

**SOLANO COUNTY**  
**Community Corrections Partnership Meeting**  
**Public Safety Local Plan Development Minutes**  
**December 19, 2012**

**Present:**

**CCP Committee Members**

Chris Hansen, *Chief Probation Officer\**  
Tom Ferrara, *Sheriff's Office\**  
Patrick Duterte, *Health & Social Services\**  
Don du Bain, *District Attorney\**  
Lesli Caldwell, *Public Defender\**  
Richard Word, *Vacaville Police\**  
Birgitta Corsello, *County Administrator's Office*  
Lloyd Gieg, *Genesis House*  
Christiana Smith, *Health & Social Services*  
Brian Taylor, *Superior Court*  
Andy Williamson, *Substance Abuse Administrator*  
*\*Executive Committee Member*

**Non-Member Participants**

Donna Robinson, *Probation*  
Stephan Betz, *Health & Social Services*  
Ron Grassi, *County Administrator's Office*  
Ian Goldberg, *County Administrator's Office*  
James Ottem, *Board of Supervisors, #5*  
Dan Wolk, *County Counsel*  
Karen Prows, *District Attorney*  
Gary Faulkner, *Sheriff's Office*  
Keith Bloomfield, *Sheriff's Office*  
Gary Elliott, *Sheriff's Office*  
Ed Weed, *Center for Intervention*  
Deborah Johnson, *CDCR District Administration*  
Kara Tow, *Health Right 360*  
Amy Potter, *Probation*  
Lisa Wamble, *Probation*  
Jeannie Villarreal, *Unity Hall*  
Robert Bloom, *Workforce Investment Board*  
Tracee Stacy, *Area Agency on Aging*  
Bob Stalker, *Legal Services of Northern California*  
Rod Malloy, *Mission Solano County*  
Robert Schussel, *Vallejo Resident*  
Judy Irvin, *Vallejo Resident*  
J.E. Thompson, *AW Ret*  
Doug Darling, *Vallejo Resident*  
J. Manuel Ascencio, *Vallejo Resident*  
Patricia Gatz, *Vallejo Resident*  
Natalie Woodard, *ADAB-District 1*  
Joseph Kreins, *Vallejo Resident*  
C. Malloy, *Attorney General Victim Services*

Chief Hansen welcomed members and requested introductions.

### **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was modified to reflect Amy Potter as the presenter of the Data Report from the Probation Department.

Patrick Duterte made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Don du Bain. No opposition. Motion carried (6-0).

### **Approval of Minutes**

Patrick Duterte made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Lesli Caldwell. No opposition. Motion carried (6-0).

### **Public Comment**

Chief Hansen offered the public to speak on items which were not on the agenda. No comments.

### **Data Report** (*See Handout - PowerPoint – Probation Department and Sheriff's Office Data Presentation December 19, 2012*)

Chief Hansen clarified the following for the public: The PRCS population should not be referred to as "Parolees." The correct term is Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS). The terms Parolee and PRCS are not interchangeable. Parolees are supervised by the state. The Probation Department supervises probationers and PRCS offenders released from California Department of Correction and Rehabilitation (CDCR).

If a PRCS offender violates the terms/conditions, he/she can no longer be sent back to prison. The offender will be placed in County jail for up to a six- month sentence with 50% credit. Therefore, the maximum amount of time an offender spends in custody for violating his/her terms/conditions is three (3) months. PRCS offenders are released to the last county of legal residence.

Amy Potter presented statistical information pertaining to the Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) population for the month of November 2012.

- 378 Clients under supervision
- 12 Grants expired; 2 Grants revoked; 16 Revoked since October 2011
- 3 Failed to report; 66 since October, 2011
- 1 Transferred out of Solano County for November; 49 since October 2011
- 5 Transferred in for November; 44 since October 2011
- 6 Bench Warrants ordered; 5 warrants cleared for November
- 10 Bench Warrants outstanding for failure to report from CDCR
- Cities w/highest PRCS: Vallejo 41%; Fairfield 32%; Vacaville 14%; Suisun 7%; Dixon 5%; Rio Vista and Benicia 1%
- Risk Level of Re-offending: Very High 16 %; High 54 %; Medium 18%; Low 1%; Pending Assessment 11%
- Ethnicity: African American 45%; Caucasian 36%; Hispanic 13%; Other 6%
- Gender: 92 % male; 8 % female

- Age: 9 % (18-25); 17% (26-30); 33% (31-40); 27 % (41-50); 12% (51-60); 2% (60 +); 2% (61-70); <1% (71-80)

Gary Faulkner provided statistical information pertaining to the jail population as a result of Public Safety Realignment.

