**ALAMEDA COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, October 8, 2019 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Alameda County Training and Education Center

125-12th St. 4th Floor, Hayward and Union City Rooms, Oakland

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:**

Wendy Still (Chair)

Brendon Woods

Charles Smiley

Nancy O’Malley

Rich Lucia

**Guests**: Refer to [Attachment A – CCPEC 10-8-19 Attendees](http://www.acgov.org/probation/documents/AttachmentA?CCPEC10-8-18Attendees.xlsx) (101 attendees)

**Call to Order and Introductions:** Chief Still called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

**Public Comment on Any Item Listed Below as for “Discussion Only”:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Meeting minutes from August 5, 2019 were reviewed and approved as written.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Still opened the meeting with introductions and an overview regarding the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Reentry grants which represent a significant amount of dollars throughout the entire state of California for the reentry population. There was approximately $49.8 million in funding available from BSCC for reentry services. Upon reviewing the list of grantees, Chief Still thought it important to invite the grantees who received funding for services in Alameda County to provide an overview of their program and services, which will allow the CCPEC to better understand how those services will enhance and connect to our current reentry service system. Additionally, it is equally important for the CCPEC, as they make funding decisions, to be aware of services through other funding streams that will be available to our clients.

**Public Safety Realignment Year 7 Status Update**

Neola Crosby presented the Public Safety Realignment Year Seven Status Update. This is an annual summary of all allocations and outcomes for FY 2017/18. Neola noted that data is collected and compiled through collaboration with the following: The District Attorney, Sherriff’s Office, Public Defender; Alameda County Behavioral Health; Community Development Agency; Probation; and community-based organizations providing Realignment-funded services.

Following is a summary of the presentation:

* The total allocation for FY 17/18 was $48,210,661
* The CBO Allocation = $21,428,421
* Expenditures for the governmental partners = $26,237,638
* Recidivism (using the BSCC definition for recidivism)
  + New Convictions = 30%
  + Violations and Petitions to Revoke Probation = 18%

To read more about program outcomes and status updates for FY 17/18, please click on the link to view the [Public Safety Realignment Year 7 Status Update presentation](https://www.acgov.org/probation/documents/Y7RealignmentStatusUpdate.pdf) and to read the entire [Public Safety Realignment Year 7 Status Report](https://www.acgov.org/probation/documents/PublicSafetyRealignment_Y7StatusUpdate.pdf).

**BSCC Reentry Grantee Overview**

There are 13 organizations located in Alameda County that received BSCC grants; however, 12 of those organizations will provide services in Alameda County, totaling $8,532,945. Each of the organizations below were awarded a grant in order to expand their services and programs to the reentry population. Information regarding the programs and services offered is highlighted below.

1. **Insight Garden** – Amanda Berger, Program Director

Insight Garden will utilize their BSCC funding to provide services such as: gate pickup, warm meals, phone support (pre- and post-release), referrals for housing, employment and social services. The grant will provide for greater support at San Quentin, Avenal State Prison and Central California Women's Facility. Funding will also allow for the hiring of two formerly incarcerated, part-time Gate Navigators. For more information, please view the full [CCPEC presentation](https://www.acgov.org/probation/documents/InsightGarden.pdf) and visit the [Insight Garden website](https://insightgarden.com/).

1. **After Innocence** – Jon Eldan, Attorney

Jon began his volunteer work 15 years ago, looking for ways as an attorney to help the small number of people exonerated for their crimes find and access needed services and benefits, many of which they are ineligible for, due to their status. In 2015, Jon was able to expand his practice and formed After Innocence. After Innocence focuses on intensive assistance leading to access to healthcare, evaluation of eligibility for services, legal assistance and assistance obtaining/accessing social services. Additionally, he has partnered with a dental provider who has volunteered over $300,000 worth of pro-bono dental work to clients. Jon provides all services through a network of lawyers and other providers via volunteers, at no cost to clients. To date, Jon has been able to reach and help almost 600 exonerees nationwide. The BSCC grant is the first time the State of California has funded direct services to exonerees. Currently, exonerees have no access to pre- or post-release services and this funding will allow After Innocence to locate and assist 10 clients within a year. The focus of this program will be to evaluate and determine where improvements can be inserted, finding ways to build relationships with CBOs and determining best practices for acquiring access to social services for clients. For more information, please visit the [After Innocence’s website](https://www.after-innocence.org/).

