

**Riverside County**  
**Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee**  
3960 Orange St., 5th Floor Conference Room, Riverside, CA  
Special Meeting October 19, 2023, 10:00 AM

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Christopher Wright at 10:00 AM.

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  
Jason Galkin, Court Executive Officer

Not in attendance:

Chad Bianco, Sheriff

2. Approval of Minutes from June 6, 2023

Christopher Wright presented the minutes from the June 6, 2023, CCPEC meeting (handout). Christopher Wright moved a motion to receive and file the June 6 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Zareh Sarrafian. The motion was approved as follows:

Aye: Wright, Harmon, Hestrin, Sarrafian, Conrad, Galkin

Nay: None

Absent: Bianco

3. FY 2022/23 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Budget Report

Probation Administrative Services Manager Jessica Holstien provided an overview of FY 2022/23 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Budget Report (handout).

- Overall, the total year end expenditures for all the CCPEC agencies were \$124.90M through June 30, 2023. All remaining balances of June 30, 2023 are available for use and have rolled over into FY 2023/24.

Other Period 4 Financial Report Highlights:

- The FY 22/23 state allocation of \$111.35M in payments to Riverside County averaged approximately \$9.28M per month. All AB 109 Operating funds have been received.
- The FY 22/23 rollover balance is \$18.66M which includes PACT agencies' remaining balances of \$793,840 and a contingency balance of \$17.87M.

Christopher Wright moved a motion to receive and file the FY 2022/23 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Budget Report and Summary of Expenditures and the individual CCPEC Agency Financial Reports and

deposit FY 22/23 growth allocation into the contingency fund upon receipt. The motion was seconded by Steven Harmon. The motion was approved as follows:

Aye: Wright, Harmon, Hestrin, Sarrafian, Conrad, Galkin

Nay: None

Absent: Bianco

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

Probation Administrative Services Manager Jessica Holstien shared a brief recap of the FY 2023/24 CCPEC Budget as follows (handout):

Background: On Tuesday, June 6, 2023, the CCPEC agencies presented their FY 2023/24 budget requests. In summary, the total budget requests for AB109 Operating Funds amounted to approximately \$143.67M.

- 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

Riverside County anticipated available FY 2023/24 AB 109 Operating Funds is approximately \$138.2M. The available funds include Riverside County's share of the FY 2023/24 statewide allocation (\$115.6M), FY 2022/23 growth funding (\$3.9M less the 10% LIF), agency carryover balances, and contingency balances from prior fiscal years (\$18.66M). The net shortfall when all available CCPEC funds are considered is \$5.51M.

Budget Scenario:

The Probation Department, as the fiscal administrator of the AB 109 Funds, has prepared and drafted four budget scenarios for review and consideration.

- **Scenario 1** – Fund each agency at a not to exceed 10% increase above the FY22/23 approved budget. Deposit the remaining \$1.04M into the contingency fund for future use.
- **Scenario 2** – Fund the Probation, Sheriff, and RUHS agencies at 5% increase above the FY22/23 approved budget. Fund the Police Agencies at 100% of their budget requests since their overall increase was \$285,400 less than the prior year's request. Deposit the remaining \$6.6M into the contingency fund for future use.
- **Scenario 3** – Fund each agency at 96.2% of their budget request. This scenario would fully expend all AB109 Operating Funds including the depletion of all contingency funds.
- **Scenario 4** – Fund the Police Agencies at 100% of their budget requests and fund each remaining agency at 96% of their budget requests. This scenario would fully expend all AB109 Operating Funds including the depletion of all contingency funds.

#### Brief history:

The last two years have had an excess and surplus of funding and contingency funds. Historically, there have been unfunded requests of scenarios prior to the last two years with no contingency funds to utilize. Resolving unfunded requests would typically be voted by the CCPEC as the three major agencies historically receiving cuts: RUHS, Sheriff, and Probation; and PACT, DA and PD would receive 100% of their funding. Another option that was shared is the financial board over the committee would meet with each agency to ask for an internal review of their requested funding to see if there are any cuts to take to resolve the deficit; however, this did not resolve the true funding gaps.

