

**ALAMEDA COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT**  
**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Thursday, January 16, 2020 1:04 pm – 3:51 p.m.

Alameda County Probation Department  
1111 Jackson St., Rooms 226-228, Oakland

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:**

Still, Wendy (Chair)  
Brooks, Rodney (for Brendon Woods)

Chaudhry, Aneeka (for Colleen Chawla)

Smiley, Charles  
von Geldern, Eric  
(for Nancy O'Malley)

**Absent:**

Lucia, Rich

Tudor, Jeff

**Guests:**

Abernathy, Lisa  
Albert, Kaliyah  
Anunne, Bede  
Baker, Karen  
Banks, Raymond  
Bernal, Jose  
Blake, Scott  
Burton, Carol  
Butler, Doug  
Conner, Shauna  
Crosby, Neola

Dawal, Marcus  
Eddy, Charles  
Frazier, Donald  
Hernandez, Joanna  
Kildee, Maureen  
Lacy, Shahidah  
Lai, Sophia  
Lam, Nyhiep  
M.S., Eric  
Marshall, Kaki  
Moore, Ron

O'Neil, Gavin  
Saelee, Linda  
Simms, Earl  
Smith, Marcela  
Smith, Timothy  
Tan, Nathaniel  
Thongs, Danny  
Warner, Jessie  
Bossett, Jennifer  
(Recorder)

**OLD BUSINESS**

Meeting minutes from October 8, 2019 were reviewed and approved as written.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Community Advisory Board (CAB) Update – Raymond Banks, CAB Chair**

A. Current CAB Vacancies: District 1: (2), District 2: (1), District 3: (2), District 4: (1), and District 5: (1)

Raymond reported that the CAB continues their outreach for additional members through the Board of Supervisors and through direct outreach by CAB members.

B. Community Advisory Board Recommendation

i. 30% Increase in housing allocation

Raymond introduced the CAB's recommendation to increase funding for more permanent housing to accommodate the recent influx in releases from custody. Chief Still confirmed that the County uses AB109 funding to support transitional housing and subsidies that support permanent housing. Chief Still also acknowledged that, eventually, there will be a need to increase the housing allocation by more than 30% and that the County is actively working on acquiring more housing, such as a 35-50-bed facility in

Oakland and a 35-bed facility in Hayward. Chief Still proposed that housing recommendations be brought forward on a case-by-case basis, once identified and housing costs/budgets are determined.

### **2-1-1 Reentry Website Portal Overview - Alison DeJung and Charles Pattillo**

Alison DeJung noted that in 2003, the federal government (FCC) established a 3-digit phone system, 2-1-1, as a resource to provide disaster information as well as health, housing and human resources to the public. Alameda County's 2-1-1 is unique in that it also offers a link to housing. Eden I&R Inc. has been serving as the designated contractor since 2007, tasked with operating the 2-1-1 system for Alameda County. 2-1-1 is a confidential, non-life-threatening emergency counterpart to 9-1-1 and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in multiple languages. All of the services offered through the 2-1-1 phone line are also available on the 2-1-1 website: <http://edenir.org/category/2-1-1-information-alameda-county/>.

2-1-1 and the Alameda County Probation Department (ACPD) have been working together to compile all the probation resources in one centralized location through the 2-1-1 website. Services on the 2-1-1 site will be searchable and all ACPD contracted providers/agencies will appear first or in another color for clients performing an online search through the website. Contracted community-based organizations (CBOs) and service providers are encouraged to contact Alison at [adejung@edenir.org](mailto:adejung@edenir.org) in order to ensure they are added as a resource on the 2-1-1 website and that all information is accurate and updated; all updates to the portal are updated in real time.

The Alameda County 2-1-1 Reentry website (<http://211alamedacounty.org/2-1-1-alameda-county-re-entry-resource-finder/>) is mobile-friendly and had a soft launch the week of January 14, 2020. This site is also accessible through the Alameda County Probation website <https://probation.acgov.org/index.page>, bottom of the home page – 2-1-1 Reentry link. Note: The current 2-1-1 Reentry site is a temporary layout and will be updated once the site is fully developed in approximately six weeks.

