

STANISLAUS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Meeting Minutes

Thursday – June 20, 2024

Stanislaus County Probation Department

Members/Staff Present

Mark Ferriera, Chief Probation Officer, Chair, Probation Department
Stephanie Kennedy, Superior Court
Sgt. Steve Junqueiro for Jeff Dirkse, Sheriff, Sheriff's Office
Abraham Andres for Tony Vartan, Director, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
Jennifer Jennison, Public Defender's Office
Cynthia Duenas, Center for Human Services
Jeff Laugero, District Attorney's Office
Christine Huber, Community Services Agency
Saundra Day for Scott Kuykendall, Stanislaus County Office of Education
Gina Machado, Center for Human Services
Courtney Marton, District Attorney's Office
Doris Foster, Workforce Development
Brittney Bailey, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office
Lizbeidy Solorio, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office
Mayra Longoria-Autler, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office
Elise Price, Probation Department
Michael Walker, Realignment Manager, Probation Department
Trisha Birchard, Crime Analyst, Probation Department
Vanessa Bravo, Crime Analyst, Probation Department
Gabriela De La Torre, Leaders in Community Alternatives
Consuelo Guzman, Leaders in Community Alternatives
Dane Holding, Nirvana
Michael Bagley, Nirvana
Yanely Gutierrez, Learning Quest
Marina Betancourt, Learning Quest

Members Absent

Brandon Gillespie, Modesto Police Department
Terry Withrow, Board of Supervisors

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chief Probation Officer Mark Ferriera called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m., and members of the group introduced themselves.

2. Public Comment

No one provided public comment.

3. Adoption of Minutes from the March 14, 2024, meeting.

MOTION: Public Defender Jennifer Jennison. SECOND: District Attorney Jeff Laugero. The minutes from the March 14, 2024, meeting were approved unanimously.

4. District Attorney's Office Presentation (Presentation is attached)

District Attorney Jeff Laugero and Victim Advocate Courtney Marton presented on the District Attorney's Office Victims' Services Unit (VSU) and CCP-funded positions. Ms. Marton provided insight into how the VSU serves as a beacon of hope for survivors of various crimes. The presentation included the following:

- Victim Services Program Mission
- Marsy's Law
- VSU Services
- Facility Dog
 - The Facility Dog accompanies victims in court with preplanning and communication before the scheduled court date.
- VSU Crime Types
- VSU Statistics
- VSU Funding
- The Victim Services Unit (VSU)
- Post Conviction - CCP
- Post Conviction Notification?
 - The notifications are approached delicately due to possible triggers to victims.
 - Ms. Morton shared a victim impact statement submitted because of the post-conviction notification sent out by Ms. Marton informing the victim of charges potentially being expunged from a defendant's record. The statement was read in court, and the defendant's petition to expunge the charges was denied.
- Community Outreach
- Homicide Victims' Candlelight Vigil
- National Crime Victims' Rights Week Events
- CCP Funded Positions
 - District Attorney Laugero advised that the CCP-funded positions deal with the workload created by the AB109 supervision and Regional Apprehension Team (RAT) Operations.
 - A trainee program has been implemented to onboard individuals attending or recently graduated from law school to help with recruitment and retention.

5. Consideration/Vote of Membership

Cindy Duenas, Director of the Center for Human Services, will retire on July 12th, 2024, and has recommended that Gina Machado step into her role as a member of the Community Corrections Partnership upon her retirement.

MOTION: Doris Foster. SECOND: Christine Huber. Gina Machado to step into the role currently held by Ms. Duenas on July 13, 2024, a day following Ms. Duenas's retirement, is unanimously approved.

6. Program Update:

Realignment Manager Michael Walker from the Probation Department reported that the CCP Plan for FY 2024-2025 has been completed and will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in July. Following today's meeting, the CCP Plan will be emailed to the CCP voting membership for review and suggestions.

- The Day Reporting Center (DRC) currently operates with 15 Domestic Violence classes and will add one more class to its curriculum in FY 2024-2025.
- The tattoo removal program will be held at the Day Reporting Center on July 9, 2024, from Noon to 3:30 p.m.
- Regional Apprehension Team (RAT) operations are currently at a standstill but will resume at the start of FY 2024-2025.

CPO Ferriera advised that the CCP Plan will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on July 23, 2024.

CARE:

Data Analyst Vanessa Bravo from the Probation Department reported the following services provided for the 3rd Quarter of FY 2024 were as follows:

- 2871 Individual contacts were made.
- 430 Food and Clothing
- 182 Transportation
- 153 DMV Vouchers
- 412 Medical Services
- 231 Mental Health Services (MH)
- 361 Substance Use Disorder (SUD)
- 212 Life Skills Counseling
- 73 Social Security-related
- 189 Housing
- 18 SUD Assessments Completed
- 25 MH Assessments Completed

Cindy Duenas suggested maximizing access to coordinated care by embedding ECM providers in CARE.

