**ALAMEDA COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP**

**ADULT REENTRY STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING**

January 30, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Livermore Public Library – Civic Center, 1188 South Livermore Ave., Livermore, CA 94550

**Present**:

Wendy Still

Aneeka Chaudhry (for Colleen Chawla)

Eric von Geldern (for Nancy O’Malley)

Gavin O’Neill (for Wynne Carvill)

Martin J. Neideffer (for Rich Lucia)

Monica Vaughn (for L. Karen Monroe)

Rodney Scott (for CAB)

Patti Castro (for Lori Cox)

**Guests**:

Brian Ford

Earl Simms

Jeannette Rodriguez

Jessica Fort

Jessica Redditt

Linda Boykins

Marcus Dawal

Nathalie Dierky

Nathan Hobbs

Neola Crosby

Phyllis Nance

Rashad Eady

Sophia Lai

Tonyita Rogers

Tina Vasconcellos

Tamika Cotright

LaLisha Norton (Recorder)

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to Order and Introductions** - Lynn Gardner, Youth & Family Services Program Manager at Horizons Family Counseling, welcomed and thanked the group for coming to their location for this meeting.

Chief Still called the meeting to order. She introduced Dr. Barbara Owen, Probation’s newest consultant to work on the Pathways Home Project. Barbara Owen is a nationally-known expert in the areas of girls, women and crime, gender issues in the criminal justice system, and women’s prison culture. She also serves as a policy advisor to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR).

Chief Still provided an update on the Pathways Home project - a partnership between Alameda County Probation Department and CDCR. Pathways Home is a grant that prepares adult clients for reentry, prior to release; 60% of those released from CDCR are PRCS clients and 40% are parolees. The Probation Department was one of seven awardees nationwide to receive this extremely competitive grant. Individuals that are released from prison receive an assessment of need, and the wrap-around services required to re-integrate into society are addressed to ensure a seamless reentry back to the community. There will also be a juvenile process that prepares youth, prior to release, from CDCR’s Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). A women’s pathways home is also planned for the women’s prisons.

**Review and Adoption of Meeting Minutes**

The minutesfrom October 3, 2018 were reviewed. Eric von Geldern made a motion to approve and adopt the minutes; the motion was seconded by Gavin O’Neill and unanimously approved as written.

**Sub-Committee Reports/Updates**

Neola Crosby provided historical information regarding the planning process and a short overview of the Board-adopted [Adult Reentry Strategic Plan](http://www.acgov.org/probation/documents/ReEntryStrategicPlan-BoardApproved3-11-14.pdf), including the goals, sub-committees, performance measures and strategies. Neola noted that chairs, co-chairs or the designees of each sub-committee will provide an update on their progress, to date. Click [here](http://www.acgov.org/calendar_app/DisplayDetailServlet?site=Internet&ag=PRO&ty=DEPT&m=2&d=24&y=2019&t=M&i=2018-07-24%2011:40:03.373) to view each sub-committee’s summary.

1. **Community/Civic Engagement** – Raymond Banks and Kamarlo Spooner (Co-Chairs)

The Community Advisory Board (CAB) designee, Rodney Scott, reported that Community/Civic Engagement was added to their regular meeting agenda as a discussion item which lead to the recommended revisions to the performance measures and strategies. Three meetings (1/2/18, 12/2/18 and 1/15/19) were held in order to address the performance measures and strategies. In an effort to address the performance measures, the CAB members plan to document their attendance at all reentry-related meetings and will develop a process to encourage reentry participants to attend. The CAB also plans to work with Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS) to encourage reentry participants to attend public/government meetings and train them on how to present themselves in such meetings.

1. **Education** - L. Karen Monroe (Chair)/Chair-Designee, Monica Vaughn and Tina Vasconcellos (Co-Chair)

The Sub-Committee convened three times (9/14/18, 11/30/18 and 1/25,19) and 26 individuals participated, representing 18 organizations. There was a wide variety of organizations who attended the Sub-Committee meetings and the feedback was extremely valuable. They have eight recommended performance measures, with accompanying recommended strategies.

Data collection is important to this work, including determining where the data resides. One significant barrier encountered regarding data is that information regarding reentry individuals in education is not collected in most arenas, with few exceptions. One recommendation is to obtain data from Five Keys. Five Keys has a $1 million contract with Probation and a contract with the Sherriff’s Office. Also, the CCPEC has recently invested $2 million in CTE and $1 million for higher education. Therefore, there are at least three populations for whom data can be tracked - individuals that are in-custody, those participating in CTE programs, and individuals participating in the higher education programs. The group will need to determine how to broaden the lifelong education pathway; this will be a work in-progress. Additionally, more outreach is needed to encourage greater participation from the adult schools. Chief Still noted, in addition to capturing the jail Five Keys data, there are several other finite pathways that we can capture information, especially when we have made huge investments to organizations with CTE and GED programs. Tina indicated that community colleges have a great interest in increasing the number of certificates and diplomas. The recommendation for next steps is to have a joint meeting between the Education and Workforce Development/Employment/Economic Development sub-committees.

