



Tulare County Community Corrections Partnership

Zoom Minutes – June 8, 2022

Committee Name:	Community Corrections Partnership	Starting Time: 10:01 a.m.	Ending Time: 10:34 a.m.
Place:	Zoom		
Executive Committee Present:	Michelle Bonwell, Chief Probation Officer (Chair); Erin Brooks, Public Defender, Tulare County Public Defender’s Office; Stephanie Cameron, Court Executive Officer, Tulare County Superior Court		
Executive Committee Absent:	Mike Boudreaux, Sheriff, Tulare County Sheriff’s Office; Tim Lutz, Director, Tulare County Health and Human Services; Jason Salazar, Chief of Police, City of Visalia; Tim Ward, District Attorney, Tulare County District Attorney’s Office		
Members Present:	Candido Alvarez, Captain, Visalia Police Department; Mary Escarsega-Fechner, Executive Director, C-SET, Inc.; Mark Gist, Assistant Sheriff, Tulare County Sheriff’s Office; Tim Rote, Assistant Public Defender, Public Defender’s Office; Dan Underwood, Chief Deputy District Attorney, Tulare County District Attorney’s Office		
Members Absent:	Jason T. Britt, County Administrative Officer, Tulare County Administrative Office; Tim Hire, Superintendent, Tulare County Office of Education; Sherry Pacillas, Director of Court Operations, Tulare County Superior Court; Adam Peck, Director, Workforce Investment Board		
County Staff Present:	Robert Hernandez, Senior Administrative Analyst, Tulare County Administrative Office; Brian Kern, Division Manager, Tulare County Probation Department; Harold Liles, Captain, Tulare County Sheriff’s Office; Margarita Luna, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Tulare County Probation Department; Shannon Ormonde, Division Manager, Tulare County Probation Department; Amy Story, Staff Services Analyst, Tulare County Probation Department		
Guests Present:	Judge Juliet Boccone, Tulare County Superior Court		

	Discussion	Person(s) Responsible
I. Call to Order	<p>Chief Bonwell called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.</p> <p>There was not a quorum present.</p>	Chief Bonwell
II. Announcements	<p>Erin Brooks announced that the Public Defender’s Office has restructured some positions. Instead of having a Deputy Chief Public Defender, they will now have an Assistant Chief Public Defender, and that person will split their time between Porterville and Visalia.</p> <p>Chief Bonwell announced that there should be an Open House this summer for the Connections North Center. They are currently working on final touches and furniture, but when it is complete, she will send out a notification regarding an Open House.</p>	<p>Erin Brooks</p> <p>Chief Bonwell</p>
III. Action Items a. Approve CCP Minutes i. March 23, 2022 (Zoom)	<p>The Minutes will be moved to the next meeting for approval, as there was not a quorum present.</p>	Chief Bonwell
IV. New Business a. Court Update b. Sheriff’s Office Update	<p>Stephanie Cameron mentioned that as of June 30th, the Court will no longer be allowed to hold remote proceedings. They are working diligently to try to get some new legislature passed before June 30th, as remote proceedings are very helpful.</p> <p>She also spoke about the changes to Court holidays this year. Governor Newsom passed a law, removing the holiday of Columbus Day, which was in October, which means the Court will no longer be closed that day. Governor Newsom also passed a new law recognizing Native American Day, which will land on the 4th Friday in September. This year, that lands on September 23, which means the Court will be closed that day.</p> <p>Mark Gist mentioned that the average daily population for the three jail facilities is around 1200.</p> <p>He also said that there are still CDC mandates regarding Covid that are affecting the jails.</p> <p>Mark Gist also told the CCP that construction of the new jail has been delayed to November.</p>	<p>Stephanie Cameron</p> <p>Mark Gist</p>

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<p>b. Sheriff's Office Update (continued)</p> <p>c. Probation Department Update</p>	<p>As of July 1st, there will be a jail-based competency program. The Sheriff's Office will be working with Tulare County Mental Health. Individuals will be housed at the Pretrial facility.</p> <p>Also on July 1st, there will be a new Mental Health vendor. Precision is the name of the new vendor, and they will be collaborating with Kaweah Health to provide mental health services to both adults and juveniles. These services will be face-to-face.</p> <p>Shannon Ormonde presented on the Pretrial Division.</p> <p>The Pretrial Assessment Unit is completing approximately 16 assessments per day. This is a unit that works 7 days per week, 365 days per year.</p> <p>She wanted to note that the verbiage of "Detain" is no longer to be used. From now on, the new verbiage is "If Released, Intensive Supervision".</p> <p>In regards to the Pretrial Monitoring Unit, there has been a steady increase of those released on SORR (Supervised Own Recognizance Release). In May, there were over 500 individuals on SORR.</p> <p>Shannon Ormonde stated that almost 16% of total releases include utilizing EM (Electronic Monitoring) devices.</p> <p>Just over 86% of those released on SORR actually reported in to an officer, which is consistent with past years.</p> <p>For those on PML (Pretrial Monitoring Level) 1, 81% were likely to appear in Court. For those on PML 2, 72% were likely to appear in Court. For those on PML 3, 65% were likely to appear in Court.</p> <p>Shannon Ormonde also mentioned that there is a very high percentage of individuals on SORR that remain arrest-free.</p> <p>Brian Kern presented on the PRCS (Post-Release Community Supervision) population and 1170 populations. In the presentation he mentioned that emergency releases from prison due to Covid, have stopped.</p> <p>Recidivism rates for the PRCS population continue to drop.</p>	<p>Mark Gist</p> <p>Shannon Ormonde</p> <p>Brian Kern</p>

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<p>c. Probation Department Update (continued)</p> <p>d. Requests</p>	<p>Brian Kern said there are more successful PRCS completions than unsuccessful completions. He said that that may improve even more with the Connections Center being up and running.</p> <p>He also stated that Probation is working with HHSA to get more involved with individuals prior to their release from prison (such as arranging housing for those who are homeless).</p> <p>In regards to the 1170 population, Brian Kern said that the population numbers continue to decline, which they have been doing pretty much since 2019.</p> <p>Recidivism rates continue to drop for the 1170 population.</p> <p>As far as 1170 closures go, the Probation Department is trying to look at the criminogenic needs of individuals and possibly get them involved in more services to help improve successful closure rates.</p> <p>Brian Kern spoke on the Data Workgroup. He mentioned that they meet monthly and they are looking at the data each agency has and the data that can be shared amongst the agencies. They are looking at shared goals.</p> <p>Chief Bonwell spoke in regards to the CCP Grant. She is still looking at what other counties have done. When she has more data, she will share it with the CCP group.</p> <p>Chief Bonwell said that Shannon Ormonde would be looking for contacts from the different agencies who might be interested in a 6-series training regarding APPR.</p> <p>She also mentioned that the Probation Department is looking into have a validation study done. A vendor has reached out, but she wants to look at the goals of the county first.</p> <p>Judge Boccone requested that when more information is available in regards to the new competency program, that it be placed on the agenda and discussed at the next CCP meeting.</p>	<p>Brian Kern</p> <p>Chief Bonwell</p> <p>Judge Boccone</p>
<p>Next Meeting Date:</p>	<p>September 14, 2022 via Zoom</p>	<p>Chief Bonwell</p>
<p>Minutes Prepared By:</p>	<p>Amy Story, Staff Services Analyst</p>	
<p>MINUTES READ / APPROVED BY: Margarita Luna, Deputy Chief Probation Officer</p>		