

# **Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)**

## **Meeting Minutes**

October 3, 2024

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

- a. Chief Probation Officer, Michael Rogers, called to order the regular meeting of the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) at 9:30 a.m., on October 3, 2024, at the Colusa County Day Reporting Center (DRC), located at 320 5th Street, Colusa, CA.

#### **List of Executive and Advisory CCP Members Present**

Donna Dennis, Program Manager II, Colusa County Department of Health & Human Services

Brendan Farrell, District Attorney, Colusa County District Attorney's Office\*

Josh Fitch, Police Chief, Colusa Police Department\*

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

Tony Hobson, Behavioral Health Director, Colusa County Behavioral Health

Angie O'Canas, Executive Director Colusa County One Stop\*

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

Albert Smith, Attorney, Colusa County Public Defender\*

Wendy Tyler, County Administrative Officer, Colusa County Administrative Office

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

#### **List of Executive and Advisory CCP Members Not Present**

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

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

*\*Executive Committee Member*

#### **Others Present**

David Mallory, Supervising Probation Officer, Colusa County Probation Department

Norma Mendieta, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Colusa County Probation Department

Fanny Reynoso, Fiscal Administrative Officer, Colusa County Probation Department

Kristen Simmons, Supervising Probation Officer, Colusa County Probation Department

- b. Introductions.
- c. Review of previous committee minutes from April 25, 2024.
- d. Action Item – approval of minutes.
  - **VOTE: Brendan Farrell motioned to accept the minutes from April 25, 2024. Albert Smith seconded the motion. No abstentions. No oppositions. The minutes were accepted.**

## II. SUB-GROUP COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES

- a. Department updates/progress/concerns (Jail, Day Reporting Center, Post-release Community Supervision).

### Colusa County Probation Department

Norma Mendieta reported the current adult supervision statistics: Formal Probation, 59 active and 40 out to warrant; Prop 63, 0 active and 15 on warrant; Diversion, 0 active and 23 on warrant; Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS), 15 active and 21 on warrant; Mandatory Supervision (MS), 3 active and 3 on warrant; Pre-trial Supervision, 2 active and 3 on warrant. There are no individuals on GPS. Since the last meeting they have conducted 148 searches with 17 arrests.

Dave Mallory stated that searches are going well. The partnership with the TASK force has made going in the field easier. They are able to do searches evenings and weekends.

Albert Smith asked how probation's numbers compare to normal numbers. Norma stated that arrests are up in comparison to the last CCP meeting. Mike advised there is a correlation between increased searches and increased violations and arrests.

Discussion amongst members regarding Probation's recommendation of custody time for PRCS violations.

Kristen Simmons reported on the Day Reporting Center (DRC). They have 27 individuals participating in Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT). They have 26 clients in the English Batterers' Treatment program (BTP) and 10 in the Spanish class. Their Relapse and Recovery Program has 20 participants. They have not had any individuals in the 24/7 Dad program since July, due to not enough clients. Since July, 2 clients have graduated MRT, and 2 graduated from BTP.

Albert Smith asked how the morale is at MRT. Kristen stated most of the time it is good. It tends to be difficult at first but as the clients adjust and work the steps, they are more cooperative and accepting. Albert stated he hears nothing but good things from his clients. Further discussion regarding the MRT program. Kristen stated the MRT program is a very well rounded, evidence-based program.

Brendan Farrell stated there are difficulties finding rehabilitation, specifically Spanish rehabilitation programs. Further discussion between members regarding the programs available and/or not available in the area.

- b. Sub-groups/committees requested to provide brief updates.

### Colusa County Behavioral Health Department

Tony Hobbs stated they are embedded into the Jail now that they are receiving medical screenings from WellPath. They are reviewing all medical information on everyone that is booked and remains in-custody for indicators such as substance use disorders and mental illness. Those that have the indicators are getting services within the first 10 days. As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, they are required to do Linkages for people exiting the jail. They have met with Tri Counties Community Action Partnership (TCAP) and PneuMaCare to get that process started. He stated the collaboration with Probation has never been stronger.

#### Colusa County Department of Health and Human Services

Donna Dennis reported on her department. Elizabeth and Abby continue to work on the jail/hall model. The work continues in implementing CalAim. Their eligibly staff relocated to the side of the library until their building remodel is done. They are expected to be back by mid-November.

Mike Rogers advised they are collaborating with Yuba County and will be going live with CalAim at the Juvenile Hall.

