



Tulare County Community Corrections Partnership

Minutes – November 15, 2016

Committee Name:	Community Corrections Partnership	Starting Time: 2:34 p.m.	Ending Time: 3:15 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; Mike Boudreaux, Sheriff-Coroner, Tulare County Sheriff’s Office; Cheryl L. Duerksen, Ph.D., 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:	LaRayne Cleek, Court Executive Officer, Tulare County Superior Court; Tim Ward, District Attorney, Tulare County District Attorney’s Office		
Members Present:	Jason Britt, Public Health Director, Tulare County Health and Human Services; 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		
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 County Administrative Officer; Marichu Baker, Fiscal Manager, Tulare County Probation Department; Michelle Bonwell, Division Manager, Tulare County Probation Department; Cecilia Herrera, Senior Administrative Specialist, Tulare County Administrative Office; Tate Rankin, Division Manager, Tulare County Probation Department; Amy Story, Staff Services Analyst, Tulare County Probation Department; Bertha Villalpando, Inmate Programs Supervisor, Tulare County Sheriff’s Office		

Guests Present:	Christina Garibay, Case Manager, BI Inc.; Perry Phipps, Captain, Visalia Police Department
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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	There is a Prop 47 Grant Program Proposal available for Non-Profit Agencies to provide Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and other forms of treatment.	Chief Myer
V. Action Items		Chief Myer
a. Approve CCP Meeting Minutes i. August 16, 2016	Minutes approved without modification, abstention, or opposition. Motion to approve: Lisa Bertolino-Muetting. 2 nd : Cheryl Duerksen	
b. Determine Disposition of \$544,419.45 in Excess Base Allocation from 2015/2016.	<p>The projected base allocation funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 15/16 was based on an estimate of sales tax revenues from the year prior (October 2014), at \$15,331,440.</p> <p>During the May revise, the base funding allocation came in at \$15,875,860, based upon an increase in sales tax revenues. This created an excess of \$544,419.45.</p> <p>Chief Myer recommends that it be left in the Trust, in anticipation of a reduction in the base funding for FY 16/17. Not only do the formulas change for this funding, but the County is also anticipating a reduction based upon the reduced growth funding received for FY 15/16. The base funding for FY 16/17 will be calculated by adding the prior year's base funding with the growth funding.</p> <p>If the FY 16/17 base funding will be reduced, rather than having any impact on all of the existing partners in the amount of money they receive (which has happened in the past), it is recommended that the \$544,419.45 base funding be left in the Trust and allow it to offset any reductions in the base funding going forward. By doing this, the agencies should then</p>	Chief Myer

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<p>b. Determine Disposition of \$544,419.45 in Excess Base Allocation from 2015/2016. (continued)</p>	<p>not be impacted at all by any reductions in funding.</p> <p>Sheriff Boudreaux expressed concerns that the state might see that some of the money has not been spent and potentially take it back. Chief Myer clarified that the recommendation to save the money to allow for adjustments in funding came directly from the Governor's Office. The Governor believes it is a prudent thing to do.</p> <p>It was recommended that the money be placed in the Trust with the general committee overseeing it, and discussing it at ongoing meetings regarding any changes that the committee is made aware of, and if so, what might need to be done about it.</p> <p>Motion to approve: Mike Boudreaux. 2nd: Lisa Bertolino-Mueting</p>	<p>Chief Myer</p>
<p>c. Determine Disposition of \$587,520 in Growth Funding for 2015/2016.</p>	<p>The growth funding for FY 15/16 is \$587,519.87. This is a reduction that will impact the base funding going forward. It is Chief Myer's recommendation that the money be split between Probation and the Sheriff's Office, which is consistent with the typical 50/50 split in base funding, less monies allocated to HHSA, as well as Pre-Trial.</p> <p>Under the new avenues to success or the continuum of care involving jail programming, offenders will be placed on GPS monitoring for the last 1/3 of their sentence, if they successfully completed their in-custody programming. BI will need to be prepared as there will be an increase in the number of monitors needed. Offenders will either be in DRC or under the supervision of Probation, with respect to employment and/or educational opportunities. They would then be released on Probation.</p> <p>Offenders have not previously had the opportunity to serve the last 1/3 of their sentence out in the community. This appears to be a very effective means of monitoring individuals, while at the same time protecting the community, and mitigating any liability in having individuals serve the last 1/3 of their sentence out in the community.</p> <p>The Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) meets weekly. Numerous County partners are involved in this. They are doing assessments, needs, and case management on inmates, which has never really been done before collectively, as one unit. It is growing and is expected to get even bigger. This will all be behavior-based. Part of the continuum of care involves working on employment connections on the front end so that it is set up and ready upon their release.</p> <p>Some high-risk individuals that have historically not done well, have seen how this has been effective for others and have since volunteered to be involved with this, in the hopes that they will now do well.</p>	<p>Chief Myer</p> <p>Tim Fosnaugh</p>

