

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP
June 5, 2014 Meeting

Present: Mary Butler, Ron Abernethy, Gary Lieberstein, Aimee Major, Rich Melton, Lenard Vare, Nancy Watt, Rick Feldstein, Paul Gero, Howard Himes, Yuka, Kamiishi, Mark Luce, Amanda Owens, John Robertson

Not Present: Mark Boessenecker, Elizabeth Habkirk, Rob Martin, Barbara Nemko, Steve Potter, Bret Prebula

Others Present: Francisca Tisher, Ferlyn Buenafe, Jacqueline Loeks, Michael Williams, Mariana Betancourt, Teresa Folster, Diane Price, Amy Walcker, Patrese Scott

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 13, 2014 MINUTES

Motion: Ron Abernethy

Second: Gary Lieberstein

Motion Approved

APPROVAL OF APRIL 3, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Ron Abernethy

Second: Gary Lieberstein

Motion Approved

REVIEW AND UPDATE OF REALIGNMENT PLAN

(Handout Provided) When plan was written out there were four concepts we wanted to look at. The concepts we looked at were how to minimize risk to the community, how we are using punishment, recidivism and looking at both our violations of probation and new offenses/convictions, costs since we have a limited amount of money we want to assure we're spending it wisely. Then we had four strategies to look at starting with pre-trial and where the program was going, what we are doing with our sentenced offenders both in-custody and what happens when they got out into the community, how were we dealing with probation violations, and lastly re-entry and what we would be doing and now we have our new facility that will be built.

We then looked at where we are with current plan and how money will be spent and where it will be going. With pre-trial we looked at the Deferred Entry of Judgment Program with the DA's office and there is a full time probation officer attached to that, we added two probation officers and funding for electronic monitoring to run the pre-trial program in the jail, and the jail added a Classification Specialist. For the sentenced offenders we have the home detention program where we are funding half of a probation officer and electronic monitoring, staffing in the jail for 6 full time correctional officers to ensure we have sufficient staffing for our new population, we have the AB109 unit at probation that we had to add to manage the mandatory supervision case load, we put money into some of the construction projects going on at the jail that was previously

voted on, we funded five beds at McCallister for substance abuse on top of the eight beds that probation already funds, added a Victim Witness Advocate in the district attorney's office, we added a full time Forensic Mental Health Counselor for mental health court, added a Forensic Mental Health Counselor at the jail to increase the amount of mental health services being provided, and added the jail a GED Program that will be starting July 1st.

In looking at probation violations we didn't need a lot of money attached to it. It's more at looking at the way we are doing business and moving to the rewards and sanctions grid which currently is being used by probation for probation violations. The money went toward paying for the on-call probation officer and the overtime attached to that when we have to come in and work when called by law enforcement. It seems to be working and we are receiving call from law enforcement when they are looking at someone who doesn't have new charges only a violation.

With re-entry we received \$13M from the state and we will be building a 72 bed facility. We are still in the stage of how to build programs and how that will look. It will take some time to build that facility, but we are moving along with the contracts with architect and have taken it to the Board.

We do have some gaps and now is the time to look at if we want to add into the 2014/2015 plan and if we want to make changes. Some of the gaps looked at are adding a position for doing alcohol and drug assessments which will be reviewed in the next agenda item, currently we have 23% of probationers on warrant status and the Probation/NSO team would like look at resources to bring that number down, look at the re-entry program, and possibly adding treatment for substance abuse for people in and out of custody.

PROPOSAL FROM ALCOHOL AND DRUG (ACTION ITEM)

(Handout Provided) Alcohol and Drug Services (ADS) is requesting to hire a permanent full-time Alcohol & Drug Counselor III that would be placed in the Probation Department. The purpose of the position is to conduct screenings, assessments, and intakes. It would also increase timely access to obtain ADS assessments for potential clients being incarcerated, currently incarcerated, and for those on probation. The position costs are set to be \$93,893.54.

Motion: Rich Melton

Second: Ron Abernethy

Motion Approved

DISCUSSION ABOUT NSO/PROBATION TEAM

This item was combined with review and update of realignment plan.

FUNDING FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY/PUBLIC DEFENDER

Held until August 7th meeting.

UPDATE ON MENTAL HEALTH COURT

(Handout Provided) As of May 27th, there was a Mental Health Counselor hired to Mental Health Court to be able to expand the program to a max of 15 participants. It is a voluntary program

and sometimes people come and go, but looking at increasing numbers once things get settled with new worker, currently there are four people in Mental Health Court.

CJNET UPDATE

(Presentation) CJNET allows you to look at what's going on in probation on any given day. It also allows you track various things from probation officer's cases, such as warrants. Officers are allowed to track offenders on their case loads and able to see drug test results, what programs they are participating in, their term and conditions, and if they have assessments that need to be completed.

STATUS OF REALIGNMENT FROM PARTNERS

No status updates.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board of State and Community Corrections released the definition of recidivism. Recidivism is defined as a conviction of a new crime committed within three years of release from custody or committed within three years of placement of supervision.

Meeting adjourned to August 7, 2014