

ADULT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP (CCP)
MINUTES – February 6, 2020

Committee Members and Guests

Kalisa Rochester (Chair)	Probation Department
Lisa Maples	Probation Department
Joel Daffron	Probation Department
Mariela Gutierrez	Probation Department
Zach Robertson	Probation Department
Christina Flores	Probation Department
Lindsey Johnson	CEO Office
Reyna Espinoza	Department of Workforce Investment
Ray Perez	GEO (<i>did not sign in</i>)
Monika Grasley	Lifeline CDC
Jane Van Vloten	Merced Superior Court
Toula Eccles	Merced County Office of Education
David Carr	Merced Rescue Mission
John Hendon	Sheriff's Office

Meeting commenced at 10:06 AM

I. Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves around the room.

II. Public Comment

No public comments were received.

III. Approval of Minutes- October 31, 2019

Lisa Maples/Zach Robertson/Unanimous

IV. Chief Kettering

• **Updates**

- Assistant Chief Kalisa Rochester provided Chief Kettering's updates as he is unable to attend the meeting today.
- Courtroom 11 remodel is completed. Assistant Chief Rochester discussed the photos of courtroom 11 on the PowerPoint slides. It is not open to the public as of yet, however two probation assistants will be housed at this location to prepare bail reviews for pre-trial assessments.

V. Leadership for Life (LFL) Update

- Cohort 21 had 50 referrals, 23 graduates and 5 were employed. At the last meeting held on October 31, 2019, 7 were reported to have found employment; however, since that date, 2 have lost their jobs.

VI. PACT Program-2020 Schedule

- Monika Grasley addressed that the PACT meetings are going well. The move to Yosemite Church has been successful. More clients from parole are attending and breakfast is now being served at the meetings.

VII. Lifeline Community Development Corporation

- Monika Grasley reported to those present that Lifeline are small communities centers stationed in low-income neighborhoods. The various centers are for people who need assistance for whatever reason. The centers work towards building relationships with the community and most of the time the staff who come in contact with community members do not know if they have a criminal history. Staff begin to build a rapport with an individual and that's when they begin to share their life story. One young man graduated from high school last year and started to get into trouble with law enforcement. The reason he began coming into the center was because he needed food. Once staff began to talk with him more they found out he needed a California ID and a place to live. He then moved in with his grandmother who has structure in the home and is now considering going to college. Within two months of attending the Winton center he found resources, a place to live, and more stability in his life.
- Monika mentioned that Lifeline is very thankful for the Sheriff's office and Parole for providing gifts and hygiene products to the center. During Christmas, the centers were able to put together baskets to give to families in need.
- Lifeline's most important attribute is building relationships. Often times people who live in poverty and have a violent upbringing, know nothing different.
- One gentleman was involved with a woman who was a meth addict. He attended the center in Winton because he also needed food and began talking with staff. He then began to attend bible study and removed himself from the relationship and has moved on with his life in a positive way.
- Assistant Chief Rochester mentioned that she is happy that the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) is able to provide funding for Lifeline. She visited the Winton center to drop off hygiene products and she stated that the center is inviting, the volunteers are helpful, and it's a safe space for people to receive help and resources.
- Monika addressed that all staff that work at the centers come from the welfare to work program. Most of the welfare to work staff have also come from homelessness, drugs, criminal history and have changed their lives. The staff build relationships with community members in need and as they build the rapport, they also see they can change as well.
- The Camellia Mobile Home Park had lots of crime until a new owner came in and met with gang members who live in the park and advised them that they can live there, but they need to do their "crime" outside the park. He installed security cameras and he has now made it a safer living environment.

VIII. Day Reporting Centers-Merced/Los Banos

- Assistant Chief Rochester reported that Los Banos had 27 referrals, 13 no show referrals, 14 enrolled and 3 graduates. In Merced there were 129 referrals, 57 no show referrals, 72 enrolled clients and 17 graduates for a total of 20 graduates.
- Ray Perez, GEO representative, reported that they are working with Merced College to launch the first electrician program with clients.
- The next Merced graduation is scheduled for May 20, 2020 at 7:00 pm at Gateway Gardens.
- Assistant Chief Rochester encouraged all present to attend a graduation to celebrate the clients on their success in recovery.

IX.

Other Programs/Strategies

• **Behavioral Health Court- 4th Quarter**

- During the month of October there were 6 referrals, 23 clients enrolled and 0 graduates. November had 3 referrals, 22 clients enrolled and 1 graduate. In December, there were 4 referrals, 25 clients enrolled and 0 graduates.

• **Residential Treatment- 4th Quarter**

- There is no representative present from residential treatment today.
- Assistant Chief Rochester reported that the funding has been exhausted for this fiscal year for the residential treatment contract. If the clients are not Medi-Cal eligible, it's difficult to support these clients if they cannot meet Medi-Cal eligibility.
- In December, Hobie House had 1 client referred, 3 enrolled and 2 graduates.
- Tranquility Village had 2 referrals, 5 enrolled and 0 graduates for December. Tranquility had no graduates this quarter.

