

**Riverside County**  
**Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee**  
3960 Orange St., 5th Floor Conference Room, Riverside, CA  
June 6, 2023, 1:30 PM

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Christopher Wright at 1:30 PM.

Roll call of the members:

Christopher Wright, Chief Probation Officer, Chairman  
Steve Harmon, Public Defender, Vice Chairman  
Michael Hestrin, District Attorney  
Zareh Sarrafian, Riverside University Health System, Chief Executive Officer  
Tony Conrad, Murrieta Police, Chief

Not in attendance:

Chad Bianco, Sheriff  
Jason Galkin, Court Executive Officer

2. Approval of Minutes of February 7, 2023, Virtual Meeting

Christopher Wright referenced the link for the February 7, 2023, virtual meeting of the Community Corrections Partnership Executive (CCPEC) meeting.

3. FY 2022/23 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Report

Probation Administrative Services Manager Jessica Holstien provided an overview of FY 2022/23 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Report (handout).

- Overall, the total year end estimated expenditures for all the CCPEC agencies are approximately \$125.8M through June 30, 2023. If there are any remaining balances as of June 30, 2023, those funds will be available for use and/or rolled over into FY 2023/24.
- The FY 2022/23 state allocation of \$111.35M in payments to Riverside County averages approximately \$12.4M per month. The total AB 109 Operating Funds received year to date (commencing September 2021), inclusive of the May 2023 allocation is \$85.9M.
- Please note that the Q4 financial reports ending June 30, 2023, are due on Tuesday, August 15.

Christopher Wright moved a motion to receive and file the FY 2022/23 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Report and Summary of Expenditures and the individual CCPEC Agency Financial Reports. The motion was seconded by Zareh Sarrafian. The motion was approved as follows:

Aye: Wright, Harmon, Hestrin, Sarrafian, Conrad

Nay: None

Absent: Bianco

Abstain: None

#### 4. FY 2023/24 Budget Presentations

- a) FY 2023/24 Estimated Funding – Administrative Services Manager Jessica Holstien reviewed the estimated available funding which will not be confirmed until the State finalizes the FY 2023/24 budget (handout). Each department will present their budget request today and the final FY 2023/24 budget will be voted on at the October meeting.
- Total FY 2023/24 Estimated Available Funding \$135.9M
  - FY 2023/24 Requested Budget Requests \$143.6M
  - FY 2023/24 Projected Shortfall \$7.7M
- b) Probation – Division Director Larry Mease reviewed the Probation Department’s FY 2023/24 CCPEC Budget Request (handout).
- Supervision Stats as of April 30, 2023:
    - Active Post-release Community Supervision (PRCS) Offenders – 1, 415
    - Active Mandatory Supervision Offenders – 717
    - Total Clients – 2, 132
  - Staffing Allocation
    - FY 2023/24 AB 109 Authorized and Funded Positions totals 130. Of those 98 are currently filled.

Larry Mease shared a list of programs available, program enhancements, and acknowledged all the partnerships at the three Day Reporting Centers (DRCs). The DRCs deliver an average of 29 classes per site per week to approximately 523 total participants per month.

During FY 2022/23, the program received 1,473 referrals: a 20% increase from the year prior. Education referrals increased by 78% resulting in 29 graduations; additionally, clients completed 493 credits toward achieving a diploma. Despite some challenges getting back to normal post-Covid, the program maintained its commitment to serve participants to facilitate stability and promote success.

In September 2022, Probation initiated the Request for Proposal (RFP) process to secure a contract with a community-based organization (CBO) to operate the three DRCs on behalf of the department. Committed to maximizing the use of AB 109 funding and meeting one of the department’s strategic goals in expanding partnerships with CBOs, the intent of this effort is to sustain the ‘one-stop-shop’ model while enhancing its oversight with the expertise of a qualified and experienced CBO. The RFP bid evaluation process has been completed and an award is pending.

