Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)
Special Meeting
Action Minutes
Wednesday, September 24, 2014 - 10:05 a.m.

Monterey County Government Center
Monterey Room
168 W. Alisal St., Salinas, CA 93901

CCP Members Present: Marcia Parsons (Representing Manuel Real), Berkley Brannon (Representing Dean Flippo), Mike Calhoun (Representing Edmundo Rodriguez), Wayne Clark, James Egar, Robin McCrae, Scott Miller, Wendy Russell (Representing Elliott Robinson).

CCP Members Absent: Joyce Aldrich, Nancy Kotowski, Minnie Monarque, Supervisor Jane Parker, Pamela Patterson.

A. Welcome/ Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

B. Public Comments (limit 3 minutes per speaker)
A public comment was received from Juan Gomez, Raul Damian Tapia, and Elliott Ruchowitz-Roberts.

C. Regular Agenda

1. Approve transfer of funding in the amount of $1 million from the Public Safety Realignment Fund/Contingencies to the Sheriff’s Department to provide medical escort deputies within the County Jail.

Assistant County Administrative Officer (CAAO) Manuel Gonzalez reported that on September 16th the Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved increasing the budget for the Sheriff’s Office by $3,037,736 to augment the California Forensic Medical Group (CFMG) contract for healthcare services at County Jail, and to add ten Deputy Sheriffs for medical escort and one Deputy Sheriff for the Transportation Unit. The CAO’s Office and the Sheriff’s Office requested to transfer $1 million from the Public Safety Realignment Fund/Contingencies to the Sheriff’s Department to provide medical escort deputies within the County Jail.

Action: A motion was made by Scott Miller, seconded by Berkley Brannon to approve transfer of funding in the amount of $1 million from the Public Safety Realignment Fund/Contingencies to the Sheriff’s Department to provide medical escort deputies within the County Jail.
Vote: Passed 6:0 (Absent: Minnie Monarque)

Comments made by CCP members:

The Corrections Deputies would provide escort services to and from medical appointments: 3 deputies on both day shift teams and 2 on both night shift teams. The additional deputy would transport and supervise inmates needing medical treatment outside of the County Jail.
Public Defender James Eggar expressed concerns with: 1) lack of transparency in the process; 2) irregular procedure for a large amount of funding request; 3) urgency, and 4) lack of data to support the funding allocation. PD Eggar suggested saving the funds for other critical realignment matters, such as: alternatives to incarceration, substance abuse treatment, housing and employment services, and Probation supervision.

Assistant District Attorney Berkley Brannon indicated that the BOS had unanimously approved the funding allocation to the Sheriff’s Office, and that the Sheriff’s Office had been conservative in spending the AB 109 funds already allocated to them. There is a significant reserve of AB 109 funds.

Behavioral Health Director Dr. Wayne Clark supported the BOS motion to augment health services at County Jail, and also supported the expansion of alternatives to detention programs.

ACAO Manuel Gonzales reported that the Affordable Care Act (ACA) enhances medical services for offenders released from County Jail.

2. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by
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Administrative Secretary
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