Minutes

I. Call to Order
Chief Coral Sanders called the meeting to order at 12:15pm.

II. Roll Call of Voting Members
☐ Coral Sanders, Chief Probation Officer
☐ Stacey Eads, District Attorney
☐ William Honsal, Sheriff
☐ Ron Sligh, Ferndale Chief of Police
☐ Luke Brownfield, Public Defender; proxy Marie Essig
☐ Connie Beck, Director of DHHS
☐ Gregory Kreis, Superior Court Judge; proxy Meara Hattan

III. Review and approval of minutes – March 20, 2024
Sheriff Honsal motioned to approve the March meeting minutes. Chief Sanders seconded the motion.
A vote was taken as follows:
   Aye: William Honsal, Coral Sanders, Meara Hattan.
   Nay:
   Abstain: Marie Essig.
The motion was carried.

IV. Adjustments to Agenda
No adjustments to the agenda were made.

V. Review of AB 109 trust fund and budget.
4th quarter claims have not been received yet to provide proper trust estimates.
VI. DISCUSSION ITEM: HCSO SB863 Jail Expansion Project – Captain Duane Christian will provide a report out on the status of the project.
Sheriff Honsal reported out on this discussion item. SB863 was put into place in 2015 and approved in 2016. Currently the Jail is priced out of this project. One bid was submitted that was $16 million dollars over the budget. Neither CCP nor the County’s general fund has the current funding to assist with the expansion project. HCSO will be bringing this discussion item to the BOS in the next couple of weeks for direction on where to go with this process. A scope change and/or redesign can be requested but would need BSCC approval.

VII. ACTION ITEM – FUNDING REQUEST: Public Defender – Requests funding for one Social Worker position for FY 24-25 in the amount $141,500.00

Marie Essig, Legal Office Business Manager, for the Public Defender’s office presented this funding request. The current grant providing the funding is ending on June 30th and will not continue. This position contributes to the goal of public safety. The CAO has not supported additional general funds to support the continuation of this position.

This Social Worker position works in real time with the Public Defender attorneys to assist clients during their criminal cases. Clients tend to have more trust in this social worker position due to attorney client privilege. This position addresses the logistics from a client’s release out of HCCF while transitioning into their treatment facility.

Sherrif Honsal wanted clarification on if this would be a one-time funding request. Marie stated that it is hoped that this funding could be requested each fiscal year if they cannot find a grant to supplement the cost of the position.

It was discussed that due to this position, Cal AIM could be billed for these services.

Sheriff Honsal moved to fund this position for FY 24-25, and if no additional funding could be found, it is encouraged to bring another request in the following FY 25-26.
Connie Beck seconded the motion.
A vote was taken as follows:
   Aye: William Honsal, Marie Essig, Coral Sanders, Connie Beck.
   Nay:
   Abstain: Meara Hattan
The motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

VIII. Review of Realignment Data -Discussion Item
Monthly Review of data submitted by CCP Plan partners.
No questions regarding Probation’s CCP data.
IX. Set agenda for next meeting (May 15, 2024).
   - DHHS – Data collection proposal

X. Roundtable (as time permits)
   Darren Ghisetti – Probation: Data input can present some errors that create false data.

   Paul Bugnacki – DHHS: Readiness assessment has been submitted. Processes and procedures are in place.

   Marie Essig – Public Defender: Data collection seems to be a challenge for the Public Defender’s office as well.

   Meara Hattan – Superior Court: no update

   William Honsal – HCSO/Jail: The Jail has seen a large spike in fentanyl overdoses in custody. They have increased searches and body scans to look for this substance. Staffing remains the same. There has been a decline in the incompetent to stand trial population.

XI. Adjourn
   The meeting was adjourned at 12:51pm.