

Minutes
Fresno County
Community Corrections Partnership Meeting
Monday, March 11, 2019
1:30 PM

Room 301, Hall of Records
2281 Tulare St
Fresno, CA 93721

A. Call meeting to order

The Community Corrections Partnership meeting was called to order by Chief Haynes at 1:32 p.m.

DA Smittcamp will not be present for this meeting. Business Manager Steve Rusconi will sit in for her, however; he will not be able to vote.

The following CCP Executive Board Members were present at the start of the meeting: Chief Kirk Haynes, Public Defender Elizabeth Diaz, CEO Sheran Morton and Sheriff Margaret Mims.

B. Approval of minutes from the December 10, 2018 meeting

Public comment held. None received.

Chief Haynes asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the December 10, 2018 meeting.

Motioned by: Sheriff Mims

Seconded by: Public Defender Diaz

Ayes: Chief Haynes, Public Defender Diaz, CEO Morton, Sheriff Mims

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absentees: Chief Dyer; Director Utecht; D.A. Smittcamp

Motion passes.

C. Announcements

None received.

D. Consent Items

1. Receive vacancy / position control report
2. Approve the City of Reedley's request for additional funding for an existing ACT Officer position

Public comment held. None received.

Motioned by: Sheriff Mims

Seconded by: Chief Dyer

Ayes: Chief Haynes, Public Defender Diaz, CEO Morton, Sheriff Mims, Chief Dyer

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absentees: Director Utecht; D.A. Smittcamp

Motion passes.

E. Receive Presentation on the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission's Valley Apprenticeship Connections program.

Probation Services Manager Bryan Crump introduces Mr. Oliver Baines for this presentation.

Oliver Baines, founder of the Valley Apprenticeship Connections Program (VAC), provides a bit of information to the CCP. Mr. Baines' vision behind Valley Apprenticeship Connections Program was that he wanted a program that would intentionally serve those that are hardest to serve. The Valley Apprenticeship Program is in its first year of operation. The numbers are a little low this year, which is typical for the first year of the program.

Amalia Martinez is before the CCP to present has been in operation since 2016. As a result of the success, the VAC developed a number of additional partners this year. The partnerships include:

- Fresno County Probation
- Economic Development Corporation
- Department of Social Services
- State Center Community College District
- Fresno Housing Authority
- Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board

There has been 125 completions of this program. Total job placements has been 100. If students can successfully complete the program, they become excellent candidates for contactors in the various construction industries. More importantly, they will have a self-sustaining wage.

Expectations of students while in the program:

- 12 week, unpaid training
- Students are to report at 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Students are to present themselves to training 15 minutes early to prepare them for actual job placement
- Cell phones are not allowed, in order to prevent distraction
- Daily attendance and punctuality are required
- Can miss only 3 days or 3 tardies
- California Driver's License is required
- There are tutorial services provided for those who have not scored above an 8th grade level
- Behavior and attitude are important
- No gang colors allowed
- Construction gear is what should be worn

When working in the construction industry, random drug testing is done therefore; the VAC also performs random drug testing. Some of the challenges faced: referrals and enrollments are usually low for the first year of the program.

Total of numbers referred:

1st cohort

33 enrollments
15 attended orientation
13 enrolled
5 completed
4 obtained employment

2nd Cohort

31 referrals
15 attended orientation
9 enrolled
6 completed

3rd cohort

35 referrals

14 attending orientation

Outreach liaison was added to the program assigned 3 days per week to assist Probation Officers with the referral process.

The VAC also assists students with DMV fees for Drivers Licenses, which has increased participation. Students must have 100 percent participation and zero tardies in order to receive assistance.

Currently have 2 students who volunteer through the weekend. One of them has received multiple job offers He is looking at becoming a carpenter.

Each class has a capacity of 25 students with classes running every 3 months. There are currently 11 students.

John Her, program volunteer, says he has been approached by many who are interested in his work and where he is being trained. Mr. Her says the program is a good one that offers a 2nd chance and an opportunity to give back to the community.

Torrine Finn, program volunteer, says it is hard for felons to get a job and when an inmate gets out of custody, lack of opportunity contributes to recidivism. Torrine says the program is beautiful and provides him an opportunity to do what he's long desired to do.

