



Tulare County Community Corrections Partnership

Minutes – August 15, 2017

Committee Name:	Community Corrections Partnership	Starting Time: 2:33 p.m.	Ending Time: 3:40 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; Michelle Bonwell, Chief Probation Officer (Chair); Mike Boudreaux, Sheriff-Coroner, Tulare County Sheriff’s Office; Jason Britt, Agency Director, Tulare County Health and Human Services; Stephanie Cameron, Court Executive Officer, Tulare County Superior Court; Jason Salazar, Chief of Police, City of Visalia		
Executive Committee Absent:	Tim Ward, District Attorney, Tulare County District Attorney’s Office		
Members Present:	Mary Escarsega-Fechner, Executive Director, C-SET, Inc.; Thomas McGuire, Assistant Public Defender, Tulare County Public Defender’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; Chris Wenzinger, Captain, Tulare County Sheriff’s Office		
Members Absent:	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:	Sophia Almanza, Deputy CAO of Budget & Finance, County Administrative Office; Marichu Baker, Fiscal Manager, Tulare County Probation Department; Keith Douglass, Assistant Sheriff, Tulare County Sheriff’s Office; 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; Mike Santos, Supervising Probation Officer, Tulare County Probation Department; Danny Serpa, Supervising Probation Officer, Tulare County Probation Department		

Guests Present:	Honorable Brett Alldredge, Judge, Tulare County Superior Court; Carla Calhoun, C-SET, Inc.; Matt Johnson, Business Resource Specialist, Employment Connection; Araceli Olivares, Program Manager, B.I.; Craig Plath, Director, Employment Connection
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I. Call to Order	Chief Probation Officer Michelle Bonwell called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m. A quorum was present.	Chief Bonwell
II. Introductions	Introductions were made.	Chief Bonwell
III. Public Comments	Judge Alldredge thanked the committee on behalf of LaRayne Cleek.	Judge Alldredge
IV. Announcements	Sheriff Boudreaux announced the promotions of Keith Douglass to Assistant Sheriff, and Chris Wenzinger to Captain.	Sheriff Boudreaux
V. Action Items a. Approve CCP Meeting Minutes i. May 16, 2017 b. Approve Appointment of CCP Member i. Chris Wenzinger c. Approve Appointment of CCP Executive Member i. Stephanie Cameron d. Approve Estimated Base Funding Distribution	Minutes approved without modification, abstention, or opposition. Motion to approve: Jason Salazar 2 nd : Mike Boudreaux Motion to approve: Jason Salazar 2 nd : Mike Boudreaux Motion to approve: Jason Salazar 2 nd : Mike Boudreaux The estimated base funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 17-18, based on what was received from the Governor's Office, is \$17,006,436.	Chief Bonwell

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<p>e. Approve Estimated Growth Funding Distribution</p>	<p>For FY 17-18, the estimated base funding is proposed to be distributed as follows: HHSa Inmate Health Care: \$1,000,000 Pre-Trial Courts: \$588,835 The remaining balance will be shared equally by the Sheriff’s Office and the Probation Department.</p> <p>Since the base funding for FY 17-18 is just an estimate at this time, actual amount of allocation may change when the final amount of FY 16-17 Growth Funding is determined sometime in October 2017. Any changes in the Base Allocation will be shared by the Probation Department and the Sheriff’s Office 50-50.</p> <p>The recommendation is for the committee approve the estimated base funding distribution, as outlined above.</p> <p>Motion to approve: Jason Salazar 2nd: Jason Britt</p> <p>For FY16-17, the growth funding for Tulare County, is estimated to be \$268,309, which is \$319,211 lower than the previous fiscal year. Pursuant to Government Code Section 30029.09, 10 percent of this funding will be deposited in the local innovation fund. The balance available is projected to be \$241,478.10. These are just estimates and the final amount will be determined sometime in October.</p> <p>It is proposed that the growth funding for FY16-17, net the 10 percent allocation required to be placed in a local innovation fund, be distributed equally between the Sheriff’s Office, and the Probation Department, which is consistent with the historical split of prior year growth funding. It would be approximately \$120,739.05.</p> <p>It was mentioned that if part of the funding is being reduced because of a lack of funding, then that cannot be controlled. However, if the funding is being reduced because of performance, it would be really important to know what that criteria is, as that is the only way it can be worked on to try to improve for the next year.</p> <p>The formula was previously presented at a CCP meeting, to help explain the breakdown of funding. Chief Bonwell advised that she will send an explanation of the Growth Funding Formula to the CCP Executive Committee.</p> <p>Motion to approve: Jason Salazar: 2nd: Lisa Bertolino</p> <p>Motion to approve all action items listed above: Mike Boudreaux 2nd: Jason Britt</p>	