Sheriff's Office:

Program statistics and information were provided for FY 2023-2024. The program statistics and information packet is attached.

District Attorney:

District Attorney's Victim Advocate, Courtney Marton, reported that from March 2024 to June 2024, the following services were provided:

- Casework Stats:
 - 121 Probation CPO assistance.
 - 3 Probation restitution assistance.
 - 137 Victim information assistance.
 - 6 Restitution packets were completed.
- Outreach Stats:
 - 12 outreach events were attended.
 - 800 plus individuals were reached out to.

The District Attorney's Office met with the Probation Department to discuss ways the District Attorney's Office Victim Services Unit can assist with PC 679.06, which states that the Probation Department is to notify the perpetrator's current or proposed residence upon release from custody while on probation to the abuse victims.

Public Defender's Office:

Public Defender Jennifer Jennison reported the following:

- Client Support Specialists continue to connect individuals to services to prevent them from returning to custody.
- The CCP early representation team is now embedded in the Sheriff's Office at the County Jail.
- The Public Defender's Office recently added support dogs to their team to support clients who are not competent enough to stand trial.
- The Homeboy-Like Industries building donated to house the program is in the early stages of construction but moving along.

Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (BHRS):

Abraham Andres shared that the Board of Supervisors has approved BHRS's expansion of its Telecare Team to service the influx of clients requiring Specialty Mental Health services. He briefly discussed the increase in the adult outpatient caseload and the factors contributing to it.

Chief Probation Officer Mark Ferriera requested a staffing update for previously CCP-approved positions to expand the Mental Health Treatment Court and Drug Court. Mr. Andres will contact CPO Ferriera with an update.

Workforce Development:

Doris Foster reported the following:

Workforce Development will expand its services by adding a Manufacturing Training Program called MC3 in January 2025. MC3 participants will receive training to become union workers; 20 will be in the first cohort. This year, 78 previously justice-involved individuals have been employed with the help of Workforce Development. The average hourly wage was \$22.78.

Community for Services Agency (CSA):

Christine Huber reported that CSA programming assistance applications significantly increased this past year. She also reported an increase in fraud.

Center for Human Services Agency:

Cindy Duenas reminded everyone that the Center for Human Services is accepting referrals for substance use disorder.

Leaders In Community Alternatives:

Consuelo Guzman provided the following update:

- CBI-Employment Adult: Between modules 1 and 4, 26 participants are enrolled in CBI-Employment. The program continues to operate, with new classes starting every two weeks.
 - LCA is currently operating 2 job search classes.
- Employment: 8 participants are currently employed full-time.
- Vocational: 6 participants currently attend a vocational program:
 - 1 is enrolled in the J&R Trucking Class A, 1 in the Cal Trade Welding Program, 4 in the DeHart HVAC/R, and 1 in the Volt Institute Electro-Mechanical Training.
- Vocational Completions: 13 participants completed a vocational training program in the last 90 days:
 - 1 - J&R Truck School Class A
 - 4 – Serv Safe Food Handler Card
 - 1 - Dehart HVAC Facilities Maintenance Course 1
 - 5 - Forklift Training
 - 1 - Volt Institute Electro-Mechanical Training
- 13 completed the CBI-EA curriculum in the last 90 days.
- 4 participants completed and Graduated from LCA in the last 90 days and are employed full-time.
- Aggression Replacement Training (ART) runs twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- REACT:
 - Beginning July 10, 2024, 4 CBI employment groups will be facilitated: General Population, Protective Custody, Women, and Veterans.

Nirvana:

Dane Holding reported the following:

From January 2024 through June 2024, residential treatment received 36 referrals, of which 24 referred clients were admitted, 10 completed successfully, 7 are still in treatment, and 6 failed to complete. Also,

during this reporting time, 37 clients completed the STIC program: 7 at the Day Reporting Center and 30 at REACT. Lastly, 3 clients were admitted into sober living, and 2 completed successfully.

The renovation of the Nirvana facility at 1028 Reno Avenue in Modesto has been completed. Michael Bagley offered to present on Nirvana and their different locations.

Learning Quest:

Marina Betancourt and Yaneli Gutierrez from Learning Quest reported the following:

- 30 Graduates, of which 9 were previously incarcerated.
- 69 clients are enrolled in college.
- 72 clients are now employed.

Learning Quest will hold a graduation ceremony on July 3rd, 2024. The ceremony will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Martin Petersen Event Center (720 12th St, Modesto, CA 95354). A flyer with additional information will be emailed to the group.

