



# **ALAMEDA COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

## **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP**

**June 7, 2012**

**Probation Center, 400 Broadway, Oakland**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Chief's Updates:**

- The following is a breakdown of this year's \$9.2M allocation and expenditures for Public Protection realignment. Expenditures for the Sheriff, Public Defender and District Attorney are not available at this time.
  - \$2.5 million allocated to Probation (approximately \$1.9 million has been spent)
  - \$4 million allocated to Sheriff
  - \$.5 million split between Public Defender and District Attorney
  - \$2.2 million allocated to community-based services
    - \$500,000 set aside to Behavioral Health Care Services (monies have been drawn down)
    - \$500,000 set aside to Community Development Agency for housing (monies have not been spent). A copy of CDA's proposal was distributed.
    - \$500,000 set aside for AmericaWorks contract. The Board of Supervisors approved their contract at the June 5, 2012 meeting.
    - \$.7 million set aside for Community-Based Services (monies still resides with the Auditors and has not been earmarked or spent)
- Separate from the \$9.2 million, an additional \$250,000 has been set aside by the State of California for start-up training and \$600,000 for implementation. These funds still resides with the Auditors and have not been spent.
- We have not received a definitive answer to what will happen to the money not spent this year. We believe it will be rolled over and it is our intent to roll it over to next year.

#### **Update on Current Status of Realignment:**

- One of biggest challenges with moving forward and developing a plan to allocate our resources is not having a good mechanism for capturing the data. We are trying to

build a mechanism to pull information from our existing data systems. We need to quantify what programs are being used, how many people are being served and what kinds of services they are receiving. We know people around this table are working with our population but we have not received any numbers. The money is still sitting there until we are able to capture those numbers to tell us what direction we should go.

- We are doing risk assessments. Currently, we do not have a needs assessment tool. The needs have been developed around interviews with clients coming back to us. The top three issues have been employment, education and substance abuse with housing coming in fourth. We are relooking at the LS/CMI risk assessment tool that was taken offline and bringing it back and modifying it.
- CCP Executive meetings are open and Chief Harris is also available by email and by phone if you have questions. Appointments can be arranged through her secretary Teresa LaSalle. If you are serving PRCS clients now, give your contact information to Teresa. It is important to sit down and to discuss how we will capture your numbers and how we will capture the costs. It will help us craft the RFPs. If you can provide that information within the next couple of weeks we can have a conversation.
- The procurement process is a lengthy 6-8 month process. We plan to request a full RFP for employment services and housing. We're still discussing what the housing project should look like and working on the data capturing mechanism so we can move forward with the RFP.
- PRCS Stats:
  - 499 offenders currently being supervised
  - 157 violations (93 AWOLs and 64 new arrests)
- Two Deputy Probation Officers (DPOs) are being transitioned out of the PRCS Unit and two DPOs are rotating in to backfill those positions.
- Probation co-hosted a Bay Region Round Table two weeks ago with 10 counties participating and sharing PRCS related issues and information. Plans are to meet quarterly.
- Individual Achievement Plans (IAP) were broken down for 362 individuals identifying their greatest needs:
  - 32% - Workforce Development
  - 17% - Education
  - 17% - Additional Services and Support (anger management classes, domestic violence programs, sex offender programs, mental health programs, drug counseling, DUI, CA ID or drivers license, etc.)
  - 11% - Housing
  - 10% - Behavioral Health Care Services

- 10% - Anti-Social Thinking
  - 3% - Health and Relationships
- We are at the 6-month point where we can consider early release of PRCS clients if they have not incurred any violations or custody time. We've built the criteria that will be used on every case received within the past 6 months. Deputies will write a synopsis on each individual that meets the criteria. Protective orders and long term counseling orders will be a challenge and barrier for individuals considered for early release. Due diligence will be used when considering early release.

