

Alternative Sentencing Coordinator Report February 2013

Since I began the job of Alternative Sentencing Coordinator in November 2012 things have been moving quickly and responsibilities have shifted from other agencies and departments to me, in part due to staffing shortages. We have made great progress over the last 3 months with programing, services and implementation of new protocols. This report is a brief snap shot of the things that have been accomplished as well as some future projects.

Accomplishments and Collaborations

Below is a list of some of the accomplishments and collaborations we have been working on.

- Working with the Drug Court planning team to create and finalize a Policy and Procedure manual for the Plumas County Adult Substance Abuse Treatment Court (ASATC) so we can continue moving forward with implementation of a new "redesigned" program that will now include tracks such as, Drug Court, Prop 36, reentry and any other specialty population that has both a criminal justice case and is in need of substance abuse counseling or other intensive ancillary services.
- Working with Substance Abuse treatment provider to create effective and evidence based treatment phase program for the court mandated, Drug Court/Substance Abuse Court and the AB109 population.
- Working with ancillary service providers to create specific programs for inmates, court mandated substance abuse treatment program participants as well as the AB109 population once out of custody. This includes substance abuse treatment programs, anger management, parenting classes, batters intervention as well as with PCIRC and the Housing Commission to give the above population housing services and the ability to qualify for long term housing through Section 8.
- Worked with Probation, Health Department, PCIRC and the Housing Commission to successfully change the language in their bylaws to consider participants that are participating in one of our intensive specialty courts or DRC programs for long term housing.
- Worked with Probation, Sheriffs Office and Jail Staff to create a protocol for assessment and services for inmates associated with realignment/ AB109 and substance abuse treatment court.
- Working with Mental Health Director to create and implement a release for all Defendants referred to or who are currently seeing Mental Health as well as report form to be utilized in creating conditions and monitoring compliance with Mental Health treatment requirements and guidelines.
- Working with Sherriff's Office Staff to gather information and begin program implementation for SB1022 grant proposal.

Programs & Services

The following is a list of programs and services that have been addressed, created or changed by the Alternative Sentencing Coordinator since November 2012:

Program/Service	New role or responsibility
Drug Court Participants: 9	Now completing all reports to be filed with Court by compiling all substance abuse treatment, Mental Health, Probation and any other services received by participants. Monitoring and ensuring all proper documents and releases are signed for collaboration and reporting purposes. Meeting with participants prior to entry of program for amenability.
Prop 36 Participants: 15	Now completing all reports to be filed with Court by compiling all substance abuse treatment, Mental Health, Probation and any other services received by participants. Monitoring and ensuring all proper documents and releases are signed for collaboration and reporting purposes.

AB109 Assessments completed: 2	Assessments began in the jail the week of February 11, 2013. I have received two completed assessments and I am in the process of creating case plans and tracking mechanisms for these participants and the services they will receive while in custody. I estimate at least 5 more assessments being completed and case plans implemented before March 1, 2013.
Defendants with other Alternative Sentencing needs Contact with ASC: 8	Worked with 8 cases to assist the Courts with Residential Treatment and Mental Health monitoring and reporting. As we have a growth in programs and relationships with agencies I foresee this responsibility growing on a daily basis.
Day reporting Center (DRC)	Scheduled to open and begin operation March 4, 2013 in the PCIRC building. Hours will be Monday and Wednesdays 1-3pm. This has been a collaborative effort with the Sheriff's Office, Mental Health, PCIRC, Alliance for Work Force Development, Alcohol & Drug, Veterans Services, Social Services, Probation and Second Chance. Every Substance Abuse Treatment Court participant and AB109 release on supervised probation will be required to check-in into the DRC daily or weekly based on the level of treatment and case plan developed.

Next Steps	Timeframe for Completion
Implement jail program and create system for program staff, service providers and the Correctional Staff at the Jail to monitor and report on Inmate participation in order to calculate credit that will be received for programming.	March 2013
Create and implement a check-in and schedule process for DRC .	March 2013
Create an assessment tool that will be used at DRC to direct participants to needed services.	March 2013
Create reporting and tracking system for DRC.	March 2013
Monitor and oversee services and programming at DRC	Ongoing
Work with Courts and service providers to create a referral form that is easily track able and efficient.	April 2013
Work with Adult Substance Abuse Treatment team and Courts to set and hear all tracks of the ASATC are heard on the same Calendar.	April 2013
Begin co-facilitating with Probation Officer Orientation/Breaking the Cycle group for all ASATC participants immediately following court	April 2013

Challenges
With the expected jump in participants referred to ASATC and the DRC I am concerned that I will not have enough time to give all participants the needed services and referrals while compiling reports and schedules for ASATC and DRC.
I am currently serving in the capacity of the case manager for all ASATC participants as well as Defendants with other Alternative Sentencing needs and will soon take on that responsibility for the DRC as well as the AB109 services taking place in the jail.