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**Hon. Charles H. Ervin**  
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### **NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA**

#### **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP (Criminal Justice Realignment- AB109/AB117)**

**November 30, 2022**

The Sierra County Community Corrections Partnership will meet on Wednesday November 30, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., via Teams meeting. An alternate physical location will be available at the Loyalton Probation Office, 105 Beckwith Road, Loyalton, CA 96118. All interested persons are invited to attend.

**By Phone: 1-323-892-2486  
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**By PC: <https://tinyurl.com/11302022CCP>**

1. Call meeting to order
2. Roll Call/Introductions
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Public Comment Opportunity. (Public comment is limited to three minutes per person and not more than three individuals addressing the same subject).
6. General discussion and review, discussion, and approval of the annual BSCC "FY 22-23 CCP Survey Parts A and B"
7. Approval of additional AB109 funding for Sierra County jail.
8. Adjourn



**SIERRA COUNTY  
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP**  
(Criminal Justice Realignment – AB109/AB117)  
Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2022  
Via Teams

**1. Call meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Charles Henson at 9:02 a.m.

**2. Roll Call/Introductions:**

- a. Individuals Present:** Chairperson Charles Henson (Chief Probation Officer), Vickie Clark (Director Public Health & Social Services), J. Lon Cooper (Public Defender), Sharon Dryden (Supervisor), Michael Fisher (Sheriff), Sandra Groven (District Attorney), Ann Mendez (Court Executive Officer), Lea Salas (Behavioral Health Director), Michelle Anderson (Probation Specialist)  
Guests: Christy Cota, Alliance for Workforce Development (prospective Employment Representative), Katie Mitchell, High Sierra Family Resource Center (prospective Representative of Community Based Organization)
- b. Absent:** James Berardi (Superintendent of Schools), Sandy Marshall (Victim Witness)

**3. Approval of Agenda:** Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. A vote was taken with all ayes, agenda approved.

**4. Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made to approve the minutes of December 8, 2021 minutes, motion was seconded. A vote was taken with all ayes, minutes approved.

**5. General discussion and review, discussion, and approval of the "Sierra County Public Safety Realignment Implementation Plan Fiscal Year 2022-2023":** Chuck called on Christy Cota for input and she would like to be an observer today. Chuck informed the group this is to remain in compliance and outline the annual plan to justify budget and meet the goals of the CCP. Sharon asked Chuck about the impact of realignment and requested an overview of the plan from he and Mike, also noting Sandy on the meeting. She feels there is a lot of unintended consequence statewide and federally to the local areas by trying to enforce these. Sharon is wondering how this impacts our county at a local level. Chuck said this legislation goes back 10+ year ago with the initial realignment under SB678 and later AB109 which changed how defendants were sentenced to local jails and then local supervision rather than prison and then on parole. There are now PRCS individuals who are splitting their sentences which is referred to as mandatory supervision. This was a huge change then but probation has worked out the kinks and it has been going pretty well. (Ann Mendez joined the meeting at this point, 9:10 a.m.) Chuck continued saying these individuals get attention because they are here anyway, utilizing our

