

ALAMEDA COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Monday, March 15, 2021· 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
via “Zoom”

MEETING MINUTES

Present:

Wendy Still, Chief Probation Officer (Chair)
Jared Rinetti, Union City Chief of Police, Alternate
Rich Lucia, Undersheriff, Designee
Judge Charles Smiley, Superior Court

Nancy O’Malley, District Attorney
Brendon Woods, Public Defender
Sophia Lai, Health Care Services Agency, Designee

Attendees:

Abernathy, Lisa	Conner, Shauna	Jones III, John	von Geldern, Eric
Baker, Karen	Dawal, Marcus	Klein, Meryl	Walker, Darryl
Brown, Jenifer	Debus-Sherrill, Sara	Lovett, Alysia	Warner, Jessie
Cao, Binh	Frazier, Donald	Mason, Joey	Weiss, Steve
Chen, Howard	Gipson, Sylvia	Oddie, Sarah	Wills, Anita
Cheng, Mike	Grigsby, Janene	Smith, Tim	Additional Guests: 14
Clifton, Aubrey	Henzi, Christy	Uriarte, Monica	

1. **Call to Order and Introductions** – The meeting started at 1:00 PM; due to technical difficulties, meeting was called to order at 1:20 PM
2. **COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program – Michelle Starratt**
 - A. The December COVID-19 Stimulus Package contained \$25 billion (B) for emergency rental assistance, with jurisdictions of 200,000 or more population receiving funds directly from the Treasury, including Alameda County, Oakland, and Fremont; California received majority of assistance at \$2.4B
 - B. On January 28, 2021, SB-91 was signed, which takes the state’s portion and directs it down to local jurisdictions; the combined assistance for Alameda County from the Stimulus Package and SB-91 is \$103 million (M) (Direct Treasury Stimulus allocation = \$50 M and State SB-91 allocation = \$53 M):
 - i. Oakland will receive a combined \$26.6M (Treasury = \$12.8M / State = \$13.8M)
 - ii. Fremont will receive a combined \$14.9M (Treasury = \$7.2M / State = \$7.7M)
 - iii. The rest of Alameda County will access a combined total \$61.8M from the programs
 - C. The county will run Alameda County Housing Secure (<https://www.ac-housingsecure.org>), a program built a couple years ago to keep people housed and to fight anti-displacement, funded by the Federal Government; Phase I of the program is March 17 – May 1 (the application portal will open starting March 17 with a soft launch); and Phase II will be May 2; there will be marketing materials in the coming weeks
 - D. Fremont’s Rental Assistance Program will also be open as of March 17 (more information at www.Fremont.gov/RentalAssistanceList or Family Resource Center at 510-574-2028), and Oakland’s program is Keep Oakland Housed (www.keeпоaklandhoused.org); all of these programs prioritize extremely low-income tenants
 - E. Another Stimulus Package was passed in March 2021 that contains \$27.4 billion (B) for rental assistance and \$9.9B for mortgage relief assistance; rental assistance will be funded at almost \$200M

countywide and an estimated \$100 M rental assistance will be available countywide by June

F. The current goal is to start getting people into the application process and making rental assistance available; outreach and engagement is happening; a request for proposals went out this week to agencies all over the county to help get the word out to their hard-to-reach populations

3. **Review and Adoption of 1/22/2021 Meeting Minutes** – Due to Microsoft Teams being down, Review and Adoption of 1/22/2021 minutes will be included at CCPEC Special Meeting on 4/1/2021; County Counsel was contacted regarding the issue, and in accordance with the Brown Act, all Action Items will be moved to CCPEC Special Meeting on 4/1/2021

4. **CalAIM: Opportunities and Implications for the Reentry and Justice Involved Population** – David Panush

A. California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) is a new approach for delivering health care to highly vulnerable, hard-to-serve, high utilizing Medi-Cal beneficiaries with complex needs; it builds on Whole Person Care pilots like AC Connect in Alameda County that emphasize social determinants of health (e.g., housing), funds enhanced care management and new “in lieu of services” benefits, and includes specific elements for the justice-involved population and reentry process (Medi-Cal managed care plans will be responsible for implementation)

i. **In Lieu of Services:** These are services in lieu of the more expensive services and many of them have already been tested through the Whole Person Care pilots around the state:

a. Housing Transition Navigation

b. Housing Deposits (including one-time payment for security deposits, set-up fees/deposits for utilities, first month coverage of utilities, first and last month’s rent)

c. Housing Tenancy and Sustaining Services

d. Short-term Post Hospitalization Housing

e. Recuperative Care (medical respite)

f. Sobering Centers – alternative destination for intoxicated individuals instead of jail or emergency rooms

B. CalAIM is part of the Governor’s proposed FY 2021-22 \$1.1B Medi-Cal budget and has an \$846M ongoing cost; it has a trailer bill component and details are under discussion now; the Medi-Cal managed care plans have started thinking about what they’re going to provide and how it will work

