



Humboldt County Community Corrections Partnership – Executive Committee

Date: November 15, 2023

Time: 12:15 PM to 1:30 PM

Location: Humboldt County Courthouse, 1st Floor,
Conference Room A

Required Member Agencies (pursuant to Penal Code Section 1230.1(b): Chief Probation Officer – Chair, Chief of Police, Sheriff, District Attorney, Public Defender, presiding judge of the Superior Court (or designee), and one representative from Mental Health, AOD or Social Services (pursuant to PC1230(b)(2)(G), (H) or (J), as designated by the Board of Supervisors).

Minutes

I. Call to Order

Chief Probation Officer Coral Sanders called the meeting to order at 12:16pm.

II. Roll Call of Voting Members

- Coral Sanders, Chief Probation Officer
- Stacey Eads, District Attorney
- William Honsal, Sheriff; proxy Duane Christian
- Ron Sligh, Ferndale Chief of Police
- Luke Brownfield, Public Defender
- ~~Connie Beck, Director of DHHS~~; proxy Paul Bugnacki
- Gregory Kreis, Superior Court Judge; proxy Meara Hattan

III. Review and approval of minutes – August 16, 2023

Chief Sligh motioned to approve the August meeting minutes.
Captain Christian seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Adjustments to Agenda

Paul Bugnacki volunteered to provide additional information on IST.

V. Review of AB 109 trust fund and budget.

Due to attendance, no current report out of the CCP budget was provided.

NEW BUSINESS

VI. Report out on CIT Conference – Discussion Item

- Kelly Johnson with the Yurok Tribe attended the CIT conference and was present to report on her experience. 13 county staff from various agencies attended the conference with CCP funding. Agencies included: Eureka Police, County of Humboldt, Rio Dell PD, Yurok

Tribal Police staff, and Arcata Police. Three additional agencies sent staff with their own funding.

- It was reported that this was the largest local group to attend within the past 6 years.
- Commander La France and Kelly Johnson are now co-facilitating the stakeholder meetings for CIT.
- Having a broad representation from local departments/agencies allows for staff to spread out and attend various topics covered at the conference.
- In 2024 there will be a proposal to send 14 staff to the local CIT training submitted to the city of Eureka. The intention will be to broaden the range of attendees across local agencies/departments. A venue and potential date have been identified and registration information will be sent out once finalized. The goal is to offer two local training courses per year as opposed to one.
- Kelly Johnson would like to take on the coordination of the conference as well as the funding & coordination component for the CIT local training. The goal is to maintain sustainability for CIT in Humboldt County with committed staff assisting the process.
- Chief Sanders inquired about the logistics of paying expenses with CCP funding and how that would be navigated.
- Paul Bugnacki stated DHHS is open to how this training can be run more smoothly and that discussions can take place around this topic.
- Kelly would like to have two separate funding requests within the next month submitted to CCP to cover both the next CIT conference as well as the local CIT training.
- Yurok Tribal Police Chief O'Rourke provided some insight on his agency's motivation behind implementing CIT and the importance it has for their community. Would like to see CIT remain sustainable in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties.
- Chief Sanders proposed a committee discussion about the transition of coordination for CIT. Paul Bugnacki stated that there should be a discussion regarding the funding component and how that will be managed. The committee will have a future discussion on this topic and invite Kelly Johnson to attend the meeting where this discussion takes place.

OLD BUSINESS:

VII. Review of Realignment Data -Discussion Item

Monthly Review of data submitted by CCP Plan partners.

Data handouts were provided to attendees and can be found online in the County's Agenda Center.

VIII. Set agenda for next meeting (December 20, 2023).

- *New legislation: SB43 & CARE Court – DHHS, Connie Beck*
- *CIT discussion: coordination/operations*

IX. Roundtable (as time permits)

Paul Bugnacki-DHHS: Incompetent to Stand Trial penalties – felony incompetent to stand trial now has an annual cap of 34 individuals who can be sent to the state hospital. There will be penalties for counties who go over this number. The state hospital is trying to reduce the number of individuals in their facilities and increase the number of community beds available. They are encouraging a community-based program for the IST population. They are hoping to have a plan in place by the end of the calendar year.

Duane Christian-HCSO/HCCF: stated that Humboldt County has a far higher IST rate than the established cap. A designee of the county is responsible for disputing the number of IST's depending on the circumstances to prevent individuals from being counted multiple times towards the IST cap. The County will need to establish which entity is guiding agencies through the new IST guidelines. The CAO's office would be responsible for paying any IST penalties incurred with county funds. Penalties have been put in place to prevent misuse of the IST process.

Meara Hattan-Superior Court: a suggestion was made to address this with the Court's criminal committee to raise awareness of this topic.

X. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17pm.