#### Committee discussion:

Zareh Sarrafian opened the discussion by stating scenarios 3 and 4 were consistent of how things were done in the past. Zareh supports scenario 4.

Tony Conrad mentioned scenario 4 supports the PACT teams operations and continued success as well as takes the burden off the county and cities financial obligations towards PACT.

Steven Harmon mentioned past committee discussions of similar funding deficits brought the group closer together and supports the consensus to approve the budget.

Michael Hestrin agreed with Steven and supports the consensus to approve the budget.

Jason Galkin supports scenario 4 which would give the most stability this fiscal year.

Christopher Wright mentioned he would support scenario 4 and would like to propose to create a workgroup and sustainable formula to re-evaluate looking at the public safety funding allocations and data from each agency to determine if the realignment population is being served in the best way possible. The funding has changed dramatically from beginning to today; however, there has been no discussions in past meetings of why the shift increased.

Everyone agreed this is a good idea to bring to the next meeting for further discussions.

Christopher Wright entertained a motion to approve budget scenario 4 as the funding model for FY 2023/24 and deposit any remaining funds from the FY 2022/23 state growth allocation into the contingency fund upon receipt. Tony Conrad made a motion to accept budget scenario 4 and Steven Harmon seconded the motion. The motion was approved as follows:

Aye: Wright, Harmon, Hestrin, Sarrafian, Conrad, Galkin

Nay: None

Absent: Bianco

#### 5. Public Safety Annual Realignment Plan

Division Director Olivia Serna gave a brief presentation of the Public Safety Annual Realignment Plan (handout).

Thank you to all the collateral partners that provided input into the plan. The draft is complete except for the approved budget section. The FY 23/24 budget (scenario 4) that was just approved will be inserted into the plan and will be ready to be finalized.

Christopher Wright moved a motion to receive and file the Public Safety Annual Realignment Plan that will include the approved FY 23/24 budget. The motion was seconded by Michael Hestrin. The motion was approved as follows:

Aye: Wright, Harmon, Hestrin, Sarrafian, Conrad, Galkin

Nay: None

Absent: Bianco

#### 6. Proposed 2024 CCPEC Regular Meeting Dates

Christopher Wright presented the proposed 2024 CCPEC Regular Meeting Dates (handout). February 6, 2024; June 4, 2024; October 1, 2024. All times at 1:30 p.m. and in-person.

Christopher Wright moved a motion to approve the 2024 CCPEC Regular Meeting Dates. The motion was seconded by Zareh Sarrafian. The motion was approved as follows:

Aye: Wright, Harmon, Hestrin, Sarrafian, Conrad, Galkin

Nay: None

Absent: Bianco

#### 7. CCPEC/CCP Bylaws

Division Director Olivia Serna gave a brief presentation of the proposed CCPEC/CCP Bylaws.

Thank you to County Counsel for assistance with drafting the proposed CCPEC/CCP Bylaws. The Bylaws have been drafted in accordance with all the procedures that have been in existence with these meetings. One item that was added outside of the existing procedures is under ARTICLE V CHAIR listing: The Assistant Chief Probation officer shall serve as the Vice-Chair of the CCP Committee.

Christopher Wright moved a motion to receive and file the CCPEC/CCP Bylaws. The motion was seconded by Zareh Sarrafian. The motion was approved as follows:

Aye: Wright, Harmon, Hestrin, Sarrafian, Conrad, Galkin

Nay: None

Absent: Bianco

#### 8. Staff Reports

a) Probation – Division Director Oliva Serna reviewed the Probation Department’s AB 109 Quarterly Statistics (handout).

- Supervision Stats as of July 1, 2023:
  - Active Post-release Community Supervision (PRCS) Offenders – 1, 426
  - Active Mandatory Supervision Offenders – 707
  - Total Clients – 2, 133
- Revocations
  - Slight increase of both PRCS and MS revocations for the months of May and June.
    - Majority of these were technical violations.