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<p>c. Determine Disposition of \$587,520 in Growth Funding for 2015/2016. (continued)</p>	<p>A Pre-Trial Unit has been designated as a Programs Unit. It has 2 classrooms within it. More programming can be done because of the classroom space. Inmates have been transitioned from other County facilities for this programming because of the assessment results, and volunteers that want to be a part of this program. At the Bob Wiley Detention Facility, in one unit, based on necessity and classifications, people have been shifted around, to have a greater candidate pool for the program to extract from. This is currently a 50 person unit. At some point, more beds will be needed, but this is a good place to start.</p> <p>Doing this is a pro-active thing. There are no other counties in the state doing this. There are 4 other counties looking to Tulare County to see what is being done, in the hopes of helping to change their own programming.</p> <p>The inmate programming workers are very excited about this. This much support has never been received before. Everyone is coming together to do everything possible to make this work. An assessment is done at the front end, and a review is done three months prior to the inmate's release, and another review is done again one month prior to the inmate's release, to make sure all i's are dotted and all t's are crossed. Everyone's hard work is appreciated to help make this successful.</p> <p>Motion to approve: Jason Salazar. 2nd: Lisa Bertolino-Muetting</p>	<p>Tim Fosnaugh</p> <p>Mike Boudreaux</p> <p>Bertha Villalpando</p>
<p>d. Approve Training Expenditures Not to Exceed \$3,500 for Attendance by Six Persons at the Stepping Up California Summit.</p>	<p>This is an opportunity for local inter-agency teams to engage with diverse experts and peers from around the state to advance County plans to safely reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jail.</p> <p>Because the mentally ill are an active part of the 1170 and AB 109 population, it would be appropriate to pay for this out of the planning and training monies received every year.</p> <p>Motion to approve: Cheryl Duerksen. 2nd: Mike Boudreaux</p>	<p>Christie Myer</p>
<p>VI. New Business</p> <p>a. Department Updates</p> <p>i. Probation Department</p>		

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a. AB 109 Report	Tulare County continues to run a commitment rate of 33.2% on the 1170 straight sentences, which is well below the state average. The Superior Court bench has tried to avoid the use of straight sentences, if at all possible, as they have been found to be somewhat counter-productive.	Christie Myer
a. AB 109 Report (continued)	<p>Unfortunately, we have a 37.2% recidivism rate on these individual 1170 defendants, although it has gone down from last month. We are hoping the continuum of care and avenues to success will have a positive impact on the re-arrest or re-conviction rate of these offenders going forward.</p> <p>When compared statewide, the County has a reputation for having done extremely well in this area. It was requested that data comparisons to other counties be brought to the next meeting.</p>	Christie Myer
ii. Sheriff's Office		
a. Jail Population Report	<p>Current population for all 4 facilities is approximately 1,562.</p> <p>Average population from January 2016 to the present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 2016 – 1,480 February 2016 – 1,506 March – 1,562 April – 1,608 May – 1,609 June – 1,588 July – 1,600 August – 1,594 September – 1,624 October – 1,575 <p>It is really good to have open beds. It shows that the population is being managed well, whether it be through Electronic Monitoring or DRC. This gives us the ability to do more within our facilities now because we are not busting at the seams.</p>	Tim Fosnaugh
b. Avenues to Success	<p>The Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) began meeting in August. There were a few bumps in the road, that because of all the people helping, they were able to overcome them. The team has representatives from various County agencies/partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corizon (Mental Health services provider) Employment Connection HHSA 	Bertha Villalpando

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b. Avenues to Success (continued)	<p>Probation Public Defender's Office TCSO</p> <p>The inmates are reviewed 3 times. They assess their needs, whether it be housing, substance abuse, employment, etc. They then set up goals for them, and how to achieve them, including family re-unification.</p> <p>Vocational training also takes place in the facilities, outside of the MDT. At the Men's Correctional Facility, they can receive their full Forklift Training Certificate. This is just one of many of the vocational skills taught at the facilities.</p>	<p>Bertha Villalpando</p> <p>Tim Fosnaugh</p>
Next Meeting Date:	February 21, 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		