1. **Family Reunification/Stability** - Phyllis Nance (Chair) and Kevin Bremond (Co-Chair)

Phyllis reported that the Sub-Committee had only met once, thus far, as an agenda item on the Alameda County Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership (ACCIPP) meeting. The Sub-Committee decided to view the performance measures and strategies with a focus on the current landscape. There have been many changes since the original document was created. They are reviewing the original performance measures to ensure that they can be achieved outcomes. Future Sub-Committee meetings will commence in conjunction with the ACCIPP meetings that are scheduled in February and March. It was noted that the Family Reunification RFP has been released and three vendors selected. An additional Family Reunification RFP will be released soon.

1. **Housing** – Chris Bazar (Chair)/Linda Gardner (Chair-Designee) and Jeanette Rodriguez (Co-Chair)

Jeanette Rodriguez reported that the Sub-Committee has not met, but a meeting is scheduled in February.

1. **Health** - Colleen Chawla (Chair)
   1. Mental Health - Carol Burton and Sophia Lai (Co-Chairs)
   2. Physical Health - Colleen Chawla or designee
   3. Substance Use Disorder (SUD) - Carol Burton and Nathan Hobbs (Co-Chairs)

Sophia Lai reported that the Mental Health Sub-Committee has met four times (9/7/18, 10/29/18, 1/15/19 and 1/18/19) and 43 individuals participated, representing 19 agencies. The group developed all new performance measures and strategies due to the significant change in the mental health landscape. One goal is to improve discharge planning upon release. To be more transparent, Chief Still asked Sophia to add information regarding services for parolees and PRCS clients that are coming out of prison in the header of each goal. Chief Still asked if the Sub-Committee is envisioning a transition approach. Sophia noted that the Sub-Committee’s strategies are currently open ended, and overall, the Sub-Committee wants to focus on keeping the strategies and performance measures broad. Next steps for the Sub-Committee include outreach to other systems (CDCR and federal) to determine what services exist in those systems. Chief Still noted that the state’s system has statutory requirements and they provide us, each county, with information. Chief Still indicated that she envisions transition clinics in Alameda County for clients coming home from prison. Transition clinics are important because they provide a warm hand-off for a variety of services. What is most critical is the substance use, mental health and medical aspect of the clinic. We have got to get programs in place for this population, upon release.

Aneeka Chaudhry reported that the Physical Health Sub-Committee will be holding meetings soon.

Nathan Hobbs reported that the SUD Sub-Committee met four time (9/19/18, 10/19/18, 11/20/18 and 1/5/19) and 20 individuals participated, representing 13 agencies. The Sub-Committee would like to see more SUD services implemented in the jail. One performance measure focuses on ensuring that everyone entering the jail receives a substance use screening. Chief Still noted that the current strategies and performance measures are pre-release only for those in jail but need to include CDCR and the federal prison. Nathan noted that participation from CDCR, parole and the federal system is needed to broaden the strategies and performance measures.

1. **Social Services**

There will not be a sub-committee for this category.

1. **Workforce Development/Employment/Economic Development** – Lori Cox (Chair)/Patti Castro and Stephen Baiter (Co-Chair)

Patti Castro reported that the Workforce Development/Employment/Economic Development Sub-Committee met three times (10/1/18, 12/17/18 and 1/10/19) and 25 individuals participated, representing 15 agencies. She thanked those who attended all the meetings and for all the work. The Sub-Committee divided the performance measures and strategies into two separate categories: “Client Performance Measures and “Workforce Development Agencies and Employer Strategies”. Neola Crosby noted that the Sub-Committee deleted one of the performance measures that focused on the number and percent of the target population unemployed for 0-3 years, 3-5 years or 5 years or more. The group thought it was important to understand why, even in this economy, individuals are experiencing long-term unemployment. The Sub-Committee is recommending additional research to collect this information. Chief Still noted that the Board recently approved the new Chief of Research position and Probation will soon establish a Research Unit. Also, as part of the warm-handoff grant, Probation has $80,000 to redo the workforce readiness programs inside the prison and, as we move forward with the project, Chief Still invited Patti and her team to join those efforts. In addition to the discussion of PRCS clients, we also need to focus on the parolees and to work with CDCR to ensure that parolees have wraparound services at a co-located facility with Probation to defray administrative overhead for facilities.

1. **Recidivism** (Goal #1)

Chief Still mentioned Goal #1 Recidivism will be a standing item on the CCPEC agenda. A portion of the meeting will be dedicated to reviewing the performance measures and strategies.

**Transition Age Youth Services** –(discussion and action)

Chief Still introduced Jessica Fort, Superintendent at Camp Sweeney and Brian Ford, Deputy Chief of Juvenile Field Services. The department has also recently hired Shauna Conner, Division Director. Jessie provided a brief overview of the SB 1004 program at Juvenile Hall for youth ages 18-20.

***Action: Rodney Brooks made the motion to accept the performance measures and strategies from each sub-committee, including proposed revisions. Gavin O’Neill seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.***

**Departmental Assessment Update** – The item will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting** - April 3, 2019 (West Oakland Resource Center, located in the West Oakland Public Library, 1801 Adeline St. 2nd, Oakland, CA 94607)

**Upcoming Meetings**

1. July 24, 2019 (District 2)
2. October 2, 2019 (District 3)

**Public Comment** – None

**Adjournment**