For FY 2023/24 the Probation Department is requesting \$24.5M, a year over year increase of \$630, 114, or 2.64%. The increase is primarily due to labor costs and program services.

- c) District Attorney – Michael Hestrin stated the District Attorney’s office will not be requesting any additional funds from CCPEC for FY 2023/24 as specified in the FY 2023/24

Proposed Budget Memorandum (handout). The District Attorney's office will utilize the State allocation issued for FY 2023/24 to cover the entire portion of the AB 109 efforts.

- d) Public Defender –Steven Harmon stated the Public Defender's office will not be requesting any additional funds from CCPEC for FY 2023/24 as specified in the FY 2023/24 Proposed Budget request (handout).
- e) Sheriff's Department – Chief Deputy Misha Graves presented the Sheriff's Department FY 2023/24 CCPEC Budget Request presentation (handout).

#### The AB 109 Housing Impact: Implementation to April 30, 2023

- Parole Violations – 22, 773 (booked)
- PRCS Violations – 13, 479 (booked)
- Flash Incarcerations – 6, 149 (booked)
- Realignment Inmates – 21, 280 (booked)
- Total AB 109 Inmates – 63, 681
  - There are 20 inmates in custody who are sentenced to 3 years or more
  - Longest sentence: 2 inmates sentenced to 20 years

#### Jail Overcrowding and Early Releases

- 82,904 inmates have been released early since the inception of AB 109
- 10, 767 inmates were released early in 2022
- As of April 30, our 2023 daily average was 21

#### Inmate Training and Education Programs and Alternatives to Incarceration

- Reentry Services Enhancing Transition (ReSET Project)
- Therapeutic Groups
- Audio Book Children stories (ABC Project)
- Reentry Occupational Technology Skills Training
- Work Release Program
- Chaplain and Volunteer Services
- Veterans Program
- Supervised Electronic Confinement Program (SECP)
- Fire Camps (reopened post COVID)

#### Behavioral Health Housing

- There are currently 558 beds dedicated to the seriously mentally ill inmates, a 407% increase since implementation of AB 109.
- The Sheriff's department, in partnership with Behavioral Health Services, is dedicated to increasing services and assisting inmates with mental health disabilities.

#### Budget Request

- For FY 2023/24 the Sheriff's Department is requesting \$55.1M, which includes salary and benefits, facility operational costs, transportation costs, programs operational costs, fire camps, and home detention/work release.

#### Questions to the Sheriff Department

- Mike Hestrin inquired about the inmate that is serving 20 years and the criteria for not getting federally released.
- f) Riverside University Health System – Dr. Matthew Chang reviewed RUHS FY 2023/24 CCPEC Budget Request (handout).

#### Riverside University Health System AB 109 Services

- RUHS Medical Center and Care Clinics provide a full variety of inpatient and outpatient care to AB 109 clients.
- RUHS Correctional Health and Behavioral Health provide basic and emergency care to AB 109 inmates at the county jails.
- RUHS Behavioral Health provides mental health and substance use services to AB109 clients at county operated clinics and probation day reporting centers.

#### RUHS Successes

- Forensic Full-Service Partnerships (FFSP) showed decreased homeless days, decreased inpatient hospital days, decreased jail days, decreased arrests, and increases in primary care provider (PCP).
- Recent Continuum Buildout: 550+ Beds
- Crisis Campus
- Arlington Recovery Community and Sobering Center
- Windy Springs Wellness Center
- Cedar Glen Project
- Restorative Transformation Center
- From January 2022 to January 2023 Justice Outreach Teams, New Life Clinics, FFSP had an increase in Total Services of 42, 408, a 9% increase from Jan 21/22. Consumers served totaled 1, 016, a 23% increase from Jan 21/22.

