



PROBATION DEPARTMENT



Kalisa Rochester
Chief Probation Officer

Proposition 47 Local Advisory Committee Cohort III Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2023, 9:00 am
Meeting via Zoom

Attending

Kalisa Rochester, Chief Probation Officer
Nicole Silveira, District Attorney
Dave Lockridge, Executive Director
David Carr, CEO
Bruce Metcalf, Executive Director
Monika Grasley, Executive Director
Andre Griggs, CEO
Justin Melden, Commander
Kit Chang, Program Manager

Probation
District Attorney
ACE Overcomers
Merced Rescue Mission
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LifeLine CDC
Restorative Justice League
Los Banos Police
BHRS

Absent

Ken Sylvia, Executive Director
Erick Serrato, Director
Yvonna Brown, Director
Amanda Toste, CEO
Vincent Andrade, Public Defender
Loretta Spence
Matt St. Pierre, Executive Director
John Aguirre, Executive Director
Pao Thao

Central Valley Youth for Christ
Dept. Workforce Investment
HSA
Merced Superior Court
Public Defender
Love Faith and Hope, Inc.
Restore Merced
LGBTQIA+
Merced Lao Family

Other Attendees

Sharlee Fragulia, Staff Services Analyst
Lisa Maples, Deputy Chief Probation Officer
Chris Henn, Deputy Chief Probation Officer
Juan Dunn, Business Development Manager
Allen Brooks, President
Kelly Turner
Gameelah Mohamed, Victim Advocate
Joyce Dale, District Representative
Geneva Rojas
Beatriz Ramirez, Program Coordinator

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GLOM
NAACP
Symple Equazion
Valley Crisis Center
St. Sen. Caballero District Office
Merced Co. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Probation

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. and introductions were made.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Approve Minutes from October 26, 2022

Chief Rochester asked for a motion to approve the October 26, 2022, meeting minutes. Dave Lockridge motioned and Monika Grasley seconded. There being no opposition, the minutes were approved.

AB361 Resolution

Chief Rochester read the AB361 resolution.

RFP Update

The Individualized Job Placement Request for Proposal (RFP) has gone out for bid (No 7491) and is scheduled to close on 1/31/23. Chief Rochester acknowledged they are behind in their projection to get started. The Restorative Justice RFP is posted (No 7490) and is scheduled to close on 1/30/21. The Diversion Training Program (No 7486), is scheduled to close on 1/27/23. Two bids are missing. County counsel had an issue with the way the Rapid Rehousing RFP was written; Chief Rochester is working on getting that taken care of. The other missing RFP is the data collection piece. The Proposition 47 grant is scheduled to start in March 2023. Chief Rochester will check with purchasing why those last two RFPs aren't up yet.

The Chief asked if those who volunteered to sit on an RFP committee if they've been contacted or signed a confidentiality agreement. Monika and Geneva said they haven't been contacted. The Chief will check on those also.

Vince Andrade, John Ceccoli, Beatriz Ramirez, and Nicole Silveira are the evaluators for the Diversion Training Program RFP (7486). The evaluators for the Impact and Processing Services (i.e. data collection 7488) RFP, which closes on 2/3/23, are Monika Grassley, John Ceccoli, Beatriz Ramirez, and Erick Serrato. The evaluators for the Individualized Job Placement RFP are Andrade, Ceccoli, Beatriz, and Erick Serrato. The evaluators for the Restorative Justice RFP are Jeff Sabeau, John Ceccoli, Beatriz Ramirez, and Nicole Silveira. The evaluators for the Rapid Rehousing RFP are Monika Grasley, John Ceccoli, Beatriz Ramirez, and Geneva Rojas.

Community Services Infrastructure Grant Program

Probation was able to purchase 510 W. 25th St. The funds used were AB261 pre-trial funds. The building is in desperate need of repair. The building will be divided into two sections similar to the Wardrobe Ave office. It's approximately 7,500 sq. ft. and will serve as a landing spot for all contractors through Prop 47. The Chief wants to provide a brick-and-mortar location for all the contractors. One side will serve as pre-trial and intake for Probation and the other side will serve as the Pathways to Wellness program (i.e. the Prop47 diversion program), Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, restorative justice, rapid rehousing, individual placement, etc., will all be able to work out of that

space. It's a \$2M grant and will be used to remodel the side of the building that will contain the Pathways to Wellness program.

