

Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)

Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Melissa Romero, called the regular meeting of the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) to order at 9:00 a.m., on May 15, 2019, at the Butte County Human Resource Office - Training Room West, located at 3 County Center Drive, Oroville California.
- b. Review of previous committee minutes from March 20, 2019. Dorian Kittrell motioned to approve and Ron Reed seconded the motion. All approved and the minutes passed.
- c. Introductions from everyone present.

List of CCP Members Present

Shelby Boston – Director, Department of Employment & Social Services
Richard Holst – Deputy Court Executive Officer and Liaison for Judge Mosbarger, Butte County Superior Court
Dorian Kittrell – Director, Butte County Department of Behavioral Health
Andy Pickett – Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Butte County Administrative Office
Mike Ramsey – District Attorney, Butte County District Attorney’s Office
Ron Reed – Attorney, Butte County Public Defender

List of CCP Members Not Present

Wayne Barley – Chief Probation Officer, Butte County Probation Department
Erna Friedeberg – Director, Northern Valley Catholic Social Services
Kory Honea – Sheriff, Butte County Sheriff’s Office
Shari McCracken – Chief Administrative Officer, Butte County Administrative Office
Michael O’Brien – Chief of Police, Chico
Mary von Rotz Sakuma – Superintendent, Butte County Office of Education

II. SUB-GROUP COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES

BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

- Lieutenant Hovey, with Butte County Sheriff’s Office (BCSO), gave a brief update on Alternative Custody Supervision (ACS), the Day Reporting Center (DRC) and jail statistics. The current ACS population is 116. 72 of those individuals are involved in programming. The Sheriff’s Work Alternative Program (SWAP) population is 51. They have 1 individual on Sheriff’s parole. They have 32 individuals assigned to work crews. The work crews are busy in recovery efforts as well as in base camp and the city parks. Canine program is doing well. All dogs have been adopted and there is currently a wait list of veterans for PTSD dogs. The current population at the jail is 569 and of those, 44 are involved in programming.
- Undersheriff Jones, with Butte County Sheriff’s Office (BCSO), gave a brief update on the jail expansion project. At the last CCP meeting, Sheriff Honea, informed members there is approximately an 8 million dollar gap in funds for the expansion project. A

couple of weeks ago, Sheriff Honea, went to the State Capital to testify before a committee regarding the shortage. They are waiting for the outcome of that meeting.

BUTTE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

- Supervising Probation Officer, Mike Rogers, of Butte County Probation, gave a brief report on his department's statistics for the Male Community Reentry Program (MCRP). The current population is 34. They have 7 individuals stayed until next week and have one graduating from the program. This will bring the program to maximum capacity with 40 individuals. Overall, since the beginning of the program they had 208 enrollments and 149 completions. They had 28 total program terminations. They had 2 escapes from the program. Both of the escapees were taken into custody and are pending new escape charges. They have had 617 classes within the program completed. 99 participants have gained employment. The participants have completed over 1300 hours of community service and they have collected over \$69,000.00 in victim restitution. In post-program statistics, all 149 participants that completed the program have obtained stable employment, income, and housing. They had 4 new felony convictions, and 3 new prison commitments. This equates to just under 3% return rate. Regarding the May revision, the governor's office is looking at giving a cost of living increase of 5% to program providers.
- Program Manager, Dwayne Martin, of Butte County Probation, gave a brief report on his department's statistics for Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and Mandatory Supervision (MS). A handout was provided to the members present. Regarding PCS, so far, during the first 10 months of this fiscal year, they had 189 individuals start or transfer-in. That is approximately 19 per month and is up two per month over the last fiscal year. They closed 162, approximately 16 per month and is on par with last fiscal year. Overall, they are increasing approximately 3 per month. The current population of PCS is 432, and as of May 10, 26% of those out to warrant. In MS, for the first 10 months, they have started or transferred-in 96 individuals, approximately 10 per month, which is down about 1% over the last fiscal year. They have also closed 96, approximately 10 per month. The current population of MS, as of May 10th, is 176, with approximately 22% of those individuals out to warrant
- Probation Officer, Amy Asher, of Butte County Probation gave a brief report on the Probation and Community Services (PAC) meetings. In March, they had 21 providers and 57 offenders attend. In April, they had 20 providers and 47 offenders in attendance. In April, they held their Job Readiness workshop and had 13 participants complete the program. They currently have 3 adult Moral Recognition Therapy (MRT) groups running that are staying full.
- Jennifer Hard, Program Manager for the Treatment Courts gave a brief update. May is National Drug Court month. Drug Courts all across the nation are celebrating. Our County is celebrating by having a graduation on May 29th. Everyone is welcome to attend. A graduation handout was provided to the members present.

BUTTE COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Dorian Kittrell, Director of Butte County Department of Behavioral Health, reported on his department's statistics. A handout was provided to the members present.

