

Trinity County Community Corrections Partnership Employment/Community Service Sub-Committee Meeting November 9, 2011 Minutes

10am-12pm

Trinity County Probation
Conference Room
333 Tom Bell Rd.
Weaverville, CA 96093

Call to order at 10:09 am

In attendance: Terry Lee, Debbie DeCoito, Tony Miller, Linda Wright, Joe Scott

Introduction by Terry with brief overview of AB 109, the purpose of the group and what we are doing here today.

- Terry- Court has expressed a desire for a specific program that they can sentence to.
- Linda-What are these programs that can be sentenced to and do they have to be paid for their service?
- Terry-No, these programs are in lieu of incarceration. They are to reduce the population of those in-custody and provide skills to help reduce recidivism. This program used to be run at a half time basis by probation, then HHS, but the funding was cut and the program ended. We had monies set aside in the budget to help run this program and offer appropriate supervision, but this will only cover a portion of the cost to run a program like this.
- Debbie-Smart has programs that offer adult GED tutoring, internships and work experience programs, that are paid, and other supportive services.
- Terry-There are two populations; those returning from prison and those who are no longer eligible for prison and will serve their sentences locally or do time in alternative custody.
- Debbie-Smart can run a program to do internships or work experience-this is good for parolees or those after release.
- Linda-HHS (through Cal WORKS) has a good work program and a few slots with a stipend if they show longer commitment.
- Tony-have been developing work sites for workers without displacing the regular slots for programs that are already up and running. They will need to have timesheets, schedules, assignments, etc. to manage these workers. They are working off their time, but there are many challenges that may arise due to the need for safety trainings in order to complete projects they are assigned to.
- Terry-CCP plan can cover insurance costs, provide a vehicle, and maybe cover additional supplies and supervision as the budget grows.
- Tony-General services can provide work sites, but will need staff to supervise.
- Look at behavioral coaching or classes for helping to get people prepared for work.
- Terry-we need to look at revenues to help pay for supplies to run the program sites. (Kern County charges 60 admin fee and a daily fees to cover their program costs.)
- Linda-We could develop a questionnaire for PO to use in referring clients to HHS for programs and services. If they are not eligible, they could be referred to Smart for services.
- Debbie-Our program has an application, will help get ID, SSSC, Resume, job searching, job applications, interview skills, work clothes, transportation costs, child care, general work supplies (not site specific), safety training at hire with drug testing, and physicals.
- Tony-Will need medical release, safety training and insurance form for each participant.
- They could do their orientation at Smart center if not Cal WORKS eligible, but could do community services with General Services or through a Smart placement.
- Could do any combination of programs and give credit hours if they find a permanent job.
- Terry-Developing a referral form, data elements for tracking participants, and have review meetings to discuss cases.
- Program Rules, project lists, etc. for each program and our next meeting; also bring a list of what you need to do for work sites.

Closing at 11:47 am