

# Merced County Community Corrections Partnership

## Executive Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 31, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

Room 301

2222 STREET, MERCED, CA

- **Call to Order:** 2:06 p.m.
- **Introductions**
  - Executive Committee Members Present:**
    - o Jeff Kettering, Chair, Chief Probation Officer
    - o Jason Goins, Sheriff's Office
    - o Tabatha Haywood, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
    - o Jane Van Vloten, Merced County Superior Court
    - o Gary Brizzee, Los Banos Police Department
    - o Matt Serrato, District Attorney's Office
  - Also in attendance:**
    - o Mary Rose Rutikanga, Merced County CEO Office
- **Public Comment** – There were no comments.
- **Review of Minutes from November 28, 2017**
  - ✓ The minutes were reviewed and no changes were noted.
- **Review of 2018/2019 Strategies**
  - ✓ Jeff reviewed the 2018/2019 Strategies. The first three pages are overviews of the various projects. It was noted that the Educational and Vocational Services have been very successful with ten to fifteen employment placements.
  - ✓ The budgets are mostly staying the same. The MCOE funds will be increased to provide more placements.
  - ✓ The AB 109 funded services are still on track. The Pre-Trial Services will be heading in the direction of no cash bail. We are working with the Sheriff's Department on risk assessments. This will increase staff with two additional Probation Assistant positions. The goal is to have the assessments ready for the arraignment for possible quicker release times when applicable. The additional staff will also add oversight to the OR Court releases. This program will focus on the effort to release the number of felony warrants that are incarcerated prior to arraignment. Ninety-two percent of the detainees are pre-trial holds. This is problematic for the people sentenced to serve time but are unable to complete their sentences as the jails are filled with those awaiting trial. Additional GPS monitoring and Mental Health services will also help assist in this goal. The lower level offences are going to take time and will be slightly more challenging.

- ✓ The plan is also to include a Clinician located in the County jail. This will act as a warm handoff to assist in transitioning from being in custody to productive members of society.
- ✓ The number of people supported by Prop funding has increased twenty percent. The goal of residential treatment is a joint effort and being assessed. The Courts have the final decision as to the entry into this program which provides treatment locally. Tabatha explained the State and Federal funding from the Behavior Health side of the house. The clients must go through an assessment process first which is an added benefit for both Departments.
- ✓ Round table discussion.
- ✓ Jeff explained the realignment funds.
- ✓ Mary Rose reminded the Department to make sure to add the positions to the budget.
  
- **Vote on modification to 2018/2019 Strategies**
  - ✓ Motioned to accept by Jason Goins and Tabatha Haywood seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
  
- **Next Meeting**
  - ✓ The next CCP Executive meeting to be announced.
  
- **Adjourn – 2:39 p.m.**