#### Colusa County Office of Education

Mike West reported on his office. They are busy. He thanked Probation and the Sherriff for support of their adult education program and thanked the other departments for their support of SARB outreach. They are doing a great job at getting help to the youth and parents. They are closing on property they purchased by the airport. They will be building an administrative building, a mini conference center and an adult education center. They will be utilizing an existing 10,000 square foot building for adult activities. There is also an 80,000 square foot green house. They are in the process of moving 10,000 square feet of it to Williams Education Village. They will be sharing the property with Woodland Community College and incorporate college instructors into their programs. He is hoping Master Gardeners will also participate. With the increased rents of current location, he is excited they are buying property. They will be providing programs in adult education, in both Colusa and Williams locations. This will include working with Nor Cal Carpenters Union. They will provide instructors for CTE programs. They have 38 kids enrolled and are focusing on the trades. They have 12 that are in the process of getting their Cal Osha Certification and 6 that have already passed. They are still moving forward in Adult Education on small construction and framing and are looking at involving homeless vets to build their own home. They have a certified flight instructor that will be providing ground and simulator training. They are still focused on the kids. They are trying to get their second language parents involved. They have a really aggressive group in the Head Start Policy Council.

Brief discussion amongst members regarding adult education in the jail that continues after release.

Further discussion amongst members regarding the various adult education programs offered.

#### Colusa One-Stop

Angie O'Canas stated everything is going well. They are getting ready for their busy season. They have virtual zoom available Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. They just received a grant for the Young Adult Career Pathways program for adults ages 18-28 that are either homeless, disabled, or have English language learners. Yuba County office of education will be holding a construction class. They will also have trainings for those adults to get work experience. If they enroll in the construction program, they will receive up to \$1,000 in stipends. If they are in need while attending training, they can place them in on-the-job-training for employers that will hire them.

#### Colusa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Garofalo reported on his department. Current jail populations are in the upper 50's. Staffing levels are good in the jail. They broke ground on the jail project in August and are running ahead of schedule.

#### Colusa Police Department

Josh Fitch reported for his department. They have a homicide. Looking at logistics on getting the individual back from Arkansas. They currently have 3 individuals in the Academy. Hoping all 3 make it through. That will leave them only a couple officers short. It will be a huge help when they are trained.

#### Colusa County District Attorney's Office

Brendan Farrell reported for his office. Everything is going well. They are looking for a secretary and an attorney.

#### Office of the Public Defender

Albert Smith stated the court system has been compromised as both judges have essentially retired. There is not a lot of long-term planning. He stated he is 100% in favor of vocational rehab as keeping his clients working keeps them out of trouble. When you expect clients to do more, they do it.

#### Colusa County Administrative Office

Wendy Tyler stated there are great things happening. She is thrilled to see the collaboration between county departments. The County has a structural deficit in their budget and it is something that has to change. It would not just be through reductions but also through increasing revenues and getting the board to understand that there is a problem. Operations need to be looked at a little differently and make some difficult policy level decisions in terms of how they move forward in the face of the deficit. There are a lot of significant positions within the County that are changing hands.

c. Review of CPOC Annual Survey 2023-2024.

Mike Rogers stated he had previously sent out the CPOC Annual Survey for review and asked if any members have questions. There were no questions.

d. Review of Updated CCP Plan 2024-2025.

Handout of FY 2024-25 Community Corrections Partnership plan provided. Mike Rogers stated that Kristen found a few things to add. The numbers are a little different. He asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

**VOTE: Mike asked for a motion to approve plan as presented. Joe Garofalo motioned to approve the budget. Albert Smith seconded the motion. No abstentions. Motion passed.**

e. Action Requested: Use of Reserve Funds. Cal Trans has pulled funding for the Probation Departments Work Crew program for the remainder of this fiscal year. The Work Crew program is a vital county program and a mandate of the Court. The Probation Department requests the use of CCP reserve funds to fund the Work Crew Supervisor position for the remainder of the fiscal year 2024-2025 for an estimated total of \$52,880, thus allowing for the continuation of the program.

Mike Rogers stated that Cal Trans pulled their funding this year due to budget cuts. They gave approximately a week's notice that they were no longer covering the costs for the rest of the year. He stated that Probation's work crew needs to keep going. Mike advised he plans on taking a look into finding funding in the future.

Albert Smith stated he is in support of the program but has a problem with the Court wanting the program but not supplying any money. Brandon Farrell stated it is a lot cheaper to do the work program than serve jail time. Wendy Tyler stated that Mike received the notice in August after the budget was done.

Further discussion amongst members regarding work crew and reserves.

**VOTE: Josh Fitch motioned to approve the use of reserve funds. Brandon Farrell seconded the motion. Albert Smith opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed (5 to 1).**

- f. Announcements of any legislative and/or funding updates/budget/training opportunities.  
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**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**  
--none--

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

*Meeting Minutes submitted by R. Lawson, Colusa County Probation Department*