C. It mandates that all jails have a Pre-Release Planning and Medi-Cal Application process (implementation: January 1, 2023) – the Department of Health Care Services will establish a workgroup to talk about the components and what it will look like; it requires individuals receiving behavioral health treatment in jail to receive a facilitated referral and linkage to county behavioral health upon release (implementation: January 1, 2023), and requires Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans to provide intensive case management/care coordination to high-cost target populations, and more flexible, non-clinical services *in lieu* of more expensive hospital/emergency room care (implementation: January 2022 – 1 year later for reentry target population); it goes beyond standard care coordination/case management by providing a “high-touch, on-the-ground and face-to-face” whole person care approach that’s collaborative, multi-disciplinary, and addresses clinical and non-clinical needs (enhanced care managers will work with primary care and behavioral health providers, and with clients and family members), and it should include community health workers with lived experience

D. **IMD (“Institutions for Mental Disease”) Waiver** – CalAIM opens the door to a federal option to get federal matching funds for individuals in psych hospitals or IMDs with more than 16 beds; counties currently pay 100% of cost; the waiver is conditioned on budget neutrality and demonstrating a continuum of alternative placements

5. **Community Advisory Board (CAB) Update – Kamarlo Spooner**
 - A. Current CAB Vacancies: District 1: (2), District 2: (1), District 3: (2), District 4: (1) and District 5: (0)
 - B. **AB-109 Funded Formerly Incarcerated CAB Notetaker (discussion and action) - HOLD for 4/1/2021**
 - C. **CAB As a Voting Member of the CCPEC (discussion and action) – HOLD for 4/01/2021**
 - D. **Voluntary CAB Exit Interview (discussion and action) – HOLD for 4/01/2021**
6. **Workgroup Updates**
 - A. **Fiscal and Procurement Workgroup – Wendy Still/Nancy O’Malley**
 - i. **Probation RFP and Contracts Update – Monica Uriarte**
 - a. Alameda County Reentry Housing Vendor Pool – Bids for the first round were received and are going through the qualification process; awards will be announced shortly and program implementation to begin as quickly as possible; the next round will begin soon after that; the pool will be posted on a quarterly basis
 - b. Education (New Bid) – RFP is being finalized and will be released by the end of March
 - c. Sex Offender Treatment – The RFP has been posted; bids are due 4/26/2021; bidders conference tomorrow at 10:00 AM
 - d. Women’s/Mother’s Services – Held a listening session last week; the Statement of Work (SOW) is being prioritized
 - e. List of categorized active AB-109 contracts have been included in the Fiscal and Procurement Workgroup package
 - ii. **AB 109 CBO Designation Account Update**
 - a. **Funds Available for Reinvestment – Howard Chen**
 - i. Fiscal Years 16/19 - Available balance is \$1,160,465 (unallocated funds of \$110,217 plus \$1,050,248 in previously allocated funds now available for reinvestment)
 - a. Funds were transferred from the *Commitments* column to the *Actuals* column after approval of \$560,873 for *Housing – Hope House* (Board Letter dated 1/26/2021, PC#21591): \$100,529 (Line #19) in FY 19/20 and \$460,344 to FY 20/21 (Line #6) for BOSS Housing
 - b. *Innovations in Reentry* – Alameda County Behavioral Health projects funds estimated in the amount of \$160,247 (Line #22) available for reinvestment after contract fulfillment
 - ii. Fiscal Year 19/20 - Available balance is \$0; funds have been fully allocated
 - a. Housing (annual) – CDA projected funds estimated in the amount of \$667,552 will be available for reinvestment after contract fulfillment; estimate may be subject to change depending on number of beds utilized in the facility
 - iii. Fiscal Year 20/21 - Available balance is \$4,848,972
 - iv. Options for reinvestment: (a) Identify the proposed use, (b) Go through Fiscal and Procurement, (c) Send an advisory notice to CAB, (d) Then goes to the CCPEC, (e) Send a letter to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) relative to the contract; CAO has asked to move the Board Letter to the BOS once we have the contract drafted
 - b. **Account Update – Karen Baker**
 - i. Allocate \$1M for Expenses Related to the Extension of Services – **HOLD for 4/1/2021**
 - ii. Briefly looked at Annual Allocations vs. Additional Services that might need to be extended or have additional money allocated: (a) AC 2-1-1 Service should not need

additional funding for FY 21/22, (b) CAB Stipends and Housing will need additional funding – additional funding for housing includes support for the ongoing allocation of the shelter bed contracts, the existing dedicated Probation transitional housing, and additional allocation for anticipated award from RFP (most likely extended to next quarter if not awarded in this round)

- a. Total to fund all existing programs and services and extend additional funding for housing = \$17.5M
- b. Total FY21/22 Annual CBO Allocation = \$25.2M
- c. Remaining balance available to allocate in FY 21/22 = \$7.6M

iii. **CA Assembly Bill 1950: Extension of Services – HOLD for 4/1/2021**

iv. **Violence Prevention Program – HOLD for 4/1/2021**

v. **\$330,000 Fair Chance Housing Initiative – HOLD for 4/1/2021**

- a. Discussion: Policy Outreach Leaders spoke on the importance of supporting the Initiative to reduce homelessness and recidivism, and how much it has helped them; asking for funding to conduct outreach and evaluation

vi. **Restorative Justice Opportunities for the Realigned Population – HOLD for 4/1/2021**

vii. **FY 21/22 Funding Recommendations – HOLD for 4/1/2021**

B. Process and Evaluation Workgroup – Rodney Brooks

- i. Update: The workgroup has had some great meetings with members of the Safe Landing trailer looking for ways to make tighter connections with those leaving Santa Rita and who can best benefit from the services; no conclusions at this point