- Jail Population: 859 (Male 742; Female 112)
- Parolees (3056): 152 in custody represents 18% of jail population (Parole violators)
- 1170(h) (N3's): 198 in custody represents 23 % of jail population
- PRCs Bookings: 31 in custody represents 4% of jail population
- Ethnicity: Black 43%; Hispanic 18%; White 33%; Other 6%
- Age: 37% (18-29); 53% (30-49); 9% (50-59); 1% (60+)
- 22 compliance checks completed since December 11, 2012.
- Sheriff Enforcement Team (SET) Most Wanted 178 ; Apprehended 139

Gary Elliott clarified why Parolees (3056) are now housed in County Jail. Prior to AB109, when a parolee was arrested by a local law enforcement officer, they were sent back to prison. As a result of AB109, when a parolee is arrested, they spend the entire violation time (up to 90 days) in the County Jail which results in an increase in County jail population.

**Health & Social Services:** *(See Handouts - H&SS Mental Health/AB109 Referral & Placement Summary 11/10/2012 – 12/7/2012; H&SS Substance Abuse/AB109 Referral & Placement Summary – 2012 as of December 12, 2012)*

Stephan Betz reported statistical information for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Placements and Referrals. Stephan stated coordination with the prison has improved. Packets are being received early which is helpful in developing treatment services.

Patrick Duterte presented highlights of the Health Reform and Criminal Justice Conference in Washington D.C. that he attended on December 6, 2012 (The California Experience). Patrick spoke on the impact of overcrowded prisons in California and pending lawsuits due to health issues.

**CDCR Parole Update:** Deborah Johnson, CDCR North Bay District Administrator reported statistical information on parole services in Solano County. State Parole is continuing to downsize due to AB109. Parole units are being closed and agents are being laid off. Positions are not being filled due to attrition. The Parole Outpatient Clinic (Mental Health Care) is downsizing as well. March 31, 2013 is slated for the next round of layoffs.

- 850 Parolees in Solano County
- 742 Active parole cases compared to Contra Costa County 1,048
- 107 Revoked/Suspended
- 424 live in Fairfield; 299 Vallejo
- 122,000 offenders were supervised on parole in 2008
- 61,000 offenders are supervised on parole currently 12/2012
- 30,000 offenders are expected to be supervised in the future

**Pre-Trial Services:** Lesli Caldwell reported at least 55% and up to 70% of the jail population is awaiting trial. There are alternative programs such as ankle monitoring, which will alleviate occupancy of jail beds until the trial date. Lesli is suggesting the CCP look at acceptable

programs to the Courts and/or the Sheriff Office in order to start releasing some of the clients back into the community under some sort of supervision until the trial date. Don du Bain made a motion to form an Ad Hoc subcommittee. Motion seconded by Lesli Caldwell. No opposition. Motion carried (6-0). The committee will consist of one member from the following departments: District Attorney, Public Defender, Probation, Court, Health & Social Services, Sheriff's Office and a representative from the Social Security Administration.

**Expansion of Jail Programs:** Don du Bain suggested the committee ask the Sheriff's Office to consider expanding limited programs in the jail in order to prepare inmates for reentry into the community. Sheriff Ferrara will take this suggestion under consideration, discuss the feasibility internally, and report back to the full body in January.

Robert Bloom stated the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) has been offering Pre-Release Workshops at California State Prison Solano. The workshops could be replicated in the County jail as well.

