

Trinity County Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee Meeting April 10, 2014 Minutes

10:00am

Trinity County Probation Department
333 Tom Bell Rd
Weaverville, CA 96093

In attendance: Bruce Haney, Hal Ridlehuber, Anne Lagorio, Margie Lee, Mark Loveless, Liz Johnson

Call to order at 10:27am

Introduction

- Hal is the new chair of the CCP

Review and approval of minutes

- Minutes from November 20, 2013 are approved

Report from each agency's currently funded programs

- HRN
 - They have been housing people every day since July
 - Meet at least twice a week with those being housed, giving them an individualized weekly goal sheet with goals that can include looking for work, completing a resume, etc
 - They do home visits, teach them how to budget, fill out rental applications
 - Have even helped a PRCS case, not being housed, with resources
 - The individualized planning can help to reduce the recidivism rate
- Probation
 - PRCS cases are all assigned to Tuee
 - A risk level is established upon receiving a PRCS case and a needs assessment is performed on all high risk cases
 - A case plan is built around the top five criminogenic needs and they are given services with Behavioral Health and HRN from day one
 - We have received 40 PRCS cases since the implementation of AB109; about 30 have actually stayed here with the remainder being transferred out to other counties
 - There have been 13 successful terminations since implementation
 - We have a 16.6% recidivism rate which is very low compared to other counties
 - The low recidivism rate may be contributed to the one on one supervision that each PRCS case receives versus other counties with more sophisticated programs (such as day reporting centers)
 - Electronic Monitoring Program – Has taken at least 2,000 bed days away from the Jail, Bruce thought it may be up to 5,000 days but will verify; PRCS cases are placed on GPS monitoring for the first 30 days and can be

taken off after that if in compliance. We are absorbing some of the costs as not everyone can pay

- 1170(h) Overview – Some sentences are too long for the county jail, encourage courts to support split sentences
 - Jail is still at 80% pre-trial population – Liz has been trying to keep cases moving and Bruce agrees she's been effective and they are trying to determine why the pre-trial population is still high
 - Split sentences can help with transition back into the community
 - Still seeing a statewide resistance to split sentencing
- Behavioral Health
 - Monthly AB109 meetings really help to not let any clients fall through the cracks, helps to cross-educate each other on how to deal with clients, staffing cases that are going to be released, and sharing info to be able to better help a client
 - The MRT program has been extremely successful in both the juvenile hall and the jail
 - In the future, Medi-Cal would be able to be billed because people being release from jail would already be signed up for Medi-Cal
 - Question on funds rolling over each year for Behavioral Health contingency fund; the money will be there and available for if/when a situation arises
- Sheriff's Department
 - The correctional officer position that was funded has increased their staffing level to "minimum staffing" according to the BSCC which may play a role in increasing the chance of getting the funds for a new jail
 - With a better designed facility they could get by with current staffing level
 - In the future, maybe fund a deputy/PO team
 - Keeping the Juvenile Hall open is critical to obtaining the jail construction grant
- Courts
 - How are PRCS revocations affecting the courts? – revocations are not high in number so it hasn't been too bad, flash incarcerations have been helping
 - May need some allocations in the future, right now can't identify specific costs but there is definitely an impact

Status of the Pre-Trial Program

- Court and DA can expect to see the Virginia Tool Assessments very soon
- Measures risk of failure to appear and committing a new crime while on OR/bail
- Sheriff's Dept is using it for all bookings now, used on about 15-20 people
- Will be used to manage the pre-trial population, court can use it to determine OR/bail
- A meeting with Liz, Bruce, Hal, Mike, Public Defender to discuss the procedure would be beneficial
- It is a brand new program and is still a work in progress

Establishing a definition of “Recidivism”

- CPOC definition is when someone receives a new felony or misdemeanor conviction during supervision; this is the definition Hal has adopted for Probation’s definition of recidivism
- Other counties seem to be collecting a number of stats (see handout)
- Ultimately, recidivism needs to be defined at a state level
- Should flash incarcerations be included for recidivism? Would this increase funding?
- Need to think about the definition and revisit idea

Allocating Growth Money

- Discussion on AB109 Base and Growth Estimates (see handout)
- Allocations were based on estimates of the number of PRCS cases; it was estimated that the number of PRCS cases would drop and that is why there is a drop in allocations for the 13/14 FY
- Need to consider that our base funding may go down next year
- We get the growth money a year after we get the base funding, we are currently spending the growth money from 12/13 FY
- There will be a drop in base and growth money next year but the 14/15 allocations should increase
- Discussion of current budget
 - HRN will need more funding next year
 - Jail Needs Study will not be a recurring cost
 - EM equipment is getting paid through other accounts, trying not to expend all of the allocated amount right now
 - Assessment/Pre-trial tools are on-going costs
 - CSS – on-going cost
 - Testing supplies – most getting paid by Probation
 - Candor Consulting – was used for training for case plans, etc. Hal decided to put a hold on that to free up \$6,000 for next year
- Growth money we are looking at now is \$143,000
 - Terry had suggested before to split with Probation and Sheriff’s Dept; \$70,000 to each and \$3,000 to the AB109 account
 - Mike and Christine talked to Hal earlier and were in agreement with that plan
 - Motion to split growth money with Probation and SO and let the remainder roll over – Liz motions, Mark seconds → Probation and Sheriff’s Dept to each get \$70,000 and \$3,000 to roll over in AB109 account
- The amount of base funding for next year is not known yet
- Liz would like some of the base allocation for the courts, she will determine the specific impact on the courts and report back

Closing Remarks

- Next meeting will be in mid-June once the next year’s base allocation is known

Close at 12:00pm