

Tulare County Community Corrections Partnership

Minutes – May 16, 2017

Committee Name:	Community Corrections Partnership	Starting Time: 2:35 p.m.	Ending Time: 3:23 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; Adam Peck, Director, Workforce Investment Department; Dan Underwood, Assistant District Attorney, Tulare County District Attorney's Office; Juliet Webb, Director of Human Services, Tulare County Health and Human Services		
Members Absent:	Mary Escarsega-Fechner, Executive Director, C-SET, Inc.; Thomas McGuire, Assistant Public Defender, Tulare County Public Defender's Office; Sherry Pacillas, Director of Court Operations, Tulare County Superior Court; Michael C. Spata, County Administrative Officer; Tulare County Administrative Office; Jim Vidak, Superintendent, Tulare County Office of Education		
County Staff Present:	Marichu Baker, Fiscal Manager, Tulare County Probation Department; Michelle Bonwell, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Tulare County Probation Department; Jessica Grout, Social Worker, Tulare County Public Defender's Office; Cecilia Herrera, Senior Administrative Specialist, Tulare County Administrative Office; Tate Rankin, Division Manager, Tulare County Probation Department; Chris Wenzinger, Captain, Tulare County Sheriff's Office		

Guests Present:	Cory Alvarez, Parole Agent III, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Carla Calhoun, C-SET, Inc.; Raquel Merigian, Parole Agent III, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

		Discussion	Person(s) Responsible
I.	Call to Order	Chief Probation Officer Christie Myer called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m. A quorum was present.	Chief Myer
II.	Introductions	Introductions were made.	Chief Myer
III.	Public Comments	None	
IV.	Announcements	Chief Myer announced that this will be her last Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) meeting, as she will officially be retiring on July 8, 2017, after 40 years with Tulare County.	Chief Myer
V.	Action Items		Chief Myer
a.	Approve CCP Meeting Minutes	Minutes approved without modification, abstention, or opposition.	
	i. February 21, 2017	Motion to approve: Jason Salazar 2 nd : Jason Britt	
b.	Approve Appointment of CCP Member		
	i. Michelle Bonwell	Motion to approve: Jason Britt 2 nd : Lisa Bertolino	
c.	Community Recidivism and Crime Reduction Grant		
	i. Approve Award to Turning Point of Central California	Motion to approve: Jason Britt. 2 nd : Jason Salazar	
	ii. Approve Award to Pro- Youth Heart	Motion to approve: Jason Britt. 2 nd : Jason Salazar	

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iii. Re-issue RFP for remaining balanceV. New Business	Motion to approve: Jason Britt. 2 nd : Jason Salazar	
a. Community Recidivism and Crime Reduction Grant	The Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) has solicited proposals for the Community Recidivism and Crime Reduction Grant on three separate occasions.	Deputy Chief Bonwell
	Allocation FY14-15: \$100,000 Allocation FY15-16: \$50,000 Total Allocation Available: \$150,000	
	1st RFP (#16-049): March 2-March 17, 2016 \$25,000 awarded to Turning Point of Central California	
	2 nd RFP (#17-026): February 27-March 16, 2017 \$25,000 awarded to Turning Point of Central California	
	3 rd RFP (#18-001): April 20-May 5, 2017 \$25,000 awarded to Pro-Youth Heart	
	The CCP will be issuing a 4 th RFP on the remaining balance of \$75,000.	
b. Department Updates		
i. Probation Department	Funding Preliminary reports were received on the realignment monies going forward. These are projections based on the Governor's May revise. The base funding remains the same and there are no anticipated changes for FY 2016-2017. Unfortunately for FY 2017-2018, base funding is likely to receive a reduction in the amount of \$490,168 over the estimated amount however this reduction will not impact the County since the allocation for FY 2017-2018 is estimated to be higher than FY 2016-2017.	Chief Myer
	The proposed growth funding for FY 16-17 is less than the original projections, it decreased by \$373,677. By agreement within the CCP, the growth funding is split between TCSO and Probation. There will be no impact on monies going forward for the other agencies who receive funding, such as the Courts, DA, HHSA, and the Public Defender's Office. There are also monies that the CCP agreed to put into a trust, so that any fluctuations in funding could be absorbed, without impacting any agency's ability to provide services going forward.	

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	AB42 and SB10 Bail Reform These bills are based on the premise that it is unfair to hold people in pre-trial detention based on someone's inability to post bail.	Chief Myer
	Working internally to develop a system that will deal with that at the ECD and LDA. Utilize a validated, non-biased pre-trial risk assessment, which will be purchased. The Arnold Foundation. Pre-Sentence Assessment (PSA). The COMPAS assessment is not as effective at the pre-trial stage, as this assessment is from the Arnold Foundation.	
	Those offenders considered to be low risk, would be able to be released on O/R. Those offenders considered to be low to medium risk, would be able to be released on a low risk supervision caseload. Those offenders considered medium to high risk, would be able to be released on a supervised caseload of EM, GPS, or TAD.	
	A pilot program was conducted from January 2016 to March 2017. 111 felony offenders were released on pre-release supervision. Of the 111 people released on this program, only 2% committed a new offense while out on bail. This is a decent indicator that there is not a great deal of risk involving this population of felons.	
	There is a lot of concern state-wide over the number of misdemeanor offenders who are being held pre-sentence. This is worth further evaluation.	
	Bail reform is inevitable. It is better to stay ahead of the game and be prepared, rather than having to scramble when something is put into place.	
ii. Sheriff's Office	Captain Tim Fosnaugh has been re-assigned to Investigations, so from this point forward, newly appointed Captain Chris Wenzinger will be overseeing detention facilities and attending the CCP meetings.	Captain Fosnaugh
a. Jail Population Report	Inmates In-Custody: 1587 Alternative Housing (SWAP, DRC, Weekend Program): 120	
b. Inmate Classification Software Program	The Northpointe classification program should officially be online within the next 120-160 days.	
c. Sensitive Needs Unit – Pre-Trial Unit	The idea behind this housing unit is to identify all inmates in the jail population that have high medical and high mental health needs and put them under one roof and introduce socialization components. The goal is to prevent the inmates from being isolated and unable to interact with others. This facility has guard rails on the second floor that go up to the ceiling, to	

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	prevent inmates from jumping. Staff in this unit will receive specialized training to understand and know how to deal with the high medical and high mental health needs of the inmates. The other goal is to help prepare inmates for their transition back into society.	
Next Meeting Date:	August 15, 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: Michelle Bonwell, Chief Probation Officer	