**Employment/Education/Housing:** Chief Hansen made a motion to reconvene the Education/Employment/Housing subcommittee, which is chaired by Stephan Betz, Health & Social Services. The subcommittee will look at employment, education, and housing separately. The initial focus will be employment and education services. The subcommittee will report back on how to proceed with related programs with a parameter of \$250,000 to formulate RFP's with a maximum expenditure of \$50,000 per program. It is also requested that each program have an evaluation component. The evaluation piece will be overseen by the Criminal Justice Researcher. Motion seconded by Patrick Duterte. No opposition. Motion carried (6-0).

**Day Reporting Center Update:** Chief Hansen gave a briefing on the DRC. On August 28, 2012, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved start-up funding for a DRC. On November 6, 2012, the BOS postponed any actions on the DRC pending public comments from Vallejo. Several members of the CCP made a presentation to the BOS on December 4, 2012 after meeting with the residents of Vallejo on November 14, 2012. The Board committed to another community meeting in January 2013. The location and time is to be determined.

On December 18, the City of Vallejo passed a resolution regarding the DRC. The resolution was forwarded to the County Administrator's Office and the Board of Supervisors for response.

### **Public Comments Regarding the DRC:**

Robert Schussel - Vallejo resident stated he is not opposed to the DRC; however, Vallejo residents have been kept in the dark due to lack of publicity. His concern is the location, which will be in a one-block radius of drug activity. This will increase crime in the community. No consideration has been given to the city or neighborhoods. He disagrees with the research presented and feels the community will be guinea pigs. He questions if the ratio of 50 clients to 1 Probation Officer will be enough coverage? He is upset that Vallejo residents were given short notice of the Board of Supervisors meetings and the thoughts of citizens were not taken into consideration. Mr. Schussel gave copies of the City of Vallejo Resolution passed on December 18, 2012. Mr. Schussel also voiced his concerns with the size of the DRC being limited to 75 slots, training facilities, the ability to add or delete components to the DRC, involvement of the Vallejo Police Department, plans to "beef" up security in the area, intensive supervision for the clients, and how will the accommodations and needs of "these people" be met without pre-planning?

In response, Chief Hansen stated that the clients are receiving intensive supervision through the Probation Department. Moreover, research shows that intensive supervision without programming will not decrease recidivism (Washington State Institute for Public Policy [www.wsipp.wa.gov/](http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/)).

Tracee Stacy - Vallejo resident stated that due diligence has not been given in educating the (Vallejo) community with factual information. She would like to see more education given. Also, clear cut information as to why the community should support this project. The website should also be updated.

Judy Irvin - Vallejo resident stated she knows the center is coming. This project is being established in the poorest neighborhood and she feels the decision has already been made. She addressed the “elephant in the room” as it appears the large amount of subsidized housing in Vallejo makes this an attractive place for the DRC.

Doug Darling - Vallejo residents are upset and rightfully so. There should be a DRC in Vallejo. However, he would like to see (in writing) information regarding employment opportunities, training and mental health (infrastructure) even if this means spending more money which he recommends Solano doing. He stated we all must do better because without the housing, jobs, and education, the program will not work. His concern is the County implementing a program without the City’s knowledge.

Patricia Gatz - Vallejo resident stated she understands the state wants to reduce the overcrowding and the county and cities have to take up some of the slack. Her concerns are regarding the citizens of Vallejo not having any knowledge of the DRC as well as not being heard. If this program isn’t done properly, there could be a big uptake in crime. She referenced Supervisor Linda Seifert’s e-mail dated, September 17, 2012 in which 41% of the PRCS offenders reside in Vallejo. She questions if they (PRCS) have adequate supervision, adequate opportunities to turn their lives around and transition back into society without committing crimes in the City of Vallejo. She also wondered about the 59% (PRCS) in the other areas of the county. The crime rates are high enough, we don’t need more.

### **Committee Comments:**

Chief Hansen recommended the DRC subcommittee reconvene to review the viable options and needs of the clientele in South County and Fairfield. Also, the committee will have the task of giving the project a proper name.

Don du Bain suggested the County Administrator’s Office look at potential sites in Fairfield to include capacity and the cost for a short- and long-term DRC.

Chief Hansen suggested the DRC subcommittee listen to comments made today and report back to the full body at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 16 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Solano County Events Center, 601 Texas Street, Conference Room A

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.