C. Programs and Services Workgroup – Janene Grigsby

- i. At the last meeting, continued discussion on service gaps, challenges, and opportunities, focused on Training, Client Engagement, Gang Intervention/Prevention Services, and Warm & Friendly Gate Transportation; had a discussion on AB 1950 and extension of services; at the next meeting, A Safe Place will present their new reentry program, and there will be a discussion of the workgroup's authority and responsibility

D. Data and Information Management Workgroup – Nancy O'Malley

- i. Still working with AC's ITD to make sure it's thoroughly linked with Probation's Tyler products; still some adjustments being made that will complete the sharing of information

7. Evaluation of Pathways Home Initiative by UC Berkeley – Meredith Sadin

A. Alameda County Probation Department (ACPD) has partnered with California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to implement the Pathways Home program; UC Berkeley's The People Lab is collaborating with ACPD to conduct a formal evaluation; the research question: ***Whether clients who received a pre-release case-planning meeting are more likely to report to their first meeting, relative to similar clients released during the same time period?*** They looked at all post-release community supervision individuals released to Alameda County (AC) between Nov 2018 – Dec 2020 and compared those who received a case-planning meeting to those who looked similar on a variety of dimensions (e.g., age, race, recommended supervision level) to measure the effect of having the case-planning meeting and a successful first report to their Probation Officer within 2 business days of release (when people are most vulnerable to recidivate); Pathways clients received a pre-release case-planning meeting via video

B. **Phase #1: Preliminary Results** - Clients assigned to a pre-release case-planning meeting were 11% more likely to report (92% vs 81%) and clients who received a Pre-Release Video Conference (PRVC)

were 13% more likely to report (94% vs 81%); using logistic regression models, completing a PRVC increases the likelihood a client will report to Deputy Probation Officer by 12% (94% vs 82%) (Note: Data too small to look at percentage of Pathways clients completing PRVC vs. Pathways clients who did not); those who received a PRVC were 8% more likely to receive at least one service referral (96% vs 88%), with an average of 1.8 more referrals to services (6.2% vs 4.4%)

- C. **Phase #1: Next Steps** – Pathways is looking to explore: additional correctional outcomes with additional time spent under supervision (e.g., program fidelity, abscond, revocation), additional administrative outcomes using access to different data sources (e.g., education, employment, wages), and explore the costs of this intervention; current data is too small to look at differences between Pathways clients and Non-Pathways clients who didn't report within first 2 business days and they have not dug into analysis of referral dates yet
- D. **Phase #2: Pre-Release Workbooks** - Phase #2 will include the implementation and evaluation of reentry workbooks specific to AC and disseminated to clients who are designated to return directly from a prison reception center; still in the planning stage, Pathways is hoping to evaluate late Spring 2021; Discussion: Chief Still said they've had good feedback, including using the workbooks universally, and have adjusted the workbooks, accordingly; workbooks are close to being published
- E. **Phase #3: Post-Release Mobile Application** - Pathways is about to begin beta testing the mobile application (Vergil) that will support successful goal-based communities and settings; they're in the middle of research and development/pilot phase for Summer/Fall 2021; it will provide a flexible platform to test reentry support, and the outcomes of interest will be: (a) user data (matched to TYLER), (b) in-app surveys, (c) program fidelity, (d) perceptions of ACPD resources and support, (e) goal-attainment; it has the potential for some interesting features and measurement
- F. **Phase #4: Institute For The Future (IFTF) Virtual Reality** - The final intervention of Pathways Home now in the development stages is the partnership with IFTF virtual reality on a series of virtual reality simulations available to help clients practice responses to challenging situations; they've had fantastic development discussions with IFTF and ACPD, as well as a lot of partners, on what content might be most helpful to clients; Timeline: Pending (est. late Fall 2021)

8. **Public Comment**

- A. Mr. Rodney Dunn, the Dean of Students at Civicorps (formerly, the East Bay Conservation Corp) shared information about the program, which provides education and job training for people 18-26 years old, including reentry population; services and opportunities include working with individuals from Caltrans, East Bay Municipal Utility District, East Bay Regional Parks, Waste Management, working with Spanish-language students on English proficiency and obtaining high school diploma, learning to use power tools on land management projects and getting certified, and obtaining Class B license
- B. Introduction of Lt. Perez, Inmate Services Unit, Santa Rita Jail; he will present at April CAB meeting

9. **Next Meeting – April 1, 2021 Special Meeting**

10. **Nancy O'Malley motioned to adjourn; Charles Smiley seconded: meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM**