**ALAMEDA COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

August 5, 2019 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
1111 Jackson Street, 2nd Floor, Rooms 226-228, Oakland

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:**

Wendy Still (Chair)

Colleen Chawla

Eric von Geldern (for Nancy O’Malley)

Youseef Elias (for Brendon Woods)

**Guests**:

Aneeka Chaudhry

Barbara Proctor

Bede Anunne

Bob Britton

Charlie Eddy

Darryl Stewart

Douglas Butler

Earl Simms

Eliza Patten

Jason Toro

Joey Mason

John Swenning

Johnathan Derby

Kamarlo Spooner

Karen Baker

Kimberly Grayston

Lisa Abernathy

Marcia Massa

Marcus Dawal

Mary Lim-Lampe

Nathan Muus

Neola Crosby

Rahkii Holman

Raymond Banks

Rodney Brooks

Sarah Ting

Shahidah Lacy

Sophia Lai

Tim Tabernick

LaLisha Norton (Recorder)

**Call to Order and Introductions:** Chief Still called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

Meeting minutes from May 20, 2019 were reviewed. Colleen Chawla made the motion which was seconded by Eric von Geldern and the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Community Advisory Board (CAB) Update**

Kamarlo Spooner (CAB Co-Chair) provided an update on the current vacancies for each district. Kamarlo also introduced the [CCPEC Agenda Item Request 8-5-19](https://www.acgov.org/calendar_app/DisplayDetailServlet?site=Internet&ag=PRO&ty=DEPT&m=7&d=26&y=2019&t=M&i=2018-12-21%2015:40:16.607), which requests that the CCP and CCPEC hold at least one of their respective quarterly meetings after business hours and that the following workgroups (which meet monthly) hold 25% of their regularly scheduled meetings after hours. These workgroups include: Fiscal and Procurement, Process and Evaluation, and Programs and Services. The rationale provided for this request is to allow individuals that are returning citizens/residents the opportunity to participate without experiencing an undue financial hardship. It was stated that most providers, non-profits, and government employees are compensated to attend meetings as part of their job, but system impacted individuals/private citizens are not which puts them at a significant disadvantage if they are required to take time off from work without pay.

Raymond Banks (CAB Co-Chair) also added that justice impacted individuals are at a financial disadvantage and in order to acknowledge the specific needs of this community, as well as men, women, single parents, families, people of color, and so on, that a daycare or babysitter, and a transportation stipend should be made available in an effort to encourage engagement from within the disadvantaged populations.

Chief Still asked if the CAB was requesting that 25% of each workgroup meeting be held after hours or if 25% amongst all workgroup meetings be held after hours. Raymond agreed that 25% per workgroup would be a lot and that he was open to modifying the request. Chief Still asked if the CAB wanted to amend their proposed item to reflect one CCPEC meeting and one workgroup meeting per year for each of the three workgroups be held after hours for a total of four after-hour meetings per year; Kamarlo and Raymond both agreed.

Chief Still addressed the second portion of the request regarding childcare and transportation stipends. In regard to transportation stipends, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) has already approved a stipend of $50.00 per month for transportation stipends for CAB members. Raymond advised that this request was not intended for CAB members, but rather justice-impacted members from within the community. Chief Still advised that the majority of commissions and boards do not receive a stipend for their participation and that it would be very challenging logistically to provide stipends to individuals as compensation for participation. She commented that community involvement should be community involvement without necessarily receiving a stipend for participating. In regard to childcare, Chief Still indicated that evening meetings could include the potential of having childcare onsite or nearby to improve access for others to attend.

***Action Item* - The agenda item request submitted by CAB was approved with the following amendment from Eric von Geldern who made the motion to modify the request so that instead of 25% of meetings, it would be one meeting for the CCPEC and one meeting for each of the three workgroups (Programs and Services, Fiscal and Procurement, and Process and Evaluation) to be held after-hours to support community involvement and encourage attendance of systems-impacted individuals. The motion was seconded by Colleen and passed unanimously.**

Neola mentioned that the process for compensating individuals is very prescribed and, if in the future there was a request to financially compensate individuals for attending meetings, additional requirements from Fiscal would need to be considered as part of that process. Chief Still agreed with the concerns and advised that CAB take the action item back to their board and rethink the ask and resubmit the request. Chief Still also mentioned the possibility of approaching a foundation to see if they would be interested in funding this endeavor to financially support community involvement.

