**ALAMEDA COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP**

**ADULT REENTRY STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING**

November 5, 2019 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