

Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)

Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Chief Probation Officer, Wayne Barley, called the regular meeting of the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) to order at 9:00 a.m., on September 18, 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 July 17, 2019. Mike Ramsey motioned to approve and Kory Honea seconded the motion. All approved and the minutes passed.

List of CCP Members Present

Wayne Barley – Chief Probation Officer, Butte County Probation Department
Kory Honea – Sheriff, Butte County Sheriff's Office
Mike Ramsey – District Attorney, Butte County District Attorney's Office
Ron Reed – Attorney, Butte County Public Defender
Scott Kennelly – Director, Butte County Department of Behavioral Health
Shelby Boston – Director, Department of Employment & Social Services
Debbie Morris for Mary von Rotz Sakuma – Superintendent, Butte County Office of Education
Andy Pickett – Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Butte County Administrative Office for Shari McCracken – Chief Administrative Officer, Butte County Administrative Office

List of CCP Members Not Present

Michael O'Brien – Chief of Police, Chico
Tamara Mosbarger – Judge, Butte County Superior Court
Erna Friedeberg – Director, Northern Valley Catholic Social Services

II. SUB-GROUP COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES

BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- Lieutenant Hovey, Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO), gave a brief update. The current ACS population is 125. The Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP) population is 51. They have 1 individual on Sheriff's parole. 41 of the 125 are assigned to a full time work crew and 79 individuals are involved in programs. Current programs are 6 days a week for the work crews. Work crews are doing everything from working recovery to working in the base camp village. Great reviews from everyone about the workers. Work crews are also with DWR and extensively with the City of Oroville, down at the Feather River Parks. Butte College is now in session. K-9 program has 4 dogs and several applicants. Ron Reed, Public Defender, gave update on the base camp; should be done around Christmas vs. November. Commended the workers on their work ethic and great to watch them grow. Reported that there will be 8 studio apartments and 4 1-bedroom. Total of 16 people. Philosophy is to not double people up so they want to stay there and get better. 2nd project that they are looking at; trying to get a use permit by December. This will provide another 16. Not an overall solution, but will do a little bit at a time. Not only helped the small number but proved that it works.
- Sheriff Honea, BCSO, gave update on the jail expansion. The project is still progressing, slowly. Working with Department of Corrections and the Department of Finance to revise to the scope of work and develop a plan that would allow for building out incrementally based on the current budget. Hoping the BSCC will approve the plan going forward. Going to reissue the request for proposal using a different design method

(design, bid, build method) in hopes to allow more local contractors to compete, providing local labor, and thereby reducing the cost of labor. Projection is that it won't be built until somewhere beyond 2024.

BUTTE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

- Probation Officer, Nate Henry, Butte County Probation gave a brief report on his department's statistics for the Male Community Reentry Program (MCRP). A handout was provided to the members present. This year they have had 50 successfully complete. No escapes so far this year; since opening there have been 2 but picked up immediately. There have been over 100 programs completed this year. While in the program, there have been 21 that have maintained employment which carried on afterwards. For the Post Program, this year we had 2 get picked up on new felony charges; one was sent back to prison. Since they have been open, 3 have been sent back to prison. Community service hours for the year are over 180 hours and restitution for the year is \$25,716.82. Since opening, over \$92,000 have been paid.

- 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, for the two months, they have 39 individuals start or transfer-in. That is approximately 20 per month and is up 1 per month over the last fiscal year. They closed 27, approximately 14 per month and is down 3 per month from last fiscal year. Comparing our starts and ends, there is an increase about 6 per month on average. The current population of PCS is 443, and as of September 13th, 24% of those out to warrant. In MS, for the first two months, they have started or transferred-in 19 individuals, approximately 10 per month on average; which is on par with last fiscal year. They have also closed 12, approximately 6 per month; down 4 per month over all. Overall starts and ends increasing 4 per month on average. The current population of MS, as of September 13th, is 177, with approximately 23% of those individuals out to warrant.

- Chief Probation Officer, Wayne Barley, Butte County Probation gave a brief report on the Probation and Community Services (PAC) meetings. In July, they had 20 providers and 38 offenders attend. In August, they had 23 providers and 50 offenders in attendance. In September they had 13 people complete the week long job readiness course.

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES

- Shelby Boston, Director, Department of Employment and Social Services (DESS) reported on her department's statistics. A handout was provided to the CCP members present. The most important thing to point out is the steep increase in the number of clients that they are serving at the DRC, which is really promising and positive; and the number of people they saw employed in the month of August. It is interesting to see over the last year, we are at the lowest we have ever been at for the number of active or pending cases in eligibility. Down to 207 in August. Not sure of the trend but is something to watch. Conversation on why the spike in clients at the DRC.