Pre-trial Diversion Program: Dorian Kittrell, Mike Ramsey, and several public defenders in the court met to discuss the program. This committee determined the need, and approved, to move \$140,000 unspent dollars to staff a counselor position in the AB109 program that would provide the services for the Pre-trial Diversion Program and would report back to the courts on the progress of those participants. Hoping to start mid to late

summer. Further meetings will be needed. Behavioral Health has already put out for lateral transfer opportunities for some of their counselors to move into the program. The program will be administered by Cathleen Ouimet, Program Manager, Clinical Services for AB109 and Adult Outpatient Clinic in Chico. Details on capacity will need to be worked out. Looking on a process that can prioritize the referrals and serve as many participants as there is funding and staffing for, and still provide excellent service to. Will be working on a data report to report back at the CCP meetings to demonstrate use of the dollars spent.

This will be the last CCP meeting for Dorian Kittrell, as he is retiring June 8, 2019.

- Cathleen Ouimet spoke on collaborative efforts with Probation and the computer portal system that is connected to the courts that can track the AB109 clients. Data about when they entered, if they are showing for their assessment or refusing to show, and if they are showing for the treatment being offered, will be entered so that Probation can know right away what clients are dropping off. This has potential to help with other programs as well. Dwayne Martin spoke on the system's (Tyler Supervision) interaction between Probation and the Court. The systems will be linked when it is up and functioning, which will aid in communicating the client's needs. There was discussion regarding the possibility of this system being extended to the District Attorney's office after this one is operational. This would aid in helping those with mental health issues since there is instant information to officers that clients are not showing for appointments. Discussion occurred about more immediate communications between departments.
- Ron Reed, Public Defender, spoke on mental health issues and the need for a strong program to work with the mentally ill. Suggested making contact with other counties that are working on programs and see if it's something we can make work.

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES

- Director, Shelby Boston, reported on her department's statistics. A handout was provided to the CCP members present. 314 people actively engaged in the department that are AB109 population. Starting June 1, 2019, there is a new benefit available to individuals that receive SSI because of a disability. In Butte County, there are currently 10,279 individuals who are eligible for this new benefit, which is an expansion to CalFresh. Previously, those on SSI were not eligible to receive CalFresh benefits; they will now be eligible. Benefit amounts will range from \$15 to \$190, depending on the circumstances. It is estimated that 1 in 3 people in our county are receiving CalFresh or Medi-Cal benefits.

BUTTE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

- Mike Ramsey, Butte County District Attorney, reported on his department. Also discussed was the increase in other agencies requesting review of their cases/files for determination of misdemeanor or felony charges. Numbers for Calendar Year 2018: Requests for felonies complaints was 3,081, an increase of 11.7%, which is attributed to the increase in the number of officers. Requests for misdemeanor complaints was 7,550, which is only a 0.7% increase. Change of concern was in the juvenile unit. The numbers have been going down for the previous few years but this year the numbers are 154, a 50% spike. Investigating the reason for the increase. Melissa Romero, advised of the increases in Probation's 2018 juvenile referrals as well. Many years are a zero commitment to DJJ and currently there are 7 in DJJ with 2 more pending recommendations. General discussion about a sense that juvenile gang involvement has decreased.

SUB-GROUPS/COMMITTEES

LEGISLATION/BUDGET

- Andy Pickett, of Butte County Administration reported on the County Budget. For context, the County budget was built on the assumption that the State would provide \$2,000,000 contract support with the County's contract with Cal Fire to provide staffing for the Butte County Fire Department. Still waiting to find out the results from the May revise. Currently, in the County budget, there is a \$2,000,000 potential hold that they have about a month to figure out if the funding is coming from the State or have to pair back the County budget to fit our resources. At this point, they are hoping the State comes through on their plan to deliver the \$2,000,000 worth of support.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

IV. ADJOURNMENT OF THE CCP – 9:45 a.m.

V. CALL TO ORDER OF THE TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH (TAY) STEERING COMMITTEE – 9:45 a.m.

- Supervising Probation Officer, Mike Rogers gave a brief report on the TAY program. They TAY program numbers have reduced a little. The number of referrals have slowed since the Camp Fire. Overall, they had 40 enrollments in the program. They had 14 successful program completions and 14 program terminations and/or walkaways. They had 90 classes completed within the program. They have completed over 500 hours of community service. 34 participants have gained stable employment and 32 have stable housing. They have 10 enrolled in secondary education and 4 participants have completed their High School diploma or Equivalency exam (HiSET). While in the program, 3 participants' committed new felonies. They have collected a total of \$3491 in victim restitution.

VI. ADJOURNMENT OF THE TAY STEERING COMMITTEE – 09:47 a.m.

Minutes submitted by R. Lawson of Butte County Probation.