

Riverside County
Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee
3960 Orange St., 5th Floor Conference Room, Riverside, CA
February 6, 2024, 1:30 PM

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Christopher Wright at 1:35 PM.

Roll call of the members:

Christopher Wright, Chief Probation Officer, Chairman
Steve Harmon, Public Defender, Vice Chairman
Michael Hestrin, District Attorney
Tony Conrad, Murrieta Police, Chief

Not in attendance:

Chad Bianco, Sheriff
Zareh Sarrafian, Riverside University Health System, Chief Executive Officer
Jason Galkin, Court Executive Officer

2. Approval of Minutes from October 19, 2023

Christopher Wright presented the minutes from the October 19, 2023, CCPEC Special meeting (handout). Christopher Wright entertained a motion to receive and file the October 19 meeting minutes. The motion was made by Michael Hestrin. The motion was seconded by Tony Conrad.

The motion was approved as follows:

Aye: Wright, Harmon, Hestrin, Conrad

Nay: None

Absent: Bianco, Sarrafian, Galkin

3. FY 2023-24 Budget Modification Approval

Probation Administrative Services Manager Jessica Holstien provided an overview of FY 2023/24 Budget Modification Approval (handout).

On Thursday, October 19, the CCPEC voted on a proposed budget with the assumption that Riverside County available funding was approximately \$138.1M which included \$3.9M in estimated growth allocation and \$18.7M in contingency and agency rollover funding.

The District Attorney, and Public Defender's office requested zero funding and the CCPEC on voted and approved a budget that funded the Police agencies at 100% of their requested budget and fund all other remaining agencies at 96.0% of their respective budget requests.

Since the approval of the budget the FY23/24 available funding has been reduced to \$137.6M, a \$570K decrease due to actual growth revenues received in the amount of \$3.6M originally

projected at \$3.9M, and additional yearend expenditures for Police agencies thus impacting the rollover amount from \$18.7M to 18.5M which is detailed in the attached documents.

Probation is presenting two budget scenarios to address the reduction in available funding in the amount of \$570k.

- **Budget Scenario 1** – Will adjust the allocations based on the previous CCPEC approved allocation model which funds Police at 100% of their requested budget and the revenue shortfall will be split among the remaining funded agencies. This scenario would result in a reduction of \$100K to Probation, \$225K to Sheriff and \$244K to Health & Human Services.
- **Budget Scenario 2** – Will utilize the Community Corrections Planning Grant sub fund balances in the amount of \$570K to backfill funding levels to the other agencies to 96% of their requested budgets previously approved by the CCPEC on October 19th. If approved the remaining sub account balance within the Planning Grant would be adjusted to \$1.1M.

Committee discussion:

Steve Harmon opened discussion and asked about the CCPEC planning grant sub funds.

Jessica Holstien mentioned as required by legislation the annual realignment plan is submitted to the state each year and if the December 15 deadline is met the planning grant funds are then awarded. Historically, the CCPEC utilized Eval Corp through sub funds to evaluate the efficiency how the overall CCPEC funding is spent. Since this time, the funds have been rolled over collecting the said balance at which time the CCPEC decides how to spend.

Cherilyn Williams mentioned as per the governor's new budget the planning grant funds will no longer be available. We will no longer be receiving the funds upon submitting the annual realignment plan going forward.

Joe Zamora mentioned on behalf of RUHS that scenario 1 is consistent to how we have done things in the past.

Tony Conrad is willing to support scenario 1 if the three agencies Probation, Sheriff, and RUHS agree to take the reduction.

Steve Harmon agrees with Tony Conrad and would be willing to support scenario 1 and asked if the Sheriff had any input.

Misha Graves stated cuts could potentially affect programming. We can facilitate based on what funds are received and potentially function in a different way.

Tony Conrad mentioned to propose a scenario 3 which would outline Probation and RUHS taking a cut and the Sheriff receive their ask of \$225K from the planning grant fund.

Michel Hestrin supports scenario 1.

Christopher Wright moved a motion to approve budget modification scenario 1 as the funding model for FY 2023/24. The motion was seconded by Michael Hestrin. The motion was approved as follows:

Aye: Wright, Harmon, Hestrin

Nay: Tony Conrad

Absent: Bianco, Galkin

4. FY 2023/24 2nd Quarter Budget Report

Probation Administrative Services Manager Jessica Holstien provided an overview of FY 2023/24 2nd Quarter Budget Report (handout).

- Most agencies are estimating to fully expend their respective CCPEC allocations in the amount of \$137.9M with minimal rollover amount of \$271K from Health and Human Services. If there are any remaining balances as of June 30, 2024, those funds will be available for use and rolled over into FY 2024/25.
- Since the approval of the CCPEC budget on 10/19/2023, the final budget numbers have been updated resulting in a decrease in available funding in the amount of \$570K; \$354K in growth and \$271K in agency rollover balances. Subsequently, the overall available funding decreased from \$138.2M to \$137.6M. Please note that the Q2 report does not reflect the budget modification approved today by CCPEC.