Charlie mentioned the possibility of utilizing zoom or a similar technology to include individuals that are not physically able to attend. Chief Still advised that ITD could explore various capabilities. Neola noted potential issues with recording individuals during the meetings as it relates to the Brown Act. Chief Still suggested that perhaps County Counsel be consulted regarding this suggestion.

**BSCC Reentry Grant Awards** – Alameda County organizations were granted funding from the BSCC to provide a plethora of services for the reentry population; refer to the [BSCC Document](https://www.acgov.org/probation/documents/BSCCDocumentforCCPEC_8-5-19.pdf) for details. Shahidah noted that the primary clients to be served with the grant funds are parolees and Chief Still indicated that they may also be planning to serve PRCS clients. Chief Still requested that Neola follow-up with the organizations to determine who they will serve and what services will be provided and distribute the information to the Probation Department’s Probation Officers so that clients can be filtered correctly.

**Presentation: Circles of Support and Accountability (COSA) Restorative Justice Model** – Center for Peacemaking Fresno Pacific University. Presenters: Sheri Wiedenhoefer, John Swenning, Johnathan Derby, and Kimberly Grayston. The complete power point presentation can be viewed via the following link [COSA Presentation](https://www.acgov.org/probation/documents/AgendaItemRequest_5-20-19.pdf).

According to the 2018 CDCR Outcomes Evaluation Report, the state average recidivism rate is 46.1%. Fresno is slightly above the state average at 49.25% and Alameda County is below the state average with 37.7%. Prior to this study, Fresno had the highest recidivism rate at 60%; fortunately, the trend is moving in the right direction. Other counties are looking at the COSA model and seeing how they can modify its application to fit the specific needs of their county/population.

COSA is a community-based model that began in 1994. The model gained traction after the first year and has expanded greatly since its inception. Preliminary results have shown that former prisoners involved in COSA are considerably less likely to commit new crimes than those who are not. COSA is evidence-based, and it allows individuals that would normally not have access to programing to be given the opportunity to engage in programming. Also, COSA bridges the gap and provides continuity with continued programing when the formerly incarcerated person returns to the community.

What is a circle? It is a model in which the core individual is in transition from incarceration back to the community. The individual is surrounded by trained community volunteers with the ideal number being approximately 3-5 volunteers. The volunteers are required to complete an application and attend training. They are not required to be a professional in any given field, but they are required to commit to the core member for a period of 12-18 months. They meet with the core member on a weekly basis, once the person is released and they will also engage with the outer circle of case managers and professionals (based on the needs of the case plan of the core member.)

Community-based prosocial support makes the difference.

* Volunteers create a sense of mutual respect and obligation that could not be easily forged with paid staff
* Circles fill a gap between programing and community-based supervision
* Circle members provide concrete support around stabilizing effects such as housing and employment
* Circles enable the habits and culture that support desistance through the development of and modeling of normal and normative relationships
* Circles create a context, which inhibits re-offending because of mutual obligations, monitoring risk in daily life, accountability to the community and reducing the incentive for crime.

The core member’s process begins at Phase 1, which takes place inside the institution. Phase 1 includes: restorative justice programing, application submission, review of risk assessments and other records, and an in- person interview. Phase 2 (core member acceptance) which includes: developing a reintegration plan, matching the core member and volunteers, and first circle meeting. The 3rd and final phase occurs after the core member is released and includes weekly circle meetings, reintegration plan, and case member evaluation (12 months post-release).

