

Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)

Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. On April 28, 2020, at 1:34 p.m., Chief Probation Officer Michael Rogers called to order the regular meeting of the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) at the Colusa County Probation Department, 320 5th Street, Colusa, CA. Note, due to Covid-19, the meeting was held both in person and via Zoom (teleconference). Introductions were made.

List of Committee Members Present

Lora Ceccon, *Executive Director, Colusa County One Stop*

Josh Fitch, *Police Chief, Colusa Police Department**

Joe Garofalo, *Sheriff, Colusa County Sheriff's Office**

Michael Rogers, *Chief Probation Officer, Colusa County Probation Department**

Terrence Rooney, *Director, Colusa County Behavioral Health Department*

Wendy Tyler, *County Administrative Officer, Colusa County Administrative Office*

Robert Zunino, *Auditor-Controller, Colusa County Department of Auditor-Controller*

List of Committee Members Not Present

Matthew Beauchamp, *District Attorney, Colusa County District Attorney's Office**

Elizabeth Kelly, *Director, Colusa County Department of Health & Human Services**

Albert Smith, *Attorney, Colusa County Public Defender**

Michael West, *Superintendent, Colusa County Office of Education*

*Executive Committee Member

- b. Chief Rogers advised there was not enough Executive Committee members present for a quorum. Therefore, no action items were voted on in during the meeting.

II. SUB-GROUP COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES

COLUSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- Sheriff Joe Garofalo reported on his department. The jail is currently free of Covid-19 cases. The jail population is down significantly, with numbers in the low fifties. This time of year, the population is typically in the eighties. Field units are citing and releasing whenever possible and are limiting arrests violent felonies, driving under the influence (DUI), domestic violence, etc. They are taking precautions at the jail. Staffing levels are also down. The biggest concern is the exposure and spread of Covid-19 in the jail. They suspect exposure would most likely be from staff, rather than an arrestee. The jail is taking precautions, such as limiting staffing levels, to limit exposure as much as possible.

COLUSA POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Police Chief Josh Fitch briefly reported for his department. They have received a few more calls this month in comparison to last month. Arrests are down, but citations are up. One staff member

was exposed to Covid-19 and required to quarantine. The staff member is no longer on quarantine. The front office is currently closed, but is available if needed.

COLUSA COUNTY PROBATION

- Chief Deputy Probation Officer Norma Navarro reported on her department's statistics for Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and Mandatory Supervision (MS). In PRCS, since the last meeting in September to today, there are 37 active cases. They have received a total of 9 new grants with 1 early release due to Covid-19. 7 individuals have discharged. 18 individuals are out on warrant. 5 individuals are on Global Positioning System (GPS) monitoring and 1 individual was flash incarcerated. In regards to MS, they currently have 5 active cases. No new grants. 1 individual has discharged. 1 outstanding warrant. 0 flash incarcerations. There are currently 6 individuals serving their sentence in the County Jail, pursuant to 1170H PC. All 6 were not on any type of probation prior to sentencing. They currently have 118 active cases on Formal Felony supervision and 25 individuals out on warrant. The Formal Misdemeanor population is 25, and 5 individuals are out on warrant. They currently have a population of 4 on diversion and Prop 36. They have completed a total of 119 searches. Up-to-date, there were 21 prison sentences. 17 of those were brand new cases and 4 were probation terminations due to violations. In regards to CDCR, they have approximately 20 individuals on active parole.
- Supervising Probation Officer (SPO) Kristen Simmons discussed how the department is currently supervising probationers amongst the Covid-19 Pandemic. In general, officers have been contacting their probationers via telephone. Physical contact is made with those probationers who require stricter supervision or are unable to be contacted by telephone. They are patrolling the county to show their presence. When the Shelter-In-Place order was first announced, staff put together and delivered to probationers and their families, with snacks, toothbrushes, coloring supplies and other various essential items. They also participated in the school parade.

In regards to the Day Reporting Center (DRC), they started a new class called Taking the High Road (a drug education class). They have also partnered with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), who is sending a representative from DHHS to the DRC to assist probationers with Medi-Cal needs and other programs that are available at DHHS. They are very glad to have that partnership in place. Due to Covid-19, group classes are held via Zoom. Approximately 80% of clients are attending. Due to classes being held via Zoom, attendance is not currently mandatory, but strongly encouraged. To maintain program fidelity, class workbooks are being dropped off and picked up from probationers houses. They have implemented a daily support group for all probationers, also held via Zoom. A few people have attended. Incentive programs have continued to encourage participation. There is also a new therapist at the DRC. She is doing a really good job and has made a great impact on the number of probationers attending counseling. One-Stop normally meets with clients at the DRC twice a week to help with employment services such as obtaining driver's license, birth certificates and assistance in submitting drug rehabilitation applications and transitional housing. Services have continued, but are not currently being held at the DRC, due to Covid-19. This is the same circumstances as the Office of Education program. Prior to Covid-19, a High School Equivalency Test (HiSET) teacher would come to the DRC once a week. There is currently 1 person signed up to take the HiSET, but it has been postponed. Telecommunication and other outside resources are being looked at to improve services in areas that are lacking or are unable to provide to probationers.

- Chief Rogers briefly discussed the telecommunication system and the reasons why it is important for their clients. Prior to Covid-19, they were looking at telecommunications to bring in more classes and services for clients to address criminogenic needs. Since Covid-19, they can see it is feasible. It is another development in what they are trying to do to expand their services at the DRC and Probation itself.
- Chief Rogers briefly discussed the Men's Community Re-entry Program (MCRP). The MCRP is a program where prison inmates are brought to Butte County a year prior to their release date to develop social skills, find jobs, and become established prior to re-entering the community. This program is a partnership between the County and CDCR. The County has had 3 people go through the program in the last year and 1 is currently in the program. It is on the Board of Supervisors agenda on May 4th, 2020 for continuation of the program. There is no cost to the County to be part of the program. It is a good partnership and working well.

COLUSA COUNTY ONE STOP

- Executive Director Laura Ceccon advised Marissa is still available if anything comes up. Their office is ready to open and continue providing services, once they receive the green light from the State.

COLUSA COUNTY AUDITOR/CONTROLLER

- Auditor Robert Zuniga advised they were moving forward on Budget, but it has been set aside. He does not have anything else to report on at this time.

COLUSA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

- County Administrative Officer Wendy Tyler stated she has nothing new to report. Regarding the budget, her department is waiting to see how things are going to shake out. On behalf of the board, she is thankful for the work that everyone has done to make sure that services are still being provided.

LEGISLATIVE/FUNDING UPDATES/TRAINING

- Chief Rogers advised they are moving past item C (the budget) and will address it at a future meeting. He discussed legislative updates that will be affecting probation this upcoming year. There is going to be a lot of movement. The governor was talking about reducing the maximum probation term to 2 years and supervising misdemeanor cases. They are also looking at moving 18, 19, and 20 year olds under the Juvenile Justice system. This has all been tabled due to the Covid-19 situation. Legislature is currently focusing on Covid-19 bills. Senate Bill 10 is still moving forward and the referendum will be voted on in November. The Court is still operating, but at a reduced level.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Meeting Minutes submitted by R. Lawson, Colusa County Probation