Other Period 2 Financial Report Highlights:

- The FY 2023/24 revised state allocation of \$115.56M in payments to Riverside County averages \$9.4M per month and the total AB 109 Operating Funds received year to date is \$37.7M.

Christopher Wright moved a motion to receive and file the FY 2023/24 2nd Quarter Budget Report and Summary of Expenditures and the individual CCPEC Agency Financial Reports. The motion was seconded by Steven Harmon. The motion was approved as follows:

Aye: Wright, Harmon, Hestrin, Conrad

Nay: None

Absent: Bianco, Galkin

5. Create Workgroup

Chris Wright mentioned at our last meeting we discussed creating a workgroup to look at the funding coming to our County, how it is distributed, and what impact it is having. I would like to suggest we utilize the existing Fiscal Sub-Work Group with input from program staff to begin this important work. I will propose to make a motion for the Fiscal Sub-Work Group of the CCPEC work on an evaluation of incoming funding, distribution of the funding, and outcomes for Riverside County.

Committee discussion:

Steven Harmon opened the discussion and asked what the make-up of the members would look like and what would be the mission.

Chris Wright mentioned we can determine that today. Goal is to evaluate incoming funding and distribution, outcomes, are we on the right track and having an impact. Create and develop a formula template. Historically, meetings did not have the connectivity.

Tony Conrad mentioned if the established group would meet before budget preparations.

Chris Wright mentioned yes it would be before the budget preparations.

The committee further discussed if the group would be an Ad Hoc workgroup or subcommittee or to utilize the existing Fiscal Sub Work Group.

Cherilyn Williams stated the Fiscal Sub Work Group previously developed the quarterly report template several years ago and proposed they could create a standardized budget formula template for all agencies to utilize. One component would be to include members from programming.

The committee further discussed what the best plan would be going forward. Everyone agreed to bring the conversation back and schedule a special meeting for further discussions and vote on budget standardization across the board.

Chris Wright thanked everyone for the discussion.

6. Staff Reports

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

There are two months of data reported for October and November. Probation migrated into a new client management system in December. We will be able to provide a full data report at the next meeting in June.

- Supervision Stats as of December 1, 2023:
 - Active Post-release Community Supervision (PRCS) Offenders – 1, 449
 - Active Mandatory Supervision Offenders – 648
 - Total Clients – 2, 147
- Revocations
 - No notable differences from last quarter.
 - More technical violations than new crimes.
- Flash incarcerations
 - Decreased by 8%.
- Homeless
 - Slight increase for PRCS and slight decrease for MS.

b) Sheriff’s Department – Chief Deputy Misha Graves 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 2024 year-to-date early release number is 687. 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, 541 (booked)
 - PRCS Violations – 26, 241 (booked)
 - Flash Incarcerations – 6, 606(booked)
 - Realignment Inmates – 26, 241 (booked)
- Total AB 109 Inmates – 67, 202

Alternatives Incarceration Methods include:

Supervised Electronic Confinement Program (SECP) and Work Release Program (WRP).

- Since January 2012, 2, 766 full-time SECP participants
- 17 of RSO's SECP current full-time participants are 1170(h) inmates
- 1, 313 active Work Release participants

- c) Riverside University Health System – Dr. Matthew Chang provided a brief update on RUHS (handout).

AB 109 total Behavioral Health services countywide include:

- 4, 025 total unduplicated consumers served
- 112, 822 Mental Health Treatments/Assessments
- 7, 608 Medication services
- 18, 308 Intensive Treatment Teams services (FSP)

New Assessment:

Individualized Care and Needs (I-CAN) is a standardized assessment tool; adapted from Adult Needs and Strengths Assessment (ANSA); piloted and modified. Effective 10/2, all AB109 consumers will receive I-CAN assessment to track treatment progress. The goal of the I-CAN assessment is to evaluate consumer progress so that the consumer and New Life program can evaluate consumer success of treatment goals. The I-CAN shows program outcomes in a more holistic level incorporating consumer voice and feedback from treatment team.

RUHS-BH AB 109 Outcomes Summary:

- Criminal Behavior decreased 80%
- ED visits decreased 50%
- Access to Primary Care Providers increased 84%
- Substance Use decreased 75%

- Relationships increased 92%
- Trauma decreased 60%
- Education/Job Skills increased 85%
- Housing increased 90%
- Employment increased 76%

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

Discussed time spent in the field with the Central PACT team. Similar outcomes from previous meetings reported: ghost guns seized, identifying, and investigating “non-compliant” realignment offenders, locating and apprehending “at-large” and “high-risk” offenders, Probation sweeps, and continued success stories.

Currently working on obtaining new equipment to detect narcotics from the PACT realignment funds.

7. Public Comments

There are no public comments.

8. Next Meeting – June 4, 2024, 1:30 PM.

Christopher Wright thanked everyone for their feedback and mentioned we will schedule a special meeting soon to discuss the best strategies going forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 PM.

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

Meeting minutes submitted by Probation Executive Secretary Bryon Hansen.