The state is committing to \$6M for a pre-trial diversion program for mentally ill and substance abuse users (for the District Attorney's office that would mean the PC1000.35 individuals). Those individuals who qualify would be able to participate. Judge Lo has committed to adding a calendar for individuals who are participating in this program. They would have periodic reviews. The idea is that all the partners would be involved in it. The committee would have to figure out who would go to court for this. Probation will utilize the \$6M to try to beef up and provide an actual diversion program. Behavioral Health and Recovery Services will receive some of the funding just for substance use disorder and mental health treatment, but all other services will be provided by community organizations.

In response to Dave Lockridge asking how long construction at the 25th Street property would take; it will likely take a year to remodel 25th Street. The Prop 47 piece will move forward but won't have the infrastructure to have everyone be under one roof until likely a year into the program.

Once the contracts are awarded, then they'll move into the training phase so everyone is on the same page and all the justice partners are aware of what programs and services 47 can bring. After the training program is completed, then everyone can get started. Being optimistic, Chief Rochester anticipates they will start in May or April, but the grant is scheduled to start in March. She would like to have a meeting with the contract awardees and the justice partners to review the process that will be put in place. Chief Rochester believes it would be easiest for her, Nicole, and Vincent to meet offline to work on the court's perspective and then they'll bring it back to the committee.

Juan Dunn asked if the substance use and mental health part were being handled internally. The grant was written to have Behavioral Health and Recovery Services provide substance use and behavioral health counseling. Behavioral Health and Recovery Services believes it can handle the proposed services. If Probation elects to go completely with CBOs to provide substance use and mental health services, they will have to notify the state they're going to change that piece of the grant submission. The Chief doesn't believe the state would have a problem with that. BHRS has one working, and one person hired out of a total of six positions. It did go through the Board of Supervisors for BHRS to add those positions. Monika asked if they could have a conversation with Ken Sylvia with Youth for Christ because they have a counseling center here in Merced. Crystal Struble would be the contact person. Chief Rochester asked Kit Chang if BHRS was still on track to handle the commitment. Kit stated he believed they were.

She then provided an update on the current pre-trial space and the plan for space for Behavioral Health and Recovery Services. The team will work out of that space with the plan of everyone moving over to 25th Street when it's completed.

Roundtable

Chief Rochester will work offline with the District Attorney and Public Defender for creating a court process and training requirements for the program.

Monika would like a copy of the grant. It will be sent to everyone and it's also available on the BSCC website.

Nicole Silveira asked for a list of the RFPs with the evaluators and who was invited to apply.

Andre Griggs asked about the timeframe for the program's central location and what the days and hours of operation would be once things get started. There are no set days/times or schedules. Program partners would only be required to be on location as stated in the RFP requirements. Chief Rochester wants to ensure that contract awardees are all communicating together (ex: weekly staff meetings would be preferred). Not everyone is going to have the same roles in the grant as the housing folks. Those people are going to have a weekly report out to the committee since they'll be working with individuals more frequently versus Restorative Justice who may not be as involved maybe they'll only do a monthly circle or something on an as-needed basis. The data collection person will be working with all contractors and BHRS to make sure to capture all the data pieces. They may come in once a month. The trainer is not going to be on-site except when providing training.

Dave Lockridge asked if business hours were 8-5 or if contractors would have access to the building after normal business hours. Individuals who are part of this contract will have access after-hours. The only thing is for the community infrastructure program – will only be able to provide services in that building to individuals identified and referred by the court.

Geneva Rojas recommended Narrow Path out of Atwater for housing. She will send email and phone contact information to the Chief.

Approve the Minutes from April 25, 2022

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Next Meeting Scheduled:

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for **April 11, 2023, at 3:00 pm.**

Adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Minutes by Priscilla Martin, Secretary III