



Tulare County Community Corrections Partnership

Minutes – February 21, 2017

Committee Name:	Community Corrections Partnership	Starting Time: 2:35 p.m.	Ending Time: 3:04 p.m.
Place:	Professional Development Center, 4031 West Noble Avenue, Visalia, CA 93291		
Executive Committee Present:	Lisa Bertolino-Mueting, Public Defender, Tulare County Public Defender’s Office; Jason Britt, Agency Director, Tulare County Health and Human Services; Christie Myer, Chief Probation Officer (Chair); Jason Salazar, Chief of Police, City of Visalia		
Executive Committee Absent:	Mike Boudreaux, Sheriff-Coroner, Tulare County Sheriff’s Office; LaRayne Cleek, Court Executive Officer, Tulare County Superior Court; Tim Ward, District Attorney, Tulare County District Attorney’s Office		
Members Present:	Tim Fosnaugh, Captain, Tulare County Sheriff’s Office; Thomas McGuire, Assistant Public Defender, Tulare County Public Defender’s Office; Adam Peck, Director, Workforce Investment Department; Juliet Webb, Director of Human Services, Tulare County Health and Human Services		
Members Absent:	Mary Escarsega-Fechner, Executive Director, C-SET, Inc.; Sherry Pacillas, Director of Court Operations, Tulare County Superior Court; Michael C. Spata, County Administrative Officer; Tulare County Administrative Office; Dan Underwood, Assistant District Attorney, Tulare County District Attorney’s Office; Jim Vidak, Superintendent, Tulare County Office of Education		
County Staff Present:	Sophia Almanza, Deputy County Administrative Officer; Marichu Baker, Fiscal Manager, Tulare County Probation Department; Michelle Bonwell, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Tulare County Probation Department; Cheryl Cereghino, Inmate Programs Manager, Tulare County Sheriff’s Office; Cecilia Herrera, Senior Administrative Specialist, Tulare County Administrative Office; Steve Horton, Staff Services Analyst, Tulare County Probation Department; Kerri Lopez, Supervising Attorney; Tulare County District Attorney’s Office; Staci Moffatt, Social Worker, Tulare County Public Defender’s Office; Tate Rankin, Division Manager, Tulare County Probation Department		

Guests Present:	Roy Albers, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Ray Cerniga, Grand Juror, Tulare County Grand Jury; Raquel Merigian, Parole Agent III, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Brian Winter, Police Department, City of Visalia
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	Discussion	Person(s) Responsible
I. Call to Order	Chief Probation Officer Christie Myer called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. A quorum was present.	Chief Myer
II. Introductions	Introductions were made.	Chief Myer
III. Public Comments	None	
IV. Announcements	<p>Chief Myer obtained a letter from Diane Cummins, with the Department of Finance, for the State of California. It states:</p> <p>Realignment Legislation Implementation must provide local agencies with maximum flexibility and control over the design, administration, and delivery of public safety services, consistent with Federal Law and Legislative Funding Requirements. Fiscal policy and correctional practices should align to promote a justice re-investment strategy that fits each county. Justice reinvestment is a data-driven approach to reduce corrections and related criminal justice spending and reinvest savings in strategies designed to increase public safety.”</p> <p>The average state-wide savings each year from AB 109 is about 20%. Tulare County is also right at 20%, which will assist in the next fiscal year as a reduction in funding of \$391,000 is anticipated. Because of the 20% savings, it should not impact the allocation to any individual agency, so it should be business as usual.</p> <p>Upon request, this letter can be provided via email.</p>	Chief Myer
V. Action Items		Chief Myer
a. Approve CCP Meeting Minutes i. November 15, 2016	<p>Minutes approved without modification, abstention, or opposition.</p> <p>Motion to approve: Jason Salazar 2nd; Kerri Lopez for Tim Ward</p>	