- Homeless
  - Slight increase in the Southwest and Riverside areas.

b) Sheriff's Department – Chief Deputy James Krachmer presented the Sheriff's Department AB109 Impact Update (handout).

Since State Prison Realignment under AB 109 went into effect, the jails in Riverside County have experienced a substantial increase in inmate population. In the first week of January 2012, our facilities hit maximum capacity, requiring us to initiate releases pursuant to a federal court order to relieve overcrowding. Since that date, our jail population has consistently remained at maximum capacity. In calendar year 2022 overcrowding forced the early release of 10,767 inmates. This was a 15% percent increase when compared to 2021. The 2023 year-to-date early release number is 6,162. We continue to utilize SECP (electronic monitoring) as an alternative sentencing program in an effort to relieve overcrowding and minimize early releases.

Inmate bookings since AB 109 went into effect which are directly related to realignment are:

- Parole Violations – 35,613 (booked)
- PRCS Violations – 25, 508 (booked)
- Flash Incarcerations – 6, 414 (booked)
- Realignment Inmates – 21, 725 (booked)
- Total AB 109 Inmates – 65, 679

Alternatives Incarceration Methods include:

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) Fire Camp (temporarily suspended) and Supervised Electronic Confinement Program (SECP).

- Since June 2013, 226 fire camp participants completed the program
- Since January 2012, 2,697 full-time SECP participants
- 18 of RSO's SECP current full-time participants are 1170(h) inmates
- 1,225 active Work Release participants

c) Riverside University Health System – Dr. Matthew Chang provided a brief update on RUHS and the Sequential Intercept Model concept (handout).

Highlights include:

- Brief history of Behavioral Health in California.
- All RUHS services are at a record high.
- The Sequential Intercept Model shows how Behavioral Health and the criminal justice system overlap over various intercepts: Community Services, Law Enforcement, Initial Detention/Initial Court Hearings, Jails/Courts, Reentry, Community Corrections.
- RUHS is building out a version of the Sequential Intercept Model that will be one of the best in the country.
- 50 Mobile Health Crisis Teams in the field throughout county with a year-end goal to have thirty-minute response times.

Additional requirements from State:

- Care Court: Riverside County is one of the first of seven counties to go live effective October 2, 2023. Serving those with schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders and

those unlikely to survive in the community without supervision. About 35 referrals received so far.

- SB 43: Expands conservatorship to add substance abuse disorder as a stand-alone diagnostic criterion and expand the diagnosis of grave disability to risk of physical harm.

d) Police – Tony Conrad provided a brief update on PACT operations.

- Task Force Operations (TFO) averaging between 400-500 contacts every month between the three teams and averaging between 40-50 bad addresses that are reported to Probation.
- Continue working with Probation in providing accurate address data.
- Continued success in referring offenders to multiple programs and services.

e) DA – Michael Hestrin provided a brief update and comments.

- The DA's Office has an extensive data analytics unit that includes a large amount of data of the criminal justice system. The team have taken a deeper dive into recidivism and the collaborative courts. The results will be shared with this committee later. Michael thanked Christopher Wright for his leadership with this committee.

f) PD – Steven Harmon provided a brief comment.

- Steven thanked Christopher Wright for his energy, leadership, and new ideas with this committee.

g) Court – Jason Galkin provided a brief comment.

- Jason appreciates Michael Hestrin's team looking at the criminal justice and court data. Jason is excited to work with this committee finding the best solutions, resources and funding strategies that will benefit the community.

## 9. Public Comments

Bryon Hansen mentioned that due to the tight turnaround of the public safety annual realignment plan going before the Board of Supervisors in early November for final approvals it is respectfully recommended to acquire all present voting members signatures at the conclusion of the meeting.

Christopher Wright thanked everyone for their feedback and is looking forward to the next meeting to discuss the best strategies going forward.

10. Next Meeting – February 6, 2024, 1:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 PM.

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

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