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<p>VI. New Business</p> <p>a. Department Updates</p> <p>i. Probation Department</p>	<p><u>Public Safety Realignment Plan Update</u> The Public Safety Realignment Plan has not been updated since 2013. A point-person will be designated from each agency to work on this project. The hope is to have a draft prepared by the next CCP meeting.</p> <p><u>AB 109 Report Update</u> Tate Rankin pointed to the recidivism rates of the PRCS population and the 1170 population. The 1170 recidivism rate has gradually surpassed that of the PRCS population. It is believed this is because of drug use, as typically those who receive split sentences don't serve long sentences in custody, and they tend to return to their drug habits, if not addressed immediately.</p> <p>In recent months, the Probation Department has been working closely with the Sheriff's Office to not only increase the amount of programming in custody, but also to continue programming for those who have been released from custody.</p> <p>Judge Alldredge asked if statistics were available for pre and post AB 109, as they would be helpful in assessing Tulare County progress. Statistics on those individuals sentenced to splits who would have otherwise been sent to state prison would also be helpful.</p> <p>Jason Salazar praised the Police Probation Partnership, and added that funding has been taken away from municipalities since AB 109. There is concern about the potential loss of more funding.</p> <p>Sheriff Boudreaux spoke about what he calls the "Prop 47 Tsunami". The jail population numbers drastically declined initially, but they have gradually increased, and now they are seeing extremely high numbers, and are almost at full capacity.</p> <p>Sheriff Boudreaux also mentioned how great the mental health challenges are for his department. Housing those with mental health challenges is difficult, and there is an increased risk for the safety of his staff as well.</p> <p>Tate Rankin stated that the Probation Department is working with drug treatment providers to evaluate program effectiveness.</p>	<p>Chief Bonwell</p>

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	<p>Jason Britt commented that there are some individuals with drug-induced mental illnesses, and the treatments are not working on them. They may exhibit a mental illness but no longer have the cognitive development left to be fixed. Some of these individuals should reside in a locked facility, but there is a shortage of locked facilities available.</p> <p>Judge Alldredge noted that the theory behind split sentencing is that there are resources available that will be successful within a certain population.</p> <p>60% of the jail population is receiving some kind of mental health treatment. This is a high percentage. Sheriff Boudreaux would like to know if there is something his department can do to assist with that population and their specific needs.</p> <p>Jason Britt mentioned that unfortunately, there is a serious lack of treatment providers available in this area.</p> <p><u>PRCS Update</u> Mike Santos said that on average, since January 2017, there have been about 19 PRCS releases per month. In July, there were 31 prison releases.</p> <p><u>1170 Update</u> Danny Serpa is involved with “Avenues to Success”, which is an in-custody program. As individuals transition out-of-custody, they are referred to the RESET program, which is a voluntary job-readiness program. It is a partnership with the Tulare County Workforce Investment Board, wherein six (6) professionals are assigned to help probationers find gainful employment, specifically, something one can support a family on.</p> <p>Since the start of this program in May of 2014, 422 probationers have successfully completed the program, and over 200 have obtained employment. Many of them are still employed at the same place.</p> <p>The objective is to help reduce recidivism rates. There were only 11% who were actually convicted of a new offense, which is significantly lower than the general population recidivism rate, which is around 33%.</p> <p>Matt Johnson with the Employment Connection shared a success story about a probationer that they assisted to find work. He had been convicted of a serious charge, but once he found employment, became very successful and was even an example to others as to how to turn one’s life around.</p>	

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<p>ii.Sheriff's Office</p> <p>a. Jail Population Report</p> <p>b. Sensitive Needs Unit – Pre-Trial Unit</p> <p>c. Inmate Classification Software Program</p> <p>d. South County Day Reporting Center</p>	<p>Average Daily Population: ~ 1700</p> <p>The Sensitive Needs Unit, also known as Transitional Housing, is where inmates receive therapy sessions in a group setting. Even the staff receive specialized training on how to handle this population.</p> <p>The Northpointe Classification system is a points-based system. It changes how individuals are housed. Previously, rival gang members were housed separately. Under the new classification system, they could potentially be housed in the same unit, so long as they are not housed in the same cell. The idea is to work on behavior modification through this points-based system.</p> <p>The Day Reporting Center is a voluntary alternative sentencing program where inmates are working in various places. They are currently exploring refurbishing a building, which will become the South County Day Reporting Center.</p>	<p>Captain Wenzinger</p>
<p>Next Meeting Date:</p>	<p>November 21, 2017 at 2:30 PM at the Professional Development Center (PDC) – 4031 West Noble Avenue, Visalia, California 93291</p>	<p>Chief Bonwell</p>
<p>Minutes Prepared By:</p>	<p>Amy Story</p>	
<p>MINUTES READ/APPROVED BY: Michelle Bonwell, Chief Probation Officer</p>		