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<p>b. Approve Appointment of Executive Committee Member</p> <p>i. Jason Britt</p> <p>c. Approve Appointment of CCP Member</p> <p>i. Juliet Webb</p>	<p>Motion to approve: Jason Salazar 2nd: Lisa Bertolino</p> <p>Motion to approve: Lisa Bertolino. 2nd: Kerri Lopez for Tim Ward</p>	<p>Chief Myer</p>
<p>VI. New Business</p> <p>a. Community Recidivism / Crime Reduction Grant</p> <p>b. Department Updates</p> <p>i. Probation Department</p> <p>ii. Sheriff's Office</p> <p>a. Jail Population Report</p> <p>b. Inmate Classification Software Program</p>	<p>Re-released: February 6, 2017. Deadline for submitting proposals: March 16, 2017.</p> <p>Information regarding this grant is available on the County website, and a PDF has been made available as well. It was requested that the information be passed on to any non-profit agencies that might be interested, or could benefit from this grant.</p> <p>Tulare County has a very supportive Superior Court, in regards to Split versus Straight Sentences, which assists in Jail Population Management.</p> <p>1569 Inmates In-Custody BW 672 MCF 283 MJ 266 PT 348 Alternative Housing (SWAP, DRC, Weekend Program) 140</p> <p>The Northpointe program is designed to assist with transitional programs for inmates. An agreement has been reached, signed, and referred to the Project Manager and Lieutenant Robles, for implementation. It should be online within the next 3-4 months. This software program will help classify and identify the programs needed based on the questions designed according to the needs of the Sheriff's Office, based on their demographics. It also has 10-</p>	<p>Deputy Chief Bonwell</p> <p>Chief Myer</p> <p>Captain Fosnaugh</p>

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<p>c. Sensitive Needs Unit</p> <p>d. South County Day Reporting Program</p> <p>c. Special Report</p> <p>i. Stepping Up Summit</p>	<p>point decision tree classification system, which assists in eliminating human error, such as inadvertently classifying someone incorrectly. This software was purchased with AB 109 funding. Tulare County appears to be the only county in the state that is using a valid Inmate Classification System.</p> <p>On March 6, 2017, at the Pre-Trial Facility, barriers will be installed to prevent inmates from jumping and attempting suicide while in custody. The two units will be addressing inmates that have high medical and/or mental health needs. Inmates will be moved temporarily during construction.</p> <p>Will be receiving an estimate from a County Architect for renovations to one of the buildings adjacent to the Porterville Substation. It will require permits, addressing ADA compliance issues, and so-forth. They should be breaking ground within the next month.</p> <p>At the Stepping Up Summit Conference in Sacramento, there were other counties and agencies in attendance. Other jurisdictions shared how they tackle challenges with the mental health population. Some programs have been implemented and some of those models have been tried and failed and some models seem to be working.</p> <p>Some counties have “Sobering Centers”, in which a person is placed on a 6-hour hold but they are not placed in jail. It is definitely something for Tulare County to think about and discuss in the future. Many counties have taken surveys about what services are available in their counties and what they can connect people with. All counties have the challenge of dealing with those not sick enough to be at county mental health but too sick to be at a community provider. Counties need to look at what is available for that population in between. There were a lot of great ideas put out, but there is still a lot of work to be done.</p> <p>Mainly, the conference addressed the mental health population in jail. The biggest issue correlating with that is the homelessness problem. With the homeless population, there tend to be significant mental health issues and substance abuse issues. The goal is to seek ways to prevent them from getting there in the first place.</p> <p>With the counties that have Sobering Centers, a person can be accepted up to 5 times at the sobering center before actually being arrested and booked on a public intoxication charge. The hope is to address their substance abuse issues in the hope of preventing them from being booked. Keeping people close to their support system has benefits. The city has a Homeless Task Force and the county is starting one. Incarceration is not a solution. Perhaps leveraging</p>	<p>HHSA Director Britt</p> <p>Chief Salazar</p>

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	<p>resources to provide housing and programs would help. One agency cannot solve this problem by itself. It would require working together and leveraging resources to make it work.</p> <p>San Antonio has a safe zone called, “Haven for Hope”. The idea is to have a campus with small houses or apartments surrounded by treatment and resources for those living there.</p> <p>Homelessness is part of the recidivism problem. Unfortunately, California is experiencing a state-wide housing shortage.</p> <p>The Sheriff’s Office will be identifying 5 deputies that want to work with that kind of population. Those deputies will receive specialized training on how to work with that population. The hope is to find deputies who can handle that level of inmate and know what triggers to avoid and understand where the inmate is coming from. This would be at the building adjacent to the Porterville Substation, where construction is beginning. There will not be a rotating staff, but rather identified staff, that will be assigned to the unit specifically to work with that population.</p> <p>The Sheriff’s Office understands that as inmates, they have violated the law, but that they are still a person. A mental health or substance abuse disorder may be the underlying factor for what they’re doing. The goal is to provide the best type of treatment for them before they go back out into the community.</p>	<p>HHSA Director Britt</p> <p>Captain Fosnaugh</p>
Next Meeting Date:	May 16, 2017 at 2:30 PM at the Professional Development Center (PDC) – 4031 West Noble Avenue, Visalia, California 93291	Chief Myer
Minutes Prepared By:	Amy Story	
MINUTES READ/APPROVED BY: Christie Myer, Chief Probation Officer		