### **Questions, Answers, Discussion:**

#### ***What does AmericaWorks do?***

AmericaWorks currently works with City of Oakland's Measure Y clients. They take referrals and do trainings and certifications for blue collar jobs. They also provide job development, placement and follow-up to ensure job retention. They are a pay for performance contract, which means they do not get paid if they cannot show job retention. They serve the entire County and they are physically located in Oakland. They will find jobs throughout the County and outside the County if clients have access to transportation.

#### ***Have we been using the matrix?***

Not at this time. We've had immediate sanctions and we've also taken a cautious approach on how we look at violations. We are the only county that has not used flash incarcerations.

#### ***Out of the 157 violations, 1 of 5 supervised is AWOL. Does that mean they did not show up?***

These are the ones that didn't show up after they were released. 88 were straight AWOLS and 5 stopped showing up.

#### ***Do we have additional information on the 88 that were straight AWOL?***

A lot of these occur because we are not being notified in a timely manner; the connection didn't happen. We sometimes receive notices one day prior to them being released. We are mindful of those 88 that they may not have been notified in a timely manner.

#### ***Do we have a pre-release program similar to the Federal Program?***

We don't have a formalized process but there have been conversations with CDCR and with various counties. We receive clients from all over the state and some from out-of-state. We cannot make connections for those coming from out-of-state.

Public Defender - Meets monthly to discuss PRCS issues.

District Attorney – The DA met with the Sheriff's office and the Public Defender at the Hayward office to start moving forward with the "My Hometown" greater transition model

for the re-entry population. The DA was planning on giving to County department heads on the Executive Committee a report of the data being collected State-wide to see where we stand and how similar we are compared to other agencies. Within our County, we don't have a large number of people on mandatory supervision which means most people sentenced to local prison are being sent to just a prison term, it's not being split. So when they come out of prison they won't have a period of supervision and no support by Probation. We can't track the split sentences with our existing data collecting mechanism.

County Administrator - Alameda County was one of 9 counties that participated in revising the allocation formula. A consensus was reached in late April. The Governor's May Revise reflected the revision. It's a significant improvement in the amount of funding for next year. The funding formula for years 12/13 and 13/14 takes into account the same factors included in current year methodology and ADP and current population. For 14/15 and beyond, the formula will be based on actual data, for example the actual number of clients actually served and moving towards an incentive based model and rewarding counties with funding who are doing more community supervision.

Data and Research Unit - Marthea Alley oversees Probation's data unit. She's been working on Probation's plan to capture services and outcomes and how we will address those we serve, their risks and needs and whether we were successful and met their needs. Our goal is to work with Adult Services and see what systems are available and to help reduce reentry into the criminal justice system.

***Are you tracking juveniles and adults separately?***

Yes. We have a method for capturing youth that have now transitioned into the adult system. It depends on the direction we go. The ideal way it should work is building a platform where you are no longer an adult or juvenile; you're just a person. It would track you throughout the entire time you're in the system. We want to make sure we capture the person's entire history to determine their service needs. It is two separate jurisdictions and we have to be careful of what we track in the adult world versus what happened in the juvenile world. We treat those cases entirely differently.

***Who at the Sherriff's Office allows access into Santa Rita for pre-release services?***

Captain Jackson, Inmate Services, is the person you need to talk to. Karen Meredith will contact Sgt. Neideffer and ask if there are criteria required for CBOs to access pre-release clients at Santa Rita. Individual committees should be addressing this issue at the Re-entry meetings next week on Wednesday. Captain Jackson will be invited to the next CCP General Partnership meeting to address this question.

- The Federal government put together a Re-entry Council designating regional staff to participate and address realignment issues. The names of those serving on the council will be forwarded to John Keene so we can begin a dialogue and get answers to some of our questions. They can be very helpful.

- The Federal Re-entry Task Force is taking on issues we deal with locally and bringing it to the federal level. They recently launched “What Works in Re-Entry” and they review different topics related to re-entry. You can find more information at the website below:

[www.Nationalreentryresourcecenter.org/](http://www.Nationalreentryresourcecenter.org/)

**Next CCP General Meeting will be held at 3:30PM on July 5, 2012  
at the Probation Center, Conference Room 430.**