

**ALAMEDA COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP  
SPECIAL MEETING**

April 19, 2023 · 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

1111 Jackson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Rooms 226-228, Oakland, CA

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Attendees:**

Marcus Dawal (Chair)

Almondsmith, Sherry	Chin, Karen	Jacobs, Earl	Navarro, Sofia	Wilson, Jenica
Anderson, Gina	Eddy, Charles	Landry, Raymond	Roberts, Royl	Young, Alexa
Anderson, Tara	Evans, Demarris	Lewis, Clyde	Smiley, Charles	Zatcoff, Tyler
Boykin, Rhonda	French, Nancy	Morimoto, Masanao	Smith, Shadeequa	Additional Guests: 2
Chambers, Adrienne	Grigsby, Janene	Muhammad, Derrick	Turner, Charles	

1. **Welcome/Introductions** – The meeting was called to order at 3:17 PM
2. **Public Comment** – No comments
3. **Review and adoption of Meeting Minutes from** – Minutes were not reviewed due to lack of quorum
4. **Community Corrections Partnership Annual Report Update – Janene Grigsby**
  - A. At the January meeting, the purpose of the [Annual Plan](#), was discussed with the subcommittee chairs as well as how to set [goals and objectives](#) that meet the CCP’s goals and objectives, and how to make sure they are [SMARTIE](#) objectives
  - B. The upcoming Annual Plan dates were also discussed:
    - i. July 5 CCP Meeting: Subcommittees will go over their objectives and the progress they have made over the current fiscal year; this information is what will be included in the Annual CCP Plan
    - ii. August 26: All submissions from the subcommittees and government partners must be received no later than August 26
    - iii. October and November: The Annual Plan will go through the approval process: Subcommittees, CCP, Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee (CCPEC), Board of Supervisors (BOS)
    - iv. December 15: CCP Annual Plan due to the State
5. **Community Corrections Partnership Subcommittee Updates**
  - A. **Family Reunification and Stability – Janene Grigsby for Phyllis Nance and Kevin Bremond**
    - i. The subcommittee met on March 14: Providers shared updates on community activities and programs related to family reunification for both fathers and mothers; there was a discussion about Probation’s Family Reunification Request for Proposal (RFP), including identification by the committee of key activities considered in the RFP; there was also an idea exchange on increasing community engagement of people with lived experience in the committee process
    - ii. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, and they will be discussing their upcoming goals and strategies for Fiscal Year (FY) 23/24
  - B. **Substance Abuse – Clyde Lewis**
    - i. As the subcommittee continues to work on a systems map, they asked community members and providers what a perfect system would look like for in-custody and out-of-custody, and asked three

questions: (1) How do we engage those who are not in recovery? (2) Once we have them in recovery, how do we maintain them in recovery? (3) Once they are stabilized and going through the programs, how do we keep them engaged?

- ii. They then asked questions around what that perfect program would look like if money was not an issue; the subcommittee will take those responses and compile them into a survey and ask their provider network which of those services and activities are currently being provided, which will help the subcommittee understand what gaps exist; once identified, the subcommittee can develop programming or supports to move them closer to a perfect system

#### C. **Workforce Development and Employment – Rhonda Boykin**

- i. The subcommittee met on April 17: They received an update on the Reentry Hiring Initiative and discussed how to increase the number of people placed in county positions, and how to reengage the departments and agencies that made an initial commitment and haven't fulfilled it; there was a discussion about some of the challenges people have previously experienced and possibly hiring a liaison to provide support; Sergeant Murphy gave updates on implementation of CalAIM and on Sheriff Sanchez's vision for Santa Rita Jail (bringing in trades and occupational training), and also spoke about a pilot program (assessment within 24-hours, go through intake, and possibly receive a discharge plan) being established at the new reception center for those with a certain designation; reentry housing presentations were done by Just Cities and Lao Family; and the desire to engage more community members with the subcommittee was further discussed

### 6. **Community Corrections Partnership Subcommittee Collaboration – Space to Intentionally Connect**

#### A. **CalAIM – Alameda County Probation Department**

- i. Probation addressed the fact that CalAIM impacts Santa Rita Jail, Juvenile Hall, and Camp Sweeney (services will be available pre-release and post-release) and all the work that's being done in preparation for it, and suggested that it might be in the CCP's best interest for the Substance Abuse, Mental Health, and Physical Health subcommittees to come together at some point to address how it will impact them and to help with sharing information; some from the subcommittees and the public voiced their agreement with the suggestion

#### B. **Alameda County Reentry Housing Plan – Just Cities**

- i. Just Cities gave an update on what they have been working on with the Alameda County Reentry Housing Plan and what to expect coming up; the plan will provide a policy roadmap for discussing policy recommendations, funding sources, and actionable steps for implementation, with an eye towards reducing barriers to stable, affordable housing for the reentry community
- ii. The plan builds on and expands existing work being done by reentry organizations and various federal, state, and local agencies, emphasizing throughout every step of the process the leadership development of formerly incarcerated residents; the policymaking process has been designed to center the perspectives of the formerly incarcerated or those with formerly incarcerated family members, and uplifting those experiences to design policy solutions to the challenges they face
- iii. Discussion:
  - a. ***You spoke about identifying additional housing units in the first strategy. Is there anything tangible you've come across where the County could potentially acquire additional units for our population?*** Response: One of the first steps to getting there is that we call for at least 20% of all the funding for affordable housing be for units that are dedicated to the reentry population, and that's because reentry people account for 20% of the housing market need. We also call for additional

funding to go to affordable housing in general because the need is so dire for the reentry space, but it's a broader need that exists in the County as a whole.

- b. ***Because we border other counties, what is the position on having reentry participants housed in one of the bordering counties, or is that even possible?*** Response: That wasn't one of the things we had evaluated as we were drafting the plan, so I'm not sure if that would be possible or not. We can definitely take that back and work with the County and other staff to see if it's something that's possible. ***I bring that up because since I've been at the District Attorney's office, the people I've been in contact with, even though their case was in Alameda County, for safety reasons, some of them couldn't stay in the county and had to go somewhere else but still needed housing services. So, I think it's worth looking into.***
- c. ***To what extent is the Just Cities work and the plan that was just presented part of the Community Corrections Partnership Housing Subcommittee work, which is part of the Strategic Reentry Plan effort? Are you working with them?*** Response: We partnered with the CCP subcommittee specifically getting feedback on the proposals, the design of all the policy solutions, and on the consideration of what some of the needs, challenges, and barriers were for people trying to get access to housing. We've been able to be in communication and coordination with the CCP Housing Subcommittee for quite some time now.
- d. ***How are you engaging housing providers for this program?*** Response: We have not directly engaged the housing providers in a comprehensive way yet, because what we've been doing so far is getting an understanding of the experiences from the formerly incarcerated themselves. As we start going through the implementation phases and as we start discussing with the County what these measures could look like as a matter of law, I think that's the phase where we start bringing in a lot of the housing providers themselves and having such conversations as, "What does best practices look like? What are some of the needs you all have in this space? What would it take to get us to really meet the key level of success for a lot of these phases?" ***Are you all meeting on a regular basis? Is there a way to stay in touch with you?*** Response: Yes, and we're happy to connect with anyone who's interested in following up and being part of the long-term conversation. Xavier's email: [xavier@justcities.work](mailto:xavier@justcities.work).

7. **Next Meeting** – Wednesday, July 5, 2023, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM; this meeting may get rescheduled to July 19 due to the July 4 holiday
8. **Public Comments** – No comments
9. **Adjournment** at 4:04 PM