services, which is why Chuck welcomed realignment because these people are from our community who are now supervised locally rather than by parole, who were previously rarely seen. Probation knows what's available and knows who they are and it's able to plug them into local supervision. The impact locally has been minimal. Chuck noted how Prop 47 reduced many crimes such as drug and theft which were reduced to misdemeanors. Chuck said this has not been a big issue locally but it does tie probation's hands. There is a cap on how long they can be supervised which is two years, which used to be 4-5 years. With jail and rehabilitation time it does not leave a lot of room to work with them. Many of the lower level people ended up in collaborative court ties their hands on how to incentivize the program which can run from 18-24 months. Chuck feels this has been a detriment. Prop 57 with enhanced custody credits also affected prison releases. Chuck noted his personal thoughts that the state is pushing to close prisons and lower numbers to justify closures. Sharon clarified she is representing the public and not the law enforcement side and said shared the public's concern about public safety issues. Chuck acknowledged that most of the individuals sent to prison are from our communities and he doesn't feel prison fixes them while agreeing that some people need to be in prison for a long time to rehabilitate them and remove them from the community so the community can feel safe while they're in custody. Chuck said a lot of people come out worse than went they went in. Vickie said these individuals also impact other resources such as employment, mental health, our other resources through social services and public health. She wonders if inmates who are Medi-Cal eligible are receiving case management services as it is a requirement three months from release. Vickie has not heard of any prospective but feels needs assessments prior to release through the Medi-Cal system would be beneficial. Chuck said this will be in the sentencing reports to identify housing needs but noted these reports are public for 60 days. He thinks possibly an area to note simply if the person has insurance and if it's Medi-Cal or private, would suffice. Vickie said there are monies available where individuals can come through the Nevada Co. jail where they can be served with enhanced case management services on our behalf. They will apply for money and be reimbursed. Vickie asked if she should reach out to Plumas Co., as well. Mike shared that negotiations with the jail there are on hold pending the outcome of the sheriff's race. Once that is determined, he can go forward accordingly. Mike added that once inmates are sentenced and there are no further anticipated court dates, he will look at moving them to Plumas Co. for long term housing which plays into Vickie's plan. Mike said Wayne Brown is a one-stop shop due to having medical on site which can justify the higher rate. Chuck added this is justification to cover housing expenses for felony commits is that medical and other services are available. Mike also wanted to add that with this money, he is able to fund a deputy position which assists probation with probation checks. Mike acknowledged the great working relationship with probation over the years and work together along with the auditor with the budget to cover costs. Chuck also noted how the funding covers the court services officer and the services they provide. Lea noted how previously this would have been funded from the general fund and how this program benefits local arrestees. Lea noted how the funding needs to be sustainable to continue providing these services. Chuck added the benefits such as providing probation with better vehicles and safety equipment such as uniforms, firearms, and technology which has improved over the past 9-10 years. Sandy also wanted to address Sharon's concern regarding community safety and how this impacts different departments. She said it is also a consideration for her office and funding for inmates has always been an issue. Her office is very glad that probation is available to work out sentencing recommendations and noted a lot of these people are people we know and the number one goal has always been community safety and what is best for the community and keeping in mind that these offenders are part of our community and how can we help them be better members of our community. She added that as Chuck said sometimes going to jail or prison is not going to make you better so these funds and opportunities are good for us. Sandy added California has undercut all of the penalties and there is no deterrent for people to not commit crimes adding that felonies are not misdemeanors, nobody goes to jail, and it can be frustrating

for her and the court are there are certain things they have to look at for sentencing and bail purposes. She said it can be frustrating because it can look like they are not as tough on crime as they could be but she thinks with all the evidence-based practices that are coming forward, the focus is probably better placed getting these people back in the community and are safe, and the rest of us are safe. Chuck added that California has made it tough by making it presumptive that everybody arrested is released without bail, and in the odd case the judge can justify bail, it has to be an amount that person can afford. The days are gone of arrested somebody for even a serious felony, the law says they can be released. Chuck said the new officer being hired will provide effective supervision of these folks to make sure they get plugged in right away to services and employment, drug testing, etc. Chuck said he understands the public's frustration in seeing people on supervision who violate and are not held on probation violations. Sharon is appreciative of the information to consider when voting as a board member and acknowledged the fine line of public safety of being compliant with AB109 while still having their hands tied. She noted the benefits of drug court for providing opportunity for rehabilitation locally. Chuck then welcomed Katie Mitchell who he invited to hopefully fill a vacancy on the board.

Chuck referred to the budget and noted bottom of Page 13 is the DPO under SB678 and said that without those funds the probation staff would be the chief and one DPO. Michelle is the Probation Specialist but also serves as the drug court coordinator, which also receives funding from the court. Her time is split between general office work and collaborative court. He added \$127,000 is for the sheriff's office as previously discussed. He increased the CDCR budget to cover the rate of housing and for fire camp inmates. The jail contracting budget increased from \$200,000 to \$250,000 so they don't have to go back to the board for budget modification approval if there is a shortage. Inmate health went up to cover costs. Drug court medical costs increased to cover behavioral health costs such as residential treatment. Chuck noted a modification needed to be made for the grand total of which carried over from the previous year. The correct amount should be \$819,004. Mike made a motion to approve the budget as amended, Vickie seconded. All ayes, no abstention. Budget was approved as amended.

**6. Nominations for two vacant membership seats, Employment Representative and**

**Representative of Community Based Organization:** Chuck said Christy and Katie are at the table and welcome to speak, both deferred. They were both referred to the Clerk-Recorder for an application which would be voted on by the Board of Supervisors. Sharon nominated Katie, Christy, and Carolyn Widman. All interested parties will need to submit applications for consideration. Chuck is appreciative of Katie and Christy being present.

**7. Adjourn:** Chief Henson adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.