7. Announcements:

Cindy Duenas announced that the Center for Human Services construction expansion will soon start and anticipates it being ready sometime next year. The expansion will serve youth and their families.

8. Next Meeting:

September 12, 2024, @ 1:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office



Victim Services Program

(209) 525-5541

Updated June 2024

Victim Services Program Mission



When people fall victim to crime, they may suffer a great deal of emotional and/or physical pain. At the very least, they will be confused and uncertain of their rights and the most appropriate next steps.

Our purpose is to help them understand what happens next, make them aware of their rights and assist victims in overcoming the physical, financial & emotional trauma experienced as a result of the crime, helping them move toward recovery.

Marsy's Law

- The Victims' Bill of Rights Act of 2008
- The California Constitution, Article 1, Section 28, confers certain rights to victims of crime

("Upon Request" = Teal)

- 1) Fairness & Respect
- 2) Protection from the Defendant
- 3) Victim Safety Consideration in Setting Bail & Release conditions
- 4) Prevention of Disclosure of Confidential Information
- 5) Refusal to be Interviewed by the Defense
- 6) Conference with the Prosecution & Notice of Pretrial Disposition
- 7) Notice of & Presence at Public Proceedings
- 8) Appearance at Court Proceedings & Expression of Views
- 9) Speedy Trial & Prompt Conclusion of the Case
- 10) Provision of Information to the Probation Department
- 11) Receipt of Pre-Sentence Report
- 12) Information about Conviction, Sentence, Incarceration, Release, & Escape
- 13) Restitution
- 14) Prompt Return of Property
- 15) Notice of Parole Procedures & Release on Parole
- 16) Safety of Victims & Public are Factors in Parole Release
- 17) Information about these 16 Rights

VSU Services



- ❖ Provide Crisis Intervention
- ❖ Orientation to the Criminal Justice System/Case Status & Disposition
- ❖ Provide Court Escort and Support
- ❖ Help with Victim Impact Statements
- ❖ Assist with Property Return
- ❖ Help with Restitution Information & Submission of Forms
- ❖ Refer Victim to Community Resources & Further Counseling
- ❖ Notify of Parole Hearings on Life Cases; Non-Violent Prop 57; COVID Early Release: Clemency; Inmate Release
- ❖ Assist with Claim for Benefits from the California Victim Compensation Program

Facility Dog

JANIE



HONOR



VSU Crime Types

- Homicide / Attempted
- Robbery / ID Theft
- Assault / Battery
- Sexual Assault
- Assault with Deadly Weapon
- Child Abuse/Molest
- Domestic/Family Violence
- Elder & Dependent Adult Abuse
- Kidnapping
- Carjacking



- Hate Crimes
- Stalking
- Online Harassment
- Vehicular Offenses
 - ❖ DUI w/ Injury or Death
 - ❖ Hit and Run
 - ❖ Vehicular Manslaughter
 - ❖ Fleeing scene of crime
 - ❖ Assault with vehicle
- And Many Others...

VSU Statistics



During the 2023 Calendar Year (Jan – Dec)

- Total Victims Served: 14,031
- Cal VCB Claims Assistance: 2,388
- Services Provided: 86,000+

VSU Funding



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OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

- Victim Services Unit
 - Primarily Grant Funded
 - Victim/Witness Grant (Violent Crimes Against Persons)
 - Unserved/Underserved Grant (Hispanic/Latinx)
 - Elder & Dependent Adult Abuse Grant
 - County XC Grant (Latinx)
 - CCP – Community Corrections Partnership participation and funding

The Victim Services Unit (VSU)

- 1 Victim Services Program Manager
- 2 Victim Services Supervisors
- 10 Full Time Advocates
 - Assignments and Caseloads vary by Grant Type
 - 1 Mass Victimization Advocate
 - 1 Post Conviction Advocate
 - Homicide/Vehicular Manslaughter Cases Assigned on Rotation
- 1 VSU Legal Clerk
- Volunteers (when available)

Post Conviction - CCP

- Typical Tasks:
 - CPO & Victim Information Requests from Probation
 - Restitution Assistance
 - Post Conviction Notifications:
 - NVP57
 - Parole Hearings
 - 1203.4 Motions
 - SB483
 - SB384
 - Felony Murder Petitions
 - HEARD Petitions
 - RJA Petitions
 - Clemency
 - Etc.

What does Post Conviction Notifications Mean?