• **Incentives/Sanctions- 4th Quarter**

- There were 174 incentives and 357 Sanctions. Of those sanctions, 3% (9) resulted in flash incarceration.

• **Educational and Vocational Services- 4th Quarter**

- Assistant Chief Rochester reported that there were 43 referrals, 22 enrolled, 9 graduates and 5 were gainfully employed.
- Toula Eccles reported that the Phoenix Project is seeing a positive trend in that 60%-65% of the referrals are showing up for orientation. The program moves quickly once the students make their plan. Once they've finished the program it takes a week to a month to find employment. Many of the jobs they are obtaining are from Amazon, Tesla and truck driving companies.

• **Transitional Housing- 4th Quarter**

- There was a total of 6 referrals, 6 enrolled and 5 found housing after completion.
- David Carr, from Merced Rescue Mission reported that it was tough in the beginning to have clients stay in the program; however, the clients are realizing that there are getting help and they are participating and staying with the program. Currently there are 4 clients that will be successfully leaving the program and 2 of them will be getting off probation.
- There will be another respite home opening in Los Banos soon. Merced Rescue Mission is expanding and is opening up a home for the homeless. There will be 4 respite homes in Merced, 2 in Atwater, 2 in Livingston, 1 in Dos Palos and 1 in Los Banos.
- David mentioned that Probation Officer Haberman has also been working hard finding homeless men with a probation status. DPO Haberman has been bringing them into the program to find stable living and resources.

• **ACE Overcomers- 4th Quarter**

- There is no representative present from ACE Overcomers.
- ACE Overcomers was just added to the CCP Strategies for 2019-2020 and Probation is extremely pleased with this program. The clients also enjoy the program as David Carr from

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Merced Rescue Mission is one of the facilitators. David knows how to make that connection with the clients and that's what keeps the clients returning.

- In October there were 30 clients enrolled and 14 attended. November had 12 enrolled and all 12 graduated from the program.

- **Probation K9 Sage- 4th Quarter**

- Assistant Chief Rochester reported that in October Sage had 19 searches and 5 finds; 6 searches and 4 finds in November and 7 searches and 9 finds in December. Sage has found several guns, drugs and ammunition. She has been utilized by other law enforcement agencies due to her great track record in the field. Sage has her own Instagram account for those who are interested in her work.

X. **In-Custody Program Update**

- Correctional Officer (CO) John Hendon reported that there are 20 clients in the SRT/day reporting center, 64 on the supervised release team and 239 are on pre-trial. He mentioned that 90+% of the population are on pre-trial.
- Jail re-entry program had 98 inmates this quarter.
- CO Hendon reported that the new referral process with Probation is a success. Client is picked up by Probation, goes back into custody and is directly referred to the SRT/day reporting center program so that there is no break in the treatment cycle. If the client commits another crime, the Sheriff's Office picks them up, enters the client into the JRP and then the client is placed on the monitor. Once the monitor is taken off, they are placed on probation with a monitor again for further supervision. Clients have expressed that this process has helped them not to relapse since they are being closely monitored.
- Sgt. Nobari, who supervises the sheriff release team, has taken a more active role in the program. The Captain did some re-organizing to ensure deputies are conducting more random checks and that the clients are reporting to the day reporting centers.
- The Jail Education Program contract is almost finalized with the Merced County Office of Education to provide adult education to the inmates while in custody. There is another meeting occurring in March to finalize the contract. This contract will provide high school education, college preparation, computer labs and other educational options. This program is to be operational sometime next year.
- CO Hendon provided a PowerPoint slide snapshot of what the new Sandy Mush facility will look like when it's complete. Administration reported that groundbreaking will start early summer. There will be a program service building which will be open to the entire jail population. It will have 8 classrooms and the completion date is scheduled for 2023. The first family reunification gathering occurred. There were three inmates that graduated the in-custody program. There was a luncheon and families were welcomed. Some children were also present. The reunification took place in the class room for about 45 minutes. The family appreciated the experience with their loved ones. Assistant Chief Rochester asked how the deputies are receiving the change; Hendon addressed that it's split down the middle. The Sheriff's mentality is that these programs are important and the only way to stop them from coming through the doors is to get them the help they need while they are in custody. Assistant Chief Rochester also expressed that this also alleviates stress on the inmates when families can visit and their total behavior changes for the better.

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XI. **Adult Services**

• **Bail Reviews/Pre-Trial Assessment- 4th Quarter**

- This quarter there were 49 bail reviews for Los Banos and 164 for Merced. Assistant Chief Rochester explained in the pre-trial assessment slide that from those bail reviews, there were only 5 overrides in Los Banos and 14 overrides in Merced. There should not be more than a 10% override score and Probation is at 8.5%. Probation is staying below the 10% and that is very good since officers are to trust the assessment tool to score accurately.
- There were 4 electronic monitoring program recommendations issued in Los Banos and 14 issued in Merced. There was 1 released on their own recognizance in Los Banos and 6 for Merced. Merced only had 9 bail out.

XII. **Next Meeting-** April 30, 2020 at 10:00 am

Meeting adjourned @ 10:41 AM