1. **A Safe Place** – Carolyn Russell, Executive Director

A Safe Place is a domestic violence assistance program, founded 44 years ago. The program offers battered/abused women and their children transitional housing and support services. The BSCC grant will allow them to administer a Warm Hando-Off Project that is trauma-informed, client centered and strength-based. The project will provide case management, mental health services (family and individual therapy), physical health services, substance abuse treatment, reunification with children who are in Child Protective Services, safe emergency shelter, legal assistance, court advocacy, employment and job readiness assistance. For more information, please view the full [CCPEC presentation](https://www.acgov.org/probation/documents/ASafePlace.pdf) and visit the [A Safe Place website.](https://www.asafeplace.org/)

1. **Building Opportunities for Self Sufficiency (BOSS)** – Donald Frazier, Executive Director

BOSS develops solutions to mass incarceration, homelessness, and community violence with programs and services. BOSS received two BSCC grants which will allow them to enhance the following services: a career training center, on-the-job training, life skills, cognitive behavioral therapy, barrier removal, job placement, GED and high school diploma, career pathways program, transitional housing, permanent housing support, peer support services, rapid re-housing, social justice services, and case management. For more information, please view the full [CCPEC presentation](https://www.acgov.org/probation/documents/BOSSCJPrograms-BSCCpresentation.pdf) and visit the [BOSS website.](https://self-sufficiency.org/)

1. **Community and Youth Outreach (CYO)** – Tiffany Jones, Deputy Director

CYO was established in 2010 to provide support to youth and young adults involved in gangs or criminal behavior. The BSCC grant will provide intensive case management, cognitive behavioral therapy and support services beginning December 2019 for individuals on probation, parole and Department of Juvenile Justice returnees (aftercare). For more information, please view the full [CCPEC presentation](https://www.acgov.org/probation/documents/CYOProgramPresentation.pdf) and visit the [CYO website.](http://www.cyoinc.org/)

1. **Community Works** – Rahkii Holman, Program Manager, Troy Smith, Case Manager, Kyle Magallanes, Deputy Director and Jason Toro, Executive Director

Community Works provides the following services: cognitive behavioral group therapy, restorative justice intervention, and family-systems case management primarily focused on transitional-aged youth (TAY), between the ages of 18 to 25. The BSCC grant will expand these services to TAY individuals on probation, parole and in the community. For more information, please view the full [CCPEC presentation](https://www.acgov.org/probation/documents/CommunityWorks.pdf) and visit the [Community Works website.](http://communityworkswest.org/)

1. **Men of Valor Academy (MOVA)** – Keith Williams, Sr., Executive Director

Men of Valor is located in East Oakland and has been in operation for over 20 years, providing services such as: temporary shelter, assistance with obtaining identification (CDL, social security card, etc.), assistance with obtaining social services, GED preparation, computer literacy, vocational carpentry training, life skills, resume writing, job skills, job interviewing techniques, and work ethics. In addition, clients receive assistance with transportation to interviews and other locations. MOVA also aids with job placement, and dress for success. Of the 68 current residents, 53 are currently successfully employed, one has been employed for four years, and 20 have held steady employment for over one year. MOVA provides referrals for mental health and substance abuse assistance treatment, as well as random drug tests for all clients. MOVA provides temporary shelter with a current capacity for 70 clients, which can be expanded to 150, when needed. The BSCC grant will allow for expansion of these services. For more information, please contact Men of Valor Academy at (510) 567-1308.

1. **No More Tears** – Mick Gardner, Executive Director/Co-Founder

No More Tears is a violence and crime - prevention program started by incarcerated men in San Quentin Prison and concerned citizens. No More Tears expanded its in-house program to build a volunteer base for community outreach. No More Tears will use its BSCC grant to hold 12 series workshops that provide information and instruction on methods to develop new life skills and how to prepare for a constructive life after prison. In addition, No More Tears will offer restorative justice healing circles available to all inmates. For more information, please view the full [CCPEC presentation](https://www.acgov.org/probation/documents/NoMoreTearsProbationbriefing.pdf) and visit the [No More Tears website](https://www.nomoretearssq.com/), along with their informative video.