Public Comment held. None received.

F. Receive Fiscal Year 2018-19 Second Quarter Fiscal Report

Probation Administrative Services Director Greg Reinke is before the CCP to provide the 2nd Quarter Fiscal Report.

2nd quarter report:

The CCP had an allocation of \$45 million; \$24.6 million was spent for the first 2 quarters, which represents approximately 45%.

Each program was asked to provide estimates for the third and fourth quarter expenditures, in order to provide a picture of what it would look like at the end of the year.

The allocation was approximately \$45 million. We will spend an estimated \$42.2 million with a fund balance of approximately \$2.8 million, spending approximately 94 percent of the funds.

With the current fund balance, we began the Fiscal Year with \$24.3 million. Based on our base allocation and growth allocation, we are expected to receive approximately \$40.4 million. Based on the estimated expenditures of \$42.2 million, we would reduce our fund balance of \$1.8 million with an estimated fund balance of \$22.6 million.

In prior years the fund balance has always gone up, mainly due to programs beginning and vacancies. Due to the percentage of allocations going up, we are gradually spending more.

This is an estimate; the amounts could be higher or lower.

Public Comment Held. None received.

- G. Approve the Public Defender's request for additional funding for the Social Worker Unit (two additional positions – one Supervising Social Worker and one Defense Social Worker)

Antionette Taillac, Assistant Public Defender; Miguel Lopez, Chief of Felony Team, and Cheri Yau, Business Manager, are before the CCP.

The Public Defender's Office is requesting funding for Fiscal Year 2019-20 for one Defense Social Work Supervisor and one Defense Social Worker I, in order to expand on successful efforts of the three previously approved Defense Social Worker positions; two of them funded by the CCP.

The Social Worker Unit is a new unit within the Public Defender's office. In January 2018, the program began with the hiring of one social worker and the 2nd Social Worker was hired in March. The Public Defender's Office is in the process of hiring for the third vacant Defense Social Worker position, which would be funded through Net County Cost.

The Social Worker Unit provides detailed assessments of clients and develops treatment plans for them. These treatment plans are provided

to the Court, the District Attorney's Office and the Probation Department at the time of sentencing.

Currently, they are live in 11 criminal courts. If approved, the plan with these 2 additional positions is to be able to go into all the felony and criminal courtrooms.

The total cost for this request is \$222,862. This is the cost for the combined salaries & benefits and all costs related to these positions.

Public Comment. None received.

Motioned by: Chief Dyer

Seconded by: Sheriff Mims

Ayes: Chief Haynes, Public Defender Diaz, CEO Morton, Sheriff Mims, Chief Dyer

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absentees: Director Utecht; D.A. Smittcamp

Motion Passes.

H. Approve additional funding for the Transitional Housing Program

Division Director David Ruiz, Probation Services Manager Manuel Silva and Administrative Services Division Director Greg Reinke, are before the CCP.

The Fresno County Probation Department is requesting an increase for funding for the contracted transitional housing services provided by Turning Point of Central California (TPOCC). A total of \$600,000 has been allocated for transitional housing in Fiscal Year 2018-19. The request for additional funding is due to the costs per bed per day, increasing. The cost from the previous agreement was \$64 per day. The new rates are \$363.06 for 1-10 beds, \$193.63 for 11-20 beds, \$126.28 for 21-30 beds, \$90.97 for 31-40 beds, and \$67.55 for 41-50 beds. Additional funding is being requested based on need and in order to get the most efficient price per bed per day.

TPOCC is currently serving 25 individuals. This request would increase the ability to serve 50. The current average for individuals on the waiting list is 50-60 people.

The CCP's approval of this item would allow TPOCC to receive funding and expand this program/agreement.

Public Comment Held. None Received.

Motioned by: Public Defender Diaz

Seconded by: Chief Dyer

Ayes: Chief Haynes, Public Defender Diaz, CEO Morton, Sheriff Mims, Chief Dyer

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absentees: Director Utecht; D.A. Smittcamp

Motion passes.

