efficiency or alternative ways to reduce jail population.

### **FISCAL UPDATE**

Although funding is set for 12/13 and 13/14, concerns are being raised as to what will happen after that. The Governor may want to look at how much of the funds have been spent and what the needs for each county really are. We need to secure allocation in the future and apply funds to needs now. The jail projects they were under-budgeted by 1.1 million dollars and some of the realignment funds could offset those costs. The Program/Alternative Sanctions Committee has been looking into Staff Secure Residential Facilities and are looking at a facility on the Napa State Hospital grounds. The start-up costs will roughly amount to ½ million dollars. There will then be ongoing costs to maintain the facility. If allocation remains the same, we will spend all allocations by 2015. These options do not include any costs of building a new jail. We need to have full support of this committee to bring to the Board.

### **REPORT FROM ADHOC COMMITTEES**

This item held until next meeting

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Jail Projections

Jail Options

This meeting is adjourned until a special meeting; date and time to be determined

It should be noted Item #5 of this agenda was a discussion of the previous meeting and should have been removed from today's agenda.