



PROBATION DEPARTMENT



Kalisa Rochester
Chief Probation Officer

Proposition 47 Local Advisory Committee Cohort III Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2023, 9:00 am
2222 M Street, Merced CA 95340
Basement Conference Center Atwater Room

Attending

Joel Daffron, Deputy Chief Probation Officer
Jay Struble, Supervising Investigator
Amanda Toste, CEO
Dave Lockridge, Executive Director
Julianne Sims, Assistant Director
Linda Gutierrez, Fiscal Manager
David Carr, CEO
Kristal Struble, Merced County Office Coordinator
Monika Grasley, Executive Director

Probation
District Attorney
Merced Superior Court
ACE Overcomers
Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
Workforce Investment
Merced Rescue Mission
Youth for Christ Central Valley
LifeLine CDC

Absent

Yvonna Brown, Director
Vincent Andrade, Public Defender
Loretta Spence, Principal Officer
Matt St. Pierre, Executive Director
Andre Griggs, CEO
Justin Melden, Commander

Human Services Agency
Public Defender
Love Faith, and Hope, Inc.
Restore Merced
Restorative Justice League
Los Banos Police

Other Attendees

Beatriz Ramirez, Program Coordinator
Sharlee Fragulia, Staff Services Analyst
Stacie Tury, Staff Service Analyst
Don Caballero, Associate Director
Dorothea "Lynn" White, Employee Relations Officer

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ACE Overcomers
CA Dept. of Corrections & Rehabilitation

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. Deputy Chief Joel Daffron confirmed there was a quorum present.

Introductions

Introductions were made.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Approve Minutes from January 12, 2023

Deputy Chief Joel Daffron noted Amanda Toste's correct title. He then asked for a motion to approve the January 12, 2023, meeting minutes. Dave Lockridge motioned, and Monika Grasley seconded. There being no opposition, the minutes were approved with the noted correction.

RFP Update

ACE Overcomers was awarded the Diversion Training Request for Proposal (RFP). The primary purpose is to facilitate their stakeholders' overall training and refresher training. They'll also hold ongoing mental health and substance abuse training. They met on May 2, 2023, to discuss initial training for their stakeholders and will have a follow-up meeting on May 15, 2023. They hope to start initial training in June. The Merced Rescue Mission was awarded the Housing Program. The primary purpose of the contract is for housing and supportive services. The Impact and Process Evaluation is the evaluation piece and Eval Corp was the awarded organization. There is a tentative commencement date of June 1, 2023, and the primary purpose of the contract is to assist the program with the process and evaluation piece for the project. The Restorative Justice contract rating for the bidders closed on May 5, 2023. The Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) Memo of Understanding (MOU) for them to deliver mental health, substance use, and intensive case management service has been completed and forwarded to BHRS to complete on their end. Workforce Investment is taking the lead on the Individualized Placement piece. That MOU is completed and they're waiting for county counsel to review. They're looking at mid-July for a Board of Supervisors date.

Over 50% of the grant funding shall go to community-based organizations (CBOs). The grant allows for one governmental agency to provide services and BHRS was the chosen agency.

Program Updates

Merced County was awarded a three-year grant of \$6M to implement Pathways to Success. The grant ends in June 2026. The intent is to target individuals who meet criteria under California Penal Code Section 1001.31 and 1001.36 who are unlikely to succeed without intensive wraparound services and who have a history of substance use disorders (SUD) or mental health (MH) disorders. Program Coordinator Beatriz Ramirez reviewed program activities, key areas, overall goals, and what the program hopes to accomplish over the next few years.

Beatriz summarized which organizations were awarded the RFPs. ACE Overcomers was awarded the training piece. Merced Rescue Mission was awarded the Housing piece. Eval Corp was awarded the Impact & Evaluation piece. The Restorative Justice piece is still pending scoring which was just completed Friday. The MOU is in place for MH, SUD, and intensive case management. And Workforce Investment will handle employment support. As a follow-up, Beatriz will share who the bidders were for restorative justice at the next meeting.

The Rescue Mission can start once they start receiving referrals. Once a referral process is in place, then The Rescue Mission will start receiving those referrals. BHRS will do the evaluations and make the

referrals. Deputy Chief Joel Daffron is working with justice partners and the court in identifying protocol and modifying that to a Memorandum of Understanding. He hopes to have the Memorandum of Understanding wrapped up by June. ACE Overcomers will host the initial training in June for all the collaborative partners. Training will be recorded for future use as well.

Asbestos abatement is still ongoing at the 25th Street property. Once completed they'll be able to go in and look at the building and make plans for improvements that need to be made. As previously mentioned, it will have two storefronts: Pre-Trial on one side, and diversion on the other. Behavioral Health and Recovery Services is currently located at the current Pre-Trial office and will remain there until 25th Street gets off the ground. Looking at the end of the year to have the building up and running.

Program Coordinator Beatriz Ramirez provided Behavioral Health and Recovery Services' staff updates on behalf of Division Director Kit Chang.

Roundtable

ACE Overcomers stated kickoff training will provide an overview and part of the invoicing to get everyone going on the invoicing. Additional trauma-informed training will come later. There will be multiple trainings that will be scheduled.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Minutes scribed by Priscilla Martin, Secretary III