**COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (CAB)**

**February 5, 2019**

**Public Defender’s Office, 1401 Lakeside Drive, Oakland**

**CAB Members Present**:

Raymond Banks

Doug Butler

Claudia del Rio (absent)

Victor Flores

Keith Gums (absent)

Selimoni Percival

Barbara Quintero

Louis Rigali

Rodney Scott

Kamarlo Spooner

Tanasha Stevens

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to Order/Roll Call**: 6:19 p.m.

**New CAB Member**:Barbara Quintero, District 4

**Review Minutes**: January 8, 2019 andJanuary 15, 2019 (Special Meeting), Minutes accepted without revision.

**CAB – Open Seats & Recruitment**: District 1 has 3 open seats; 1 applicant at interview stage. District 3 has 1 open seat. District 2, 4 and 5 do not have vacancies.

**Location for Meeting (Spooner)**: BACS open to hosting the meeting, but the day needed by CAB is already in use. Supervisor Valle indicated he’d arrange a meeting place for CAB at Hayward City Hall (HCH) which is across the street from the BART station. Per Neola, the task has been given to her. The March meeting will be held at HCH.

* Suggested outreach to increase south county attendance includes: 7th Step, Ashland Youth Center, BACS and others, Woman on the Way, Men on the Way, La Familia. Goal is to increase community attendance at CAB meetings.
* Hayward City Council meeting is held the same date and time as the CAB.
* CAB Flyer should be modified to include new meeting place.
* Kamarlo indicated that outreach is needed for all areas of Alameda County including Oakland.

**Update CCP Civic/Community Engagement Sub-Committee**:

* Rodney Scott attended the CCP meeting and presented the recommended performance measures and strategies, along with assistance from Neola.
* Per Neola, a number of committees provided updates, including the Civic/Community Engagement Sub-committee. The recommendations on the performance measure and strategies were approved by the CCP. Additional work on these measures and strategies by the CAB has to occur.
* Housing (Feb 8: 11-12:30) and Family Reunification (March 1st) sub-committees are open to the public.
* Substance Use Disorder is also a sub-committee.
* Barbara discussed different drugs being used by Behavioral Health to help curb addictions including the recently released incarcerated and the pregnant.

**Re-naming “Formerly Incarcerated”**: Additional surveys were provided, no consensus; Per Rodney, the persons he spoke to felt “it (use of the term formerly incarcerated) was self-imposed stigma”.

**CAB Ad-hoc Updates**:By-laws: Passed for Keith to be present.

**Racial Trauma (Raymond)**:Raymond provided handouts to the CAB. Some highlights include:

* Slaves had no rights and incarcerated persons have no rights.
* All persons can be exposed to racial trauma and experience post-traumatic stress from experiencing racism.
* African Americans experience racism in different ways: Individual experience, witness of other’s experience and difficult social conditions.
* Raymond hopes that mental health treatment addresses racial trauma.
* Per BHCS, BHCS requires cultural competency (for all populations and traumas) for its providers.
* A necessity: Raising public awareness about “Post-Incarceration Syndrome (PIS)”
  + Can we raise public awareness about PIS and make it be a part of assessment and of treatment?
  + Use of a survey (to address need) may not be useful until there has been education around the issue.
  + Awareness and Education around trauma is necessary before you pose the question as most persons aren’t aware there is such a thing. And, some persons don’t want to identify traumas as they see it as a weakness.
* Scarcity of phones at Santa Rita - Deputy McGee from Inmate Services: working on having each Inmate having a tablet to allow communication with his/her family. Inmates have access to video visits from family.
* Racial tension within the prison system has yet to be addressed.

**Agenda Building**: Re-naming the “Formerly Incarcerated”, further discussion; CCP Civic/Community Engagement Sub-Committee; By-laws; Racial Trauma/Post Incarceration Syndrome, Minutes, Open Seats and Recruitment, CCP discussion and action, CAB Ad hoc updates, Stride Center, Ad Hoc Outreach Group.

**Public Comment**:

* Joe Anderson, Black Men Speak/Men of Color, meeting held today: Feels participants would be a good voice for what the CAB is trying to do – improving the conditions for the formerly incarcerated, both state and federal under CONREP.

**Next Meeting**: March 5, 2019

**Adjournment: 8:15 p.m.**