

# **Process and Evaluation Workgroup**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **August 5, 2020**

#### **In attendance:**

**Rodney Brooks:** Alameda County Public Defender's Office  
**Rashad Eady:** Alameda County Behavioral Health  
**Neola Crosby:** Alameda County Probation Department  
**Christopher Miley:** Alameda County Supervisor Richard Valle's Office  
**Shawn Roland:** Building Opportunities for Self- Sufficiency  
**Timothy Smith:** Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency  
**Darryl Stewart:** Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley's Office  
**Shahidah Lacy:** Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson's Office  
**Sophia Lai:** Alameda County Behavioral Health  
**Charlie Eddy:** Urban Strategies & Faith in Action  
**Richard Spiegelman:** Faith in Action East Bay (FIABEB) Live Free

The meeting started with introductions.

**Chris Miley gave a brief update on the future Public Protection agenda items.**

#### **September:**

- An update from The East Bay Family Defenders.
- Sheriff's proposed fee increase.
- An update on the Public Defender's Clean Slate Program.

#### **October:**

- Results First (The evaluation of public safety department programs)

- Forensic Services and Mental Health Reduction. (Directing people with mental health issues away from the criminal justice system.)

#### **November:**

- State of jails – Public Health jail inspection, including a report from WellPath.

#### **December:**

- Racial justice and police reform, report from the workgroup convened by Supervisor Nate Miley.
- Proposed new Alameda County Sheriff's Office training for Deputies.
- The state of juvenile justice, presented by the Alameda County Probation Department.

#### **Potential items which have yet to be scheduled:**

- The Arena Center, the potential new location for the Probation Department.
- Workgroup on Fire Department relations between Alameda County's and other fire departments – coordinating emergency and fire response.
- Juvenile Justice reform forum (rescheduled from March 2020)
- The TRUTH Act, an annual item for the County, most likely a special meeting of full Board of Supervisors.

#### **The group began to discuss next steps for the issues they are addressing:**

##### **A summary of the discussion on updating the Sheriff's Clearance Policy**

- The Sheriff proposed a two-week turnaround on applications submitted but has yet to address the issue of people with prior convictions working for agencies with county contracts, requiring them to enter Santa Rita.
- Supervisor Valle's Office has agreed to broker a meeting to facilitate more progress.

##### **Update and summary of discussion on issues related to the Community Advisory Board (CAB)**

- Neola provided a training for the new CAB members, four attended.
- A review and update on Realignment and eligibility funding for AB 109 population was given.
- Training was effective since it did not happen during the regular CAB meeting.

- How do we get other members to agree to the training?
- Are we talking about a training sponsored by Probation?
- Until this responsibility is shifted to someone else, there are some back-end functions that will come from government.
- Could a functional CAB from another county do the training?
- A challenge is we are the only ones who allocated 50% to CBOs.
- We still need to get them to agree to training.
- Why don't we ask Tim/Donald of BOSS?
- Funding could potentially come from the AB 109 funding or the innovations in re-entry funding.
- I have talked with Tim about this and he is going to have some graduates from the BOSS training program apply to the CAB.
- The Board may need to intervene if there need to be changes to the bylaws.
- There should be caution against the Board imposing changes, it needs to be bottom up; this is how guidelines are written.
- Can there be an intervention from the Public Protection Committee?
- There seem to be structural issues.
- Did CCP-EC extend CAB term limits at the last meeting?

The group agreed to outline what they saw as the structural challenges and suggestions for the changes.

**An update was given on the issue of people signing up for Medi-Cal after being released from Santa Rita:**

- The State has established requirements, for getting people leaving incarceration connected with Medi-Cal with a longer timeline, 2021; so, the County is going to comply with those requirements.
- What are the requirements?
- There was a report issued earlier in the year. It wasn't just public protection it is based more on health, so it was reported at Health Committee. It is not a political issue, there is broad agreement that this needs to happen.
- Are we putting off connecting clients to Medi-Cal?
- We are making some connections now, through our mobile health plan, we have Medi-Cal applications there – both HCSA and ACSO are working on this issue.
- We just need to know the number of people going in and out of jail every day.

- There is a lot of catch and release. Sheriff's staff has stated that 1,800 people go in and out that don't show up on the census.
- The IT group connected to the CCP-EC could meet to discuss – this is a large data gap.

**The meeting ended with the group brainstorming future agenda items, the suggested topics are listed below:**

- Connecting AB 109 clients leaving Santa Rita Jail to services.
- Any follow up on the Sheriff's item.

Neola Crosby announced that she is retiring on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Many in the group talked about how much they appreciated working with her.

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 PM.