#### Future Continuum Buildout and Proposed Services

- Justice Outreach Teams (JOT) expansion and Justice Inreach Services (JIT)
- Expanded Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder Services
- Hulen Place – 31 beds for transitional/bridge housing
- Adult Franklin Facility – 75 beds
- Replace current 30+ year old 77 bed Acute Psychiatric Hospital
- Repurpose and rehabilitate old Acute Psychiatric Hospital
- Build 5 Recovery Villages in each Supervisorial District
- No Place Like Home – 312 total beds (cities include Temecula, Riverside, Wildomar and Coachella)

#### Budget Request

- RUHS is requesting \$59.8M of AB 109 support which includes inpatient and outpatient services, intensive treatment teams, BH housing and residential bed placement, detention, and correctional health.

- g) Police – Tony Conrad reviewed the Post-Release Accountability and Compliance Team (PACT) FY 2023/24 Budget Proposal (handout). Tony provided a brief history and background of PACT including the funding and reimbursement policy and guidelines.

## Mission

The primary mission of PACT is to work with Probation to focus on “high-risk” and “at-large” realignment offenders that pose the most risk to public safety. PACT is dedicated to:

- Identifying and investigating “non-compliant” realignment offenders
- Locating and apprehending “at-large” and “high-risk” realignment offenders
- Performing probation compliance sweeps, and
- Referring potential offenders to programs and resources provided by the County

## PACT Successes

- Continue using the 3-team model: East, West, and Central Teams
- Robust Probation sweeps
- Referring offenders to multiple programs and services

## Budget Request

PACT will be requesting \$4.3M which includes the following:

- Salary and benefits a 10% increase
- Request host PACT agencies receive \$100,000 to offset Operation and Maintenance costs (Cathedral City, Riverside, Hemet)
- Request MOU language change adding language for reimbursement of officer equipment

Jessica Holstien shared a brief recap of the FY 2023/24 CCPEC Budget as follows:

- The Probation Department is requesting \$24.5M which is a \$1.6M or 4% increase from FY2022/23
- The Sheriff Department is requesting \$55.1M which is \$5.6M or 11% increase from FY2022/23
- The District Attorney’s Office is not requesting funding for FY23/24 which they have previously done in FY22/23
- The Public Defender’s Office is not requesting funding for FY23/24 which they have previously done in FY22/23
- The Health & Human Services Department is requesting \$59.8M which is \$10.9M or 22% increase from FY2022/23
- The Police Agencies are requesting \$4.3M which is a \$285K or 6% decrease from FY2022/23

The estimated available funding is \$136.0M and the total requested budgets for all agencies for FY23/24 is \$143.7M resulting in a projected allocation and contingency revenue shortfall of \$7.7M for FY23/24.

## 5. BSCC Corrections Planning and Grant Programs

Cherilyn Williams gave a brief overview the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Planning Grant is received each year by Riverside County upon submission of the Board of Supervisors approval of the Annual Realignment Plan. As a large county, we received \$200,000 each year. These funds are generally state general fund and is included in the annual governor’s budget.

According to the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) the “planning grants original intent was to address the need for the multi-agency CCPs to organize and plan for the management and treatment of new offender populations. Counties’ use of the planning grants varies statewide.

In the past we have used these funds for evaluation services. To date we have had two separate consultant services:

- EvalCorp for auditing consulting services for the evaluation of realignment efforts in the county
- Service agreement with the University of California Presley Center of Crime and Justice Studies to conduct a recidivism research study of the Day Reporting Centers
- Other counties throughout the states have used these funds for CBOs, Conferences, supplement DRC services etc.,

Historically Riverside County have not used the entire amount each year and as such, the balance has grown to over \$1.6 million. The Probation Department is recommending that the CCPEC discuss the current available balance and determine the appropriate use of these funds.

## 6. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

## 7. Next Meeting – October 19, 2023, 10:00 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.

An attendance sheet was signed by all present and will be kept on file.

*Meeting minutes submitted by Probation Executive Secretary Bryon Hansen.*