- Work closely with Post Conviction DDA Team
- Review files and identify victims
- Locate and attempt to contact victims
- Register for OVSRS notifications through CDCR
- Provide case status updates - notifications about post conviction petitions
- Assist with the writing of Victim Impact Statements
- Court escort assistance
- Crisis intervention

Victim Impact Statement on a Post Conviction Case

My name is [CONFIDENTIAL] and I am a victim of [DEF]. I am writing in regards to the petition that [DEF] filed with the court to dismiss and expunge his case. I believe with all my heart that this should not be allowed to happen. The things he did to me, my sisters and even my cousin are heinous. The fact that he took innocence from children who trusted him is unforgivable. I have to live with these memories for the rest of my life. Memories that still haunt and affect me to this day. I can not speak for my sisters or cousin, but I know from deep conversations with them that this still affects them also. There should be no forgiveness when it comes to hurting children, even if those children have grown up.

I can not expunge the images from my brain, he should not be able to expunge them from his record.

I truly appreciate you taking the time to listen to my statement. Thank you.



Community Outreach



Homicide Victims' Candlelight Vigil



National Crime Victims' Rights Week Event



Additional Updates



CCP also provides funding for:

- Deputy District Attorney

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- Six Legal Clerks*

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- Three Attorney Trainees*

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- Three Attorney Trainees*
- Three Victim Advocates and funding for training and outreach materials

Violence knows no boundaries. It transcends culture, race, income, location, age and gender.

Our goal is to deliver exceptional service to victims of crime, inform and advocate for victims' rights, and educate our community about our program and the services we provide.

**For further information you can contact the
Victim Services Unit at (209) 525-5541**

IG: @stancounty_da



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PROGRAM STATS AND INFO

START DATE	END DATE	OVERALL NUMBER OF PROGRAMS PARTICIPANTS
07/01/2023	06/01/2024	1457 IP enrolled in courses 5951 ACCI packets enrolled

SUMMARY

From the beginning of the Fiscal year to date, Our Programs have been made up of ACCI Packets, BHRS, CPS, Nirvana, LCA, Learning Quest, MJC, Staff Lead Course, and multiple hands-on Vocational courses.

Our Ag program is made up of chickens and goats with hands-on experience training on how to care for the animals and collecting eggs each that supplement IP's breakfast. We have 54 goats for weed and brush abatement, This year the goats have cleared 8 sites that help the county with fire control. Last fiscal year, 7 baby goats were born on site and Inmates assisted with the welfare of the newborn kid goats including bottle-feeding. Currently, we have 5 goats at our facility that have been set aside for breeding.

Our Program staff also has a Job Assistance Program where Program staff would assist the IP housed in our React facility. They assist with finding companies they will be hiring at the time of the IP release. The Program staff assists IPs in putting in applications and arranging phone interviews, and in-person interviews. The program has assisted in successful job placements and a variety of resources provided.

We have started Our Cal ID Program and have our first set of applications pending for 19 inmates to get their ID out of the

We have 30 volunteers with N/A & A/A who come in to offer counseling and celebrate recovery to IP for 12 hours a month in our REACT Facility.

EDUCATIONAL

COURSE	PROVIDER	IP STARTED	IP'S COMPLETED	NOTES
HSE	LQ	150	21	

Microsoft Excel	LQ	123	59	
Microsoft Word	LQ	184	61	
Seeking Employment	LQ	353	128	
LCA Employment	LCA	44	33	
STIC	Nirvana	53	27	
Women of Wisdom	BHRS	35		Disposition will be tracked next FY 24-25
Battling Shadows (MRT)	BHRS	60		Disposition will be tracked next FY 24-25
SUDS	BHRS	60		Disposition will be tracked next FY 24-25
Child Welfare	CPS	11	2	
Intro To Programs	SO	37	34	
Offender Corrections	SO	186	106	
Cognitive Awareness	SO	77	50	
Principles and Values	SO	38	22	
MJC	MJC	39	13	
Work Ready	WD	7	6	
ACCI Lifeskills	ACCI	5951	5305	12 different Self-guided courses offered

VOCATIONAL (12 WEEKS)

COURSE	PROVIDER	IP'S STARTED	IP'S COMPLETED	NOTES
Landscaping	SO	24	5	8 currently enrolled
Welding	SO	11	5	
Janitorial	SO	15	5	6 currently enrolled
Sewing	SO	6	1	1 currently enrolled
Fetch	SO	14	0	Program was suspended
Ag	SO	15	7	2 currently enrolled

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

JOBS STARTED SINCE JULY 2023	#OF IP'S INTERACTIONS	#OF IP'S WHO INTERVIEWED WITH JOBS	NOTES
7	98	17	5 currently enrolled in assistance, This year we have noticed a number of employers that are not hiring that we worked with before. We are also finding an increase in employers that want online applications only.

FUTURE PROJECTS

PROJECT	TALKING POINTS
S.C.O.E.	We are in the process of finalizing the MOU, this Partnership will create an AG manager, Window Tint Certificate, and Truck Driving Course.