1. **Oakland Private Industry Council, Inc.**– Robin Raveneau, Executive Director; Glenn Bell, Employment Services Manager

Oakland Private Industry Council (OPIC) provides workforce development services. The BSCC grant allows for the expansion of services to the reentry population. Thirty clients will be enrolled annually from the reentry population. OPIC will provide the following services: an individual life, drug treatment, peer-group participation, healthcare mediation, social capital development, family reunification, assistance with right-to-work documents, case management, assistance with obtaining social services, life coaching, career development, and developing life sustaining pathways. OPIC will provide pre- and post- release services and will recruit members from within the prisons and Probation; walk-in clients will also be accepted. A mobile unit will be used to bring program services directly to the community. The goal is for clients to remain in services for a minimum of six months. Opportunities to become peer mentors is available for clients who successfully complete the program. For more information, please visit the [Oakland Private Industry Council’s website.](https://www.oaklandpic.org/)

1. **Root and Rebound** – Alicia Sante, VISTA Community Outreach & Partnerships Coordinator. Root and Rebound’s goals are to: educate communities impacted by mass incarceration to know their rights; advocate for protection and full restoration of rights for impacted persons; and reform the law to better serve people with criminal record. They achieve their goals by providing services such as: a free reentry legal hotline, legal education, assistance obtaining identification documents, navigating family reunification and child support requirements, assistance with applying for housing and public benefits, and reentry legal clinics. For full list of services and for more information, please view the full [CCPEC presentation](https://www.acgov.org/probation/documents/Root&Rebound.pdf) and visit [Root and Rebound’s website](http://www.rootandrebound.org/).
2. **Sister to Sister 2, Inc**. – Melissa Hellums, Interim Executive Director, Sherrol Gray, Associate Executive Director, Nicole Gardner, Client Care Coordinator.

Sister to Sister, whose parent company is known as Serenity House, was established in 2009 as a recovery center located in Oakland with a mission to help women survivors of addiction, violence, homelessness, and incarceration heal, be empowered and achieve their dreams while living in their purpose on their journey to restoration. Sister 2 Sister accomplishes this by providing housing, addiction recovery support, life skills, mental health services, case management, family reunification, meals, job skills classes and trauma-based healing. For more information, please view the full [CCPEC presentation](https://www.acgov.org/probation/documents/Sister-to-Sister2.pdf) and visit the [Serenity House website.](https://www.serenityhouseoakland.org/)

1. **Youth Employment Partnership (YEP)** – Michelle Clark, Executive Director

YEP provides a range of job training opportunities for young people ages 14 to 24. The BSCC grant will allow for an expansion of services to include assistance for 50 reentry young adults, ages 18-30, who will receive comprehensive support, vocational skills, and job placement opportunities to gain meaningful, sustainable, and high-earning employment in: Construction; Culinary Arts; Information and Document Processing; Health Care; or Warehouse/Transportation, Distribution & Logistics (Warehouse/TDL). Career options combine education and job readiness developmental training, case management, high-demand sector training and certification, and work experience to give trainees a competitive edge in employment to reintegrate successfully. For more information, please visit the [YEP website](http://www.yep.org/) and view the informational [YEP Parole flyer](https://www.acgov.org/probation/documents/YEPParoleFlyer-October2019.pdf). Note: There was no formal presentation from YEP.

Nancy O’Malley congratulated all the grantees and announced that she will be hosting a peer support specialist certification training through the end of the week. All 19 participants of the training will graduate with a certificate which will be acknowledged by the State of California, Medi-Cal billing. If CBOs are looking for certified counselors that are able to bill their services to medi-cal, please contact her to obtain the contact information for the graduates.

Judge Charles Smiley thanked all the organizations for their participation and requested that organizations contact him and provide suggestions on how to make the court system easier to access and navigate. Judge Smiley expressed the Court’s desire to be a meaningful part of the process. Judge Smiley will be the Assistant Presiding Judge in January 2020 and noted that he is looking forward to working in partnership with these efforts.

Chief Still reminded everyone of the upcoming Public Protection Committee meeting on October 10, 2019 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. This meeting will have a block of time to focus on the Santa Rita Jail Medication Treatment Plan expansion and the Public Health Department Jail Inspection.

**Workgroup Updates**

1. **Fiscal and Procurement – Chief Still and Nancy O’Malley**

Chief Still introduced an action item recommending the approval of $9,341,847 in Realignment funding for FY 2019-20 that has also been reviewed by the Community Advisory Board (CAB). Chief Still outlined each item on the [Realignment Allocations and Recommendations](https://www.acgov.org/probation/documents/Allocations8-27-19FPW.xlsx) spreadsheet. **Judge Charles Smiley made a motion to approve the funding; the motion was seconded by Nancy O’Malley and the motion passed unanimously**. There is a balance left and the remainder of the Realignment allocation will be revisited at a later time.