BUTTE COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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

AB109: Seeing a slight downward trend over the last 2 months on referrals. But overall we have 122 clients open. Served 266 AB109 clients between August 2018 and 2019. Reported back to Ron Reed regarding the number of homeless clients served. Of the 122 clients, only 2 are homeless and that is by choice. Have been offered services and have declined. Between sober living environments and family/friends, 120 of those 122 are in

housing of some kind. Conversation regarding homelessness with parolees and if the population is being served. Chief Barley gave numbers for reported homelessness in PRCS, formal probation, and MS. Totaling 7.5% that are homeless. Probation Officer Mallory gave input about services being offered but clients not utilizing the offered services. Discussion on the definition of how to determine/count that person as homeless and why people claim homelessness by Shelby Boston, Dwayne Martin, Mike Ramsey, and Sheriff Honea.

Chief Barley spoke about receiving news that Probation received funding for the JAG Grant. Providing the opportunity to get into and meet with offenders before they are released from custody, particularly at the jail locally. This will allow to starting putting the case plan together and determine housing needs before they come out and land at Probation's door with no plan. Dollars in there to help with rental assistance, still working through exactly what the plan looks like. About \$2,000,000 over 3 years; so about \$715,000 per year to address the needs the CCP is currently speaking about. Discussion about the population to be served and how it will aid this population.

Shelby Boston gave a brief update on the new Branch under DESS that will be specific to housing and homeless services.

- Scott Kennelly gave an update on the Mental Health Diversion Court: to date there have been 46 referrals from the mental health diversion court. Clinician has completed 28 assessments. Of the 28 assessments, 11 have been accepted for the program; 17 were denied due to being out of county medical, private insurance, or they did not follow through with their requirements to be in diversion court. There are still 18 clients pending assessments and are scheduled. Should have about 29 clients in the next couple of weeks based on these numbers.

BUTTE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

- Mike Ramsey, Butte County District Attorney, added information on the Mental Health Diversion Court. Initially there was concern that there would be an overload of clients and overloading the program but all the people involved are trying to make it the best program that we can and see if we can get some of our chronic offenders into the program instead of using the jail as the their program. Trying to start on the slow side and not just dump everyone in the program.

ADMINISTRATION

- Andy Pickett, Deputy County Administrative Officer of Butte County Administration, spoke about the bill making its way through legislature (per Chief Barley, SB944?) that would effectively end most fees for services throughout various departments has been turned into a 2 year bill to allow time for better discussion. If passed, it would have noticeable impact to many sitting at the table. The programs being spoke about are funded by those very fees that are being discussed to be cut. There is no plan for a backfill anywhere for those so we are keeping an eye on it for next year.

SUB-GROUPS/COMMITTEES

- None.

LEGISLATION/BUDGET

- Shelby Boston, Director of DESS, DESS taking an agenda item to the Board next Board meeting. There is a 41% increase for Cal-WORKs eligible families. This is a significant increase. General Assistance rates are directly tied to the Cal-WORKs rate, so DESS is asking the Board to approve a 41% increase to the General Assistance Grant. This is a loan program. People who are receiving General Assistance (GA) have to pay it back and

Butte County does well in receiving it back, it is an approximately 48% that is received back. Because the goal of GA is when someone applies for GA and it is determined that they can apply for Social Security, DESS helps them apply and funds are recouped directly from Social Security Administration. The grant currently is about \$359 per month and with a 41% increase, bumps to \$520. Further discussion on GA grant and it is from General Fund (GF). It was about \$450,000 from GF the rest of this year; pretty significant. There are less than 400 people in the County that receive GA.

- Mike Ramsey, Butte County District Attorney, spoke about the legislature passing a bill that will significantly reduce prison time. That's all prison priors are no longer chargeable or for the judges to sentence folks. The Governor is expected to sign it. Our normal 1 year prison prior that is used to take and imprison longer some of our more recidivist folks is no longer there. Expect this to affect our prison population as well as our PCS population. Ramsey to send the Bill number to Chief Barley.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

IV. ADJOURNMENT OF THE CCP – 9:35 a.m.

V. CALL TO ORDER OF THE TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH (TAY) STEERING COMMITTEE – 9:35 a.m.

- Butte County Probation Officer, Ron Kimberling, gave a brief report on the TAY program. Currently have 13 participants, up 1 from last month. Numbers are going to slow a little in August if no more are scheduled to come in. There were 5 that graduated successfully last month. 6 were added last month. Community service was up this month because they started teaching the clients housed in Juvenile Hall by partnering with a lady in the Oroville Community building tiny homes for Paradise fire victims. They go 3 times per week to help her build the homes. No terminations last month; still only at 4 terminations for the duration of the entire program.

VI. ADJOURNMENT OF THE TAY STEERING COMMITTEE – 09:37 a.m.

Minutes submitted by A. Brousseau of Butte County Probation.