## **Workgroup Updates**

### **A. Fiscal and Procurement**

- i. Approve an annual 10% overhead rate to fund Probation contract staff to administer and monitor AB 109 contracts from the Realignment CBO allocation

Karen Baker provided an overview of the AB109 funding and allocations approved by the CCPEC over the last three fiscal years. A full breakdown of the awarded funding and allocations can be viewed here ([presentation](#)). The State's funding to Alameda County over the last four fiscal years, including the current 19/20 fiscal year, has steadily increased from \$42 million to approximately \$50 million. Beginning with the 15/16 year, the Board of Supervisors (the Board) approved 50% of the State's allocation be awarded to CBOs providing services to reentry clients in Alameda County.

Karen noted that the administrative workload involved in developing program scopes of services, creating, executing and managing contracts, processing invoices, working with CBOs in order to ensure they are servicing the clients and maintaining contract compliance requires staff. The administrative fee (10%) will allow ACPD to hire additional ACPD staff to support the workload. With the growing amount of funding and contracts, additional staff is needed in order to manage and allocate funding in a timely manner.

Chief Still confirmed that the proposal is to acquire the 10% administrative fee in order to hire additional staff and support the growing workload; however, the CCPEC will not take action on this item, but will open this item

for discussion only. She noted that there has been significant discussion from the attendees at the January 7, 2020 Fiscal and Procurement Workgroup and CAB meetings who recommended the following:

- a. Acquire the 10% from the government side; or
- b. Acquire the 10% from the Sherriff's Office; or
- c. Split the 10%; 5% from CBO and 5% from the governmental partners.

Danny Thongs, on behalf of the Justice Reinvestment Coalition (JRC), opposed any funding coming from the CBOs, stating that penalizing the CBOs would be a mistake and that the funding should come from the governmental partners instead. Danny requested that ACPD provide a projected line item budget detailing how money will be spent and obtain approval from the Board before implementing the administrative fee. Several attendees agreed the funding should come from governmental partners, rather than the CBOs.

Maureen Kildee of EBCLC opposed the proposed 10% administrative fee coming from the CBOs, while acknowledging the reasonableness of ACPD needing the additional funding. Maureen asked that ACPD provide more detail with their request and suggested that ACPD acquire the funding from any source other than the CBOs. Donald Frazier of Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency also opposed the 10% administrative cost coming from CBOs, stating that the \$2.4 million would have a dramatic impact on the community. Jose Bernal of EBC also opposed the 10% funding from the CBOs and asked ACPD to provide more transparency regarding the request. Jose also suggested that ACPD acquire the funds from the Sherriff's Office, as they receive over \$18 million in funding. Chief Still advised that the Board requires ACPD to document the details of the funding request, including the number of employees to be hired; ACPD will be presenting this information to the Board in a public hearing. Neola reminded the group that the [annual realignment report](#) contains an itemized budget for all of the governmental partners who receive Realignment funding.

Sophia Lai asked if the \$2.4 million proposal would increase next year, if the 19/20 funding decreases. Chief Still confirmed that the \$2.4 million proposal will not increase and, in the event that the funding decreases, a new plan would have to be developed. Chief Still noted that AB 109 funding is constitutionally guaranteed. Chief Still thanked everyone for their feedback.

**Robust discussion occurred and no action was taken on this item.**

- ii. Approve \$898,288 for the continuance of the PRCS Reentry Court services for two years

Gavin O'Neil provided a detailed overview for this item at the Fiscal and Procurement Workgroup meeting on January 7, 2020. A copy of the [PRCS Reentry Court presentation](#) and [budget](#) was provided. Gavin noted that the grant ended in September 2019 and funding is needed to continue the services.

- iii. Approve allocations of \$6,267,600 - \$2,418,770 = **\$3,848,830** for FY 19/20

Neola provided an overview of the [Allocation Spreadsheet](#) which highlights the recommended items to be funded, excluding the 10% administrative overhead (\$2,418,770). Chief Still clarified that the funding includes the \$898,288 for PRCS Reentry Court and noted that the drivers for the Food Program will be hired by BOSS and will be formerly incarcerated clients hired through the County's Reentry Hiring initiative. Neola confirmed that this budget request has been reviewed and approved by the Fiscal and Procurement Workgroup and the CAB.