**Adult Re-Entry Strategic Plan / Recidivism Sub-Committee – Neola Crosby**

Neola noted that the CCPEC has reviewed the performance measures and strategies at previous meetings and the current document represents the various modifications and/or additions to the performance measures and strategies for Goal 1 of the Adult Re-Entry Strategic Plan – Reducing Recidivism**.**  Neola reviewed the document noting that there are ten (10) performance measures eight (8) strategies. The “Accomplishments” column displays data and information that Alameda County has been able to track regarding recidivism. The document also has a “Recommendations and Next Steps” column. Neola noted that the document has been updated to include information regarding the United States Federal Probation system. Click on the [link](http://www.acgov.org/probation/documents/StrategicPlanataglance.docx) to view the document.

Additionally, Neola confirmed that the definition of reentry is “anyone who has had contact with the criminal justice system residing in Alameda County”, which is very broad. The revised Adult Re-Entry Strategic Plan should be completed by the first part of next year.

**The CCPEC agreed to move the item forward to the CCP for approval.** The upcoming CCP meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2019.

**Current CAB Vacancies – Neola Crosby**

Neola acknowledged the passing of CAB member Joe Anderson. The current CAB vacancies are as follows: District 1: 2 Vacancies; District 2: 2 Vacancies; District 3: 1 Vacancy; District 4: 2 Vacancies; and District 5: 1 Vacancy. At the November meeting, the CAB will hold elections for their officers at the November CAB meeting. Neola invited attendees to [apply for a seat on the CAB](http://www.acgov.org/probation/documents/CAB-Application-fillable.pdf) , if interested.

**Next Meeting –** The CCPEC meeting scheduled for November 18, 2019 is canceled. The next meeting will be held January 16, 2020 from 1pm-5pm.

**Public Comment**

Several guests mentioned they are having significant challenges obtaining approval to enter Santa Rita Jail (SRJ). Barbara Quintero mentioned that she was released over 20 years ago, has maintained her sobriety and has been actively working within the community for many years, and yet was advised that she will never be approved to enter SRJ; obtaining clearance to enter other jails and prisons has not been a problem, only SRJ. Additional comments were made inquiring why individuals are having significant difficultly obtaining clearance to enter Alameda County’s jail, which is not occurring in other counties or prisons. Many of the CBOs would like to provide services in SRJ and would like to utilize formerly incarcerated staff, who can best connect with and provide the services. They asked who should be contacted and what are the policies that specifically prohibit prior offenders from entering SRJ.

Undersheriff Rich Lucia noted that many formerly incarcerated individuals have entered the jail and offered to provide the contact information for Inmate Services, who can assist. Currently ten percent (10%) of the people who apply to enter SRJ are denied entry, due to certain policies that exist. He confirmed that the contacts are Commander Tom Madigan and Assistant Sheriff Dennis Houghtelling; they will be at the October 10th Public Protection Committee meeting, where this item will be addressed.

Rodney Brooks from the Public Defender’s Office confirmed that the Process and Evaluation Workgroup has been working with the Sheriff’s Office on this issue and that the Sheriff’s Office is working on revising their policy to address the additional barriers for formerly incarnated individuals requesting to enter SRJ.

A BOSS member asked: “If the jail has a database with an offender’s complete criminal justice record, why wouldn’t the jail utilize the information already in its possession in order to decide on approving entry into an institution?” Why would someone need to complete an application and list their entire criminal record? Chief Still invited interested parties to attend the Public Protection Committee meeting on October 10th, because that’s where the discussion will occur and where you will learn some of the things that are happening regarding the jail’s policy. Regarding CDCR, Chief Still noted that she would be happy to assist with CDCR, if there is an information request issue to be addressed. She noted that the Sherriff and the Public Defender have been looking at the jail’s policy and this issue has had significant attention.

A BOSS member informed the CCPEC members that he has received the following question on several occasions from concerned parents in the community and would appreciate some guidance on this matter: “Does my child have to catch a case in order to receive services? What is available in deep East Oakland other than Midnight Basketball? Is there a way some money can be used to engage children before they enter into the criminal justice system?” Chief Still confirmed that millions of dollars are invested towards prevention for at-risk youth that have no cases or involvement, we just don’t usually talk about it in these meetings because AB 109 and the CCPEC relates to the adult system. There are many programs available and Chief Still offered to send that information to anyone interested in those programs. Chief Still committed to putting this item onto an upcoming agenda.

*No More Tears* held their annual awards ceremony and presented awards to Social Services, Behavioral Health and Chief Still.

The Public Protection Committee meeting will be held October 10, 2019 at the County Administration Building, 1221 Oak Street, 5th Floor, Board Chambers, Oakland.

**Adjournment:** 3:50 p.m.