



Tulare County Community Corrections Partnership

Minutes – November 13, 2023

| Committee Name: | Community Corrections Partnership | Starting Time: 01:58 p.m. | Ending Time: 02:16 p.m. |
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| Place: | Probation Headquarters – Administration Conference Room | | |
| Executive Committee Present: | Kelly Vernon, Chief Probation Officer (Chair), Tulare County Probation Department; 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; Donna Ortiz, 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: | Mark Gist, Assistant Sheriff, Tulare County Sheriff’s Office; Adam Peck, Director, Workforce Investment Board; Andy Swarthout, Captain, City of Visalia; Dan Underwood, Chief Deputy District Attorney, Tulare County District Attorney’s Office | | |
| Members Absent: | Jason T. Britt, County Administrative Officer, Tulare County Administrative Office; Mary Escarsega-Fechner, Executive Director, C-SET, Inc; Tim Hire, Superintendent, Tulare County Office of Education; Sherry Pacillas, Director of Court Operations, Tulare County Superior Court; Ron Westphal, Assistant Public Defender, Tulare County Public Defender’s Office | | |
| County Staff Present: | LeAnne Williams, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Tulare County Probation Department; Robert Hernandez, Senior Administrative Analyst, Tulare County Administrative Office; Jennifer Noel, Staff Services Analyst, Tulare County Probation Department; Karishma Fazalbhoy, Supervising Staff Services Analyst, Tulare County Probation Department; Natalie Bolin, Mental Health Director, Tulare County Health and Human Services; Susanna Reyes, Program Manager, Tulare County Sheriff’s Office | | |

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| Guests Present: | |
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| I. Call to Order | Chief Vernon called the meeting to order at 1:58 p.m. There was a quorum present. | Chief Vernon |
| II. Announcements | | |
| III. New Business | <p>Assistant Chief Williams gave an update on Probation. Geo-Solutions has staff housed at Probation Headquarters. Geo-Solutions provides a variety of services to probation clients. This takes some of the pressure off the Probation Officers regarding supervision.</p> <p>Starting in December, B.I., Inc. will help with electronic monitoring. Staff will help monitor clients and will also assist with putting the monitors on and removing them. B.I., Inc. staff will be located at Probation Headquarters and at both the North and South County facilities to assist Remand and SORR clients with Electronic Monitors.</p> <p>Probation is continually working on expanding the services offered at Connections and looking for new ways to serve clients while keeping Officers out in the field.</p> | Assistant Chief Williams |

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| <p>IV. Action Items</p> <p>a. Approve CCP Minutes</p> <p>1. August 21, 2023</p> <p>b. Approve Distribution of FY23-24 CCP Funding</p> <p>2. Funding for Public Defender and District Attorney</p> | <p>Motion to approve: Mark Gist. 2nd: Stephanie Cameron.</p> <p>The action was unanimously approved.</p> <p>Motion to approve: Mark Gist: 2nd: Natalie Bolin for Donna Ortiz</p> <p>The action was unanimously approved.</p> <p>Exact numbers have not been given by the State, however; projections have been built out based on prior years' funding and what the budget was at the May revision. For FY 2023-2024 and onward, it was proposed to go back to the prior way funds were distributed; 50% to Probation and 50% to the Sheriff. The amount the District Attorney and Public Defender receive would come out of the Probation's portion of the funds and the dollar amount would not change.</p> <p>The Public Defender voiced concerns over the percentage of funds they receive remaining the same even if the State allocated funds increase. Assistant Chief Williams explained the CCP funds were initially designed for Probation and Sheriff to handle the influx of inmates. It is not a requirement to give funds to other agencies. Additionally, the Public Defender receives separate AB 109 funding from the state. If the Public Defender or District Attorney needed more funds from the CCP, they would have the opportunity to present their funding needs to the board, and it could be voted on. The need for additional funds would have to directly support the population being served with the CCP funds.</p> | <p>Chief Vernon</p> |

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| c. Approve CCP Plan for FY23-24 | Motion to approve: Stephanie Cameron. 2 nd : Mark Gist. The action was unanimously approved. | |
| Next Meeting Date: | February 5, 2024 | Chief Vernon |
| Minutes Prepared By: | Jennifer Noel, Staff Services Analyst | |
| MINUTES READ / APPROVED BY: Kelly Vernon, Chief Probation Officer | | |