I. Receive verbal reports and approve recommendations (if any), from the CCP Subcommittees

○ Resources Development

Probation Services Manager Melanie Johnson is before the CCP

The subcommittee was unable to meet, however, a meeting is scheduled to be held in March. The subcommittee will also consult with UCCI and will have further information at the next scheduled CCP meeting.

Public Comment held. None received.

○ Research, Evaluation and Technology

Division Director Lori Willits and Senior Business Systems Analyst David Touma are before the CCP.

Note: Ms. Willits was recently promoted, therefore, this may be her last CCP presentation for a while.

Director Willits provides an overview of the survey completed by the CCP Executive Members. The report shows the CCP wants a quarterly report.

There has been movement in the County for data source, therefore, the committee would like to reach out to Fresno County's Internal Services Department (ISD) to sit on this subcommittee.

David Touma shares that all our systems currently have unique identifiers however, we need one master identifier. The County Data Share concept is like a data share warehouse. This system would create a unique identifier. By combining all the ID info, this subcommittee would be able to form one ID. The concept is to develop one master Identifier in order to see what issues need to be addressed.

An example of one practical use: each quarter this subcommittee measures the number of individuals sent to state prison. If the subcommittee could identify why these individuals are being arrested and what the crimes are, this would help determine and build a supervision and case plan accordingly.

The next step for the subcommittee is to meet and work with ISD.

Public Comment Held. None Received.

- Fiscal / Audit –
Administrative Services Division Director Greg Reinke is before the CCP. The Fiscal/Audit Committee has not met but will return in June with a recommendation of direction regarding the 2019-2020 budget items.

Currently there is a bid out for a contracted Fiscal Audit.

Public Comment held. None received.

- Victim's Mandates
Probation Services Manager Karen Roach is before the CCP.

The Victim Mandates Subcommittee has not had the opportunity to meet. There is a tentatively scheduled meeting within the next few weeks. Will be able to provide an update.

Nation Crime Victims' Rights Week begins on April 7th. There will be a quilt unveiling this year. All county notices have gone out. Karen invites everyone at the CCP meeting to attend.

Public Comment held. None received

- Adult Compliance Team
Chief Matt Basgall, Clovis Police Department, is before the CCP.

The subcommittee met on Feb. 27th with all members present.

Chief Basgall provided the following statistics for 2018:
In 2018, there were 567 arrests, 2,945 contacts/searches, 65 firearms recovered and 113 search warrants served. Currently, there are 2,500 on the AB 109 population with 750 on warrant status.

The stats for January 2019 are: the ACT has made 31 arrests, 147 contacts/searches, recovered 4 firearms and served 6 search warrants.

The need for a full-time Crime Analyst was discussed during the subcommittee meeting. Currently the ACT has 2 Crime Analysts filling part time roles. Clovis PD provides an analyst half-time for approximately 20 hours per week. Fresno PD also provides an analyst to step in when the other isn't available. The subcommittee recommends bringing on one full-time analyst. The amount of assistance an analyst provides is huge. They provide a great amount of the research and prep work for the officers.

The Cost for a full time Crime Analyst would be approximately \$135,000 annually, which includes a salary of \$85,000. Chief Basgall requests guidance on submitting this type of request to the CCP.

This recommendation will not require a vote at this time. The direction for Chief Basgall and the ACT Subcommittee is to bring a proposal to the CCP meeting. The direction is to provide as much information as possible regarding duties, costs, etc., for the CCP's review.

Public comment held. None received.

The 2nd recommendation from the Subcommittee is for the use of full-time K-9 on the ACT. Currently the agency or jurisdiction they're in when on assignment, is the one providing their agencies K-9.

During the timeframe of October 2017 through February 2018, the Sheriff's Department had a K-9 on the team. During this time, they K-9 teams were responsible for 46 surrenders, 1 apprehension and the recovery of 1 firearm.

The cost to purchase and train a dog would be approximately \$23,000. This expense would be tied with an existing position, already serving on the ACT.

In reviewing the numbers, it has been determined that it is an effective tool to have a K-9.

This is informational for today but can be requested at a future meeting.

Public Comment held. None received.

- J. Public Comment *(This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the CCP Executive Members about matters within the jurisdiction of the CCP, but not listed on this Agenda). Comments will be limited to 3 minutes each.)*

Public Comment held. None Received

- K. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.