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San Mateo County Community Corrections Partnership
Wednesday, June 5, 2024
3:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present Members:

John Keene	Lisa Maguire	Jennifer Valencia
Ed Barberini	Claire Cunningham	Steve Wagstaffe
Nancy Magee	Karen Francone	Neal Taniguchi
Elisa Kuhl	Louise Rogers	

Absent Members:

Christina Corpus
David Canepa
Jei Africa

Additional Attendees:

Tamara Arana	Pooja Keswani	Cheska Valentino
Theresa Dah	David Silberman	Melissa Wagner
Martin Fox	Melissa Larrarte	Alexandra Hoppis
Chris Abalos	Ondray Cooper	William Fogarty
Adam Ely		

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. Public Comment

Speakers recognized by the Chair: Mr. Martin Fox.

III. Old Business

Approval of minutes from previous meeting – 11/29/23:

The minutes from the November 29, 2023, meeting was approved with the following correction: *David Silberman was listed as a board member in the minutes; he is not a board member. M: Rogers /S: Unknown*
There were 5 abstentions.

IV. New Business

Update on AB109 Offender Population

John T. Keene, Chief Probation Officer, presented on the AB109 Offender Population.

- There were 51 new supervisees, of which 40 are a part of the PRCS population. The PRCS numbers are lower than expected for unknown reasons.

- We are still experiencing high numbers of out of county residents, specifically from San Francisco County.
- Fifty revocations were filed, which is more than usual; several were for more serious crimes.
- Due to current laws, Probation cannot supervise these clients beyond the assigned probationary period.
- The number of successful terminations decreased to 55%; clients are more reluctant to engage in some of the programs and services offered.
- The state has been lacking in properly preparing clients for rehabilitative services after they are released from prison.

Questions/Comments:

Q: Is there any connection between an unsuccessful termination and previous revocations/violations/FTAs, etc.? A: That used to be the case but not anymore; technical violations don't necessarily mean that someone will be unsuccessful. It depends on the individual.

Q: How is the mobile services van program working? A: The program has been slow getting off the ground; we have a lot of new staff and we're working on forming better collaboration with our partners. There are still some challenges connecting with the unhoused population.

Q: What would a person need to be well-prepared upon being released from prison? A: The person would have a reentry packet that includes information on their family members, their support system, and what their addictions and/or medical needs are. Additionally, it would be helpful if there was a local parole office besides the one located in San Jose. The state isn't preparing clients with 'basics' before they are released, as promised.

Sheriff's Office

William Fogarty reported on in-custody and NCRIC AB109 data.

- Maguire jail in custody: 465 (453 men, 12 women); Maple Street: 563 (456 men; 107 women); total in custody: 1028 which is consistent with past numbers.
- ASB population consists of 220; there were 11 CDCR inmates, and 13 inmates awaiting transport to state hospital.
- Mr. Fogarty addressed a question from the last CCP meeting regarding the Incompetent to Stand Trial Reevaluation Program. To date: 114 completed zoom interviews since the program began in February 2022. The contract has been extended until June 2025.
- There has been a decrease in the average amount of interviews per month from about 8, to about 3 per month. This is likely due to a decrease in the jail population.

Human Services Agency

Jennifer Valencia, Director of Employment Services reported on CalFresh, Service Connect, and housing and employment benefits.

- There has been a decrease in virtual intakes now that people have returned to in person visits.

- There has been increase in probation UR since it was added about 1 year ago.
- Food insecurity remains critical; CalFresh applications remain high, but they are being approved.
- Job training has increased; unsubsidized employment numbers are consistent with previous years.
- Most jobs are in the services industry (auto services, moving, freight, delivery services, etc.).
- Wages for San Mateo County are above minimum wage at \$21 on average.
- Main services requested by clients: Housing, transportation, and food.
- At the last meeting, Jennifer reported that there was a request for funding for housing and education in the new budget year; the request was approved by the Board of Supervisors.
- Housing: The new housing program already has 8 referrals since being implemented in May.
- Education: Additional funding was requested to provide college training support offered at community colleges.
- Service Connect now has an app available that is downloadable in English and Spanish.

Questions/Comments:

Q: Are there any populations/groups who don't have access to Service

Connect? A: *The only groups who don't have access to services are those who are not in custody for long periods of time.*

Q: Are we able to track those who are not sentenced long enough to referred to Service Connect? A: *Yes. The team is now tracking each contact made; services are available for whomever calls in. There should be quantitative numbers within 6 months.*

Q: Are the transient and out of county groups considered to be 2 different groups and are the numbers tracked? A: *The people who are deemed to be transient are within the county. Currently, there isn't much data available on the amount of people who are transient but are based outside of the county.*

Q: Is the current pay rate sustainable, or should it be increased to provide a true living wage? A: *The unsubsidized wage (community real job placement) is at \$21 per hour. The subsidized minimum wage for the county is \$16.50 per hour; the average minimum wage is \$16 per hour.*

Q: How difficult is it for parolees to find employment? Are background checks being done? A: *A team of job developers contact employers in advance to inquire if background checks are being done. We currently work with employers who don't do background checks to help people get matched to jobs where they can be successful.*

Comment: William Fogarty reported that the Sheriff's Office currently has 53 people in training in the officer's training program, and an additional 12 who will be hired in the next week.

Q: How long does the hiring process take? A: It can take 3 months for the background training, 6 months for training, and then 4 months in Core Academy.

Health System

Alexandra Hoppis, on the Health System and BHRS.

- Alexandra shared a BHRS success story about an individual with severe mental illness. The individual became a client of Service Connect after their release from prison; they now have a steady job and is receiving regular psychiatric treatment.
- Since 2017, there have been 3200 referrals; more than 50 percent has been served.
- The top substance abuse diagnosis: alcohol, cannabis, and opioid dependence.
- The top mental health diagnosis: Post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and major depression.
- For the first time, SOGI data shows one person who uses ‘they/them’ pronouns
- Program participation dropped by 8 percent, likely due to the loss of a Spanish speaking clinician.

Questions/Comments:

Q: How long does someone stay in transitional housing? A: We can find this out, but it’s usually about a month.

CCP Annual Survey Update

The survey is coming up soon; we will be reaching out to our partners to gather information for the report. CCP no longer has the funding for this process, so we’ll have to absorb the cost of this going forward. The funding was less than 100K, but it was specifically for this work.

Assembly Bill AB2882

This proposed bill: *California Community Corrections Performance Incentive Bill* pertains to the state requesting an audit of CCP funds. The funding for realignment was initially very limited but expanded over time. The funds were always used for realignment purposes, but the state’s perception was that the funds were not being used as intended. The state will conduct audits on an ongoing basis to meet new data requirements for CCP. This bill brings confusion about how funds will be allocated, and it limits our options for how funds will be used.

V. 2024 CCP Meeting Schedule:

- December 4, 2024 (*Location TBD*)

Adjournment: *The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.*