**Eric von Geldern made the motion to approve the recommendation, which was seconded by Judge Charles Smiley. The motion passed unanimously.**

**B. Process and Evaluation – Rodney Brooks**

Rodney confirmed that there has been some movement regarding changes to the clearance policy for formerly incarcerated individuals entering Santa Rita Jail (SRJ). This item was discussed at the October 2019 Public Protection Committee meeting and he confirmed there is now an appeal process. He indicated that there is a need to have an expedited process for CBOs who hold contracts with Probation that will remove barriers for formerly incarcerated staff required to enter SRJ, as a contractual requirement.

Another issue the Workgroup has been addressing is ensuring that Medi-Cal is reactivated prior to release from SRJ. ACBH was present at the November 2019 meeting and confirmed that services are activated for inmates that are receiving behavioral health treatment while in jail, however, the goal is to have services activated for all inmates prior to release. Rodney indicated that a number of individuals, not acting on behalf of the Workgroup, approached the Board with signatures in support of movement on this issue and the Board is now working towards a solution.

Regarding the clearance policy, Chief Still noted that the hope is for the criteria to be less restrictive, similar to CDCR. Rodney stated that there are two different issues: access for certain individuals and access for CBOs; however, the Sheriff's Office only has one process, which makes the background procedure more difficult. Neola noted that there is legislation (AB 2138) that no longer requires individuals to list their arrests when submitting applications for certification. Instead, the licensing agency obtains the criminal background information so that the applicant doesn't have to provide it. This eliminates a person from being denied for inadvertently providing incomplete information on the application. Additionally, Rodney stated that asking applicants to list and describe all of their convictions can be traumatic.

**C. Programs and Services – Neola Crosby**

The next meeting will be January 23, 2020 from 10 am to 12 pm. Alameda County Behavioral Healthcare (ACBH) will provide an update regarding substance abuse disorder treatment for transition-aged youth (TAY) – youth between the ages of 18-24; currently, youth are receiving services with older adults. The Workgroup has had discussion regarding this issue and ACBH will be presenting a new program model which separates treatment for youth from adults. ACBH will also provide a presentation on Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services. Chief Still advised that CDCR will also be implementing a MAT program and would like to ensure that Christi Henzi attends the next Programs and Services Workgroup meeting in order to coordinate efforts.

**D. Data and Information Management – Eric von Geldern**

Eric gave a brief overview of Penal Code 849B, which allows an officer to arrest and release offenders. In addition, Eric provided information regarding Penal Code 849C, which allows for an individual to have that arrest expunged immediately to allow evaluators to judge more fairly if someone has recidivated. Eric hopes that this can be used to not only help offenders but make the evaluation process fairer and more accurate for evaluation purposes.

**Comprehensive Alameda County State and Local-Funded Service Directory (discussion)**

Chief Still confirmed this is the comparable "Get Out and Stay Out" publication for Alameda County and will include all services through CBOs, Federal Probation and State Parole in a directory.

**Public Comment**

Q: David Spiller is not here today and has retired from the Pleasanton Police Department. What efforts are being done to replace the law enforcement representative on the CCPEC and can there be some consideration to have a law enforcement representative from a city most impacted by the criminal justice system?

A: The designee and the alternate were unable to attend today, but there is a replacement. The Police Chiefs make the decision; however, Chief Still indicated that she will let the Police Chiefs know that there was no representative today.

John Jones and others are working on a fairness in housing campaign, focusing on not having prior felonies considered because it becomes discriminatory. They have met with Chief Still and will be invited to present at a CCPEC meeting later in the year in order for the CCPEC to decide on how to support their efforts in Alameda County. This will be a County ordinance, not state-wide. Currently, the campaign is not gaining much support from homeowners.

Judge Charles Smiley invited everyone to come and experience Reentry Court tomorrow and advised that there is still room in the Clean Slate Program. He noted that SB310 was expanded in October 2019 to allow any individual who is not currently in custody to serve on a jury.

Dig Deep Farm will have its grand opening on January 17, 2020 at 12 pm, 2700 Fairmount Drive in San Leandro, CA.

Pre-Trial goes live January 21, 2020 and clients can access AB109 resources.

**Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be held March 16, 2020 from 1pm-5pm.