**Workgroup Updates**

1. **Fiscal and Procurement – Chief Still**

Chief Still advised that there were no action items. We are waiting on the final numbers for this fiscal year’s allocation; hopefully more information will be available at the next meeting. Karen provided an RFP update and advised that the Family Reunification-Phase II RFP is currently with GSA and pending release. Only one bid was received for the Transportation RFP, therefore, a listening session was conducted last month. The session was well-attended, and they are currently making recommendations to re-release the RFP. The TDRC RFP is currently with GSA and is anticipated to be released soon. The rebid for the Education RFP is pending approval from Chief Still and will then be forwarded to GSA. After clarification regarding the target population, it was noted that the RFP for the Adult Male and Female Residential Multi-center is also with GSA.

1. **Process and Evaluation – Brendon Woods**

No report.

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

The Process and Evaluations Workgroup will not be meeting this week. The next Programs and Services Workgroup meeting will be August 22nd. The discussion will focus on garnering more details regarding the indigent barrier removal fund. There will also be follow-up discussion regarding the definition of “family” as it relates to family reunification and staff from the Timelist program will be presenting an overview of their services.

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

Eric commended Alameda County ITD regarding their efforts to provide meaningful and timely data. Chief Still asked if the Data and Information Workgroup meets formally, and if not, does the County need to rethink how this Workgroup is designed and functions. Eric noted that the Workgroup is currently not conducting formal meetings. Shahidah asked what would be the continued purpose of the Workgroup, if the issues that needed to be addressed were all resolved. Chief Still noted that all the issues have not been resolved and that there were still problems with Odyssey. Chief Still also stated that these workgroups were established with the intention of being open to the public for input and participation. She would like to have further discussion at a later date regarding the Data Workgroup.

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

Neola presented the performance measures and strategies at the last meeting. The goal is to present the items pertaining to recidivism to the CCPEC for a vote at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting –** The meeting scheduled for September 16th has been rescheduled and will be held on September 30th. A notice will be sent out regarding the change.

**Public Comment**

Charlie provided information regarding the Bay Area Systems Impacted Consortium (B.A.S.I.C.) formerly known as The Eastbay Consortium of Support Programs for Formerly Incarcerated College Students. He noted that Neola recently sent a notice to the community regarding applications to participate as part of the board’s leadership team. BASIC began in April of 2017 and has been very bay area centered. There has been three convenings and representatives from all facets of the community have been present. At the last convening, there were 200 individuals in attendance. The group now believes that they are ready to tackle governance and infrastructure; accordingly, they are creating a board and formalizing membership. The first Board will be in place until 2021 and then will be open to others. Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to apply. The applications were sent last week via GovDelivery.

Mary Lim-Lampe requested assistance from a “human” to assist her with understanding and identifying the funds on the allocation spreadsheet that are earmarked for restorative justice. Neola stated that she would provide assistance.

Neola advised that RFP submissions for Serious Mental Health Disorders is due tomorrow at 2pm. Also, Alameda County Census has released grants ranging from $5,000-$50,000 to support Census outreach efforts. The deadline to apply is Friday, August 16th at 5pm. The Census is also looking to hire people to assist with Census enumeration.

Neola advised that the Fiscal and Procurement Workgroup meeting scheduled for August 13th has been rescheduled to August 27th. Updated Reentry Resource brochures are available in hard copy and online. If you have an older version of this document, please discontinue using it, as the information has been updated. Please use the latest version, dated May 2019. The Year 7 Realignment report should be available by the next CCPEC meeting.

Chief Still noted that 2-1-1 is updating their resources and contacts and Probation is performing this update as well.

Colleen and Sophia advised that the County received a second round of Prop 47 funding which will allow them to continue building upon the work that has begun. The grant provides funding for mental health, substance abuse treatment, and diversion programs. A mid-term program evaluation will be published on August 15th. The newest portion of the program is diversion. The details are being developed, but anyone that would like to receive more information or contribute to the brainstorming is welcomed to attend an upcoming LAC Advisory Committee Meeting, October 28th from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at 1111 Jackson, 2nd floor, Rooms 226-228. There are two openings for community representatives on the LAC board; interested candidates are encouraged to apply.

Sophia stated that $2.5 million in AB109 grant funding to support mild-to -moderate mental health services was released. The two recipients of this funding are Roots (North County) and The Felton Institute (South County).

**Adjournment:** 4:06 p.m.