

The Imperial County CCP Program and Development Committee met in the Imperial County Day Reporting Center Conference Room on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Everardo Rodriguez, Sgt. Aaron Arreola, Don Gorham, Lt. Juan Chavarin, Carlos Contreras, Cesar Fernandez, Cpl. Joshua Soucier, Brian Melvin, Carlos, Lopez

Guest(s): Trevor Magana, Chief Thomas Garcia, Jose Luis Ramirez

Call to Order:

Everardo Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Roll call was conducted via sign-in sheet.

Approval of CCP Meeting Minutes:

After review of the December 4, 2019 minutes, Carlos Contreras moved to approve the minutes; Lt. Chavarin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion / Action Item(s):

Agency Updates:

New Creations – Brian Melvin

Mr. Melvin reported that the program is doing well, and introduced Trevor Magana as newly hired staff member for New Creations as a Program Facilitator. Mr. Melvin announced that the free enrollments have started for the New Creations Certified Anger Management Program and that the program is prepared to meet the needs for the Probation Department's new domestic violence caseload.

Imperial County Social Services / Child Support Services – Cesar Fernandez

Mr. Fernandez reported no major updates, but stated that the program was doing well and he will be meeting with a client tomorrow.

Workforce Development (EDD) – Carlos Lopez

Mr. Lopez announced that the Workforce Development Program is working on two new policies, a Work Experience Policy and a Justice Involved Policy, that he believes will assist Probation Department clients in obtaining new job opportunities. Mr. Lopez reported that the program is doing well, and recently opened a Barbershop Training which has been very popular.

Geo Re-Entry Services – Carlos Contreras

Mr. Contreras reported that the program currently has 68 participants enrolled and has intakes scheduled for the upcoming week to fill in the remaining slots.

Imperial County Sheriff's Office – Lt. Chavarin

Lt. Chavarin introduced Chief Garcia and stated that he will be attending the CCP meetings as well. Lt. Chavarin announced that ICSO will be starting its Fire Crew class at the new jail facility, the class is certified by IVC and will allow inmates that complete the course to apply to CAL Fire for future job opportunities. Sgt. Arreola stated that this is a test program that is

normally run at the state level, and depending on how well it does, could be run outside the IVC Winter Session. Sgt. Arreola added that this program will allow ICSO to establish a fire crew that can assist with local fire issues.

SMART Recovery – Don Gorham

Mr. Gorham announced that the program is doing well, but is still having some attendance issues for the DRC Class and is working with Supervisor Kevin Arellano to obtain additional referrals. Mr. Gorham announced that the co-occurring group has started up again and will be run by Susan Ireland and a co-facilitator Teresa. Mr. Gorham stated that SMART is ready to start a group in Calexico once ICBHS finishes the work on their building. Mr. Gorham reported that he recently visited the VOA detox facility in National City which hosts 60 beds for detox treatment and 60 beds for residential treatment

Imperial County Probation Department – Everardo Rodriguez

Everardo Rodriguez stated that the Probation Department has their annual re-entry summit scheduled for April 1, 2020, but is waiting for final budget approval from the CCP Budget & Fiscal Subcommittee and Executive Board Committee. Mr. Rodriguez added that the Department is looking to have Noel Gugliemi as the guest speaker for the event. Mr. Rodriguez stated that the Probation Department has also begun to receive Domestic Violence Misdemeanor cases, which will be under formal supervision until the client finishes their certified anger management requirement, and once those requirements are met the cases will be switch to summary probation. Mr. Rodriguez announced that the Probation Department will be starting 2 COG Classes towards the end of January and will be reaching out to see which classes will be best to run for the upcoming quarter.

Agency Updates, Informational Item(s), and Announcements:

Adjournment:

Mr. Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m. The next CCP Program and Development meeting will be held on February 5, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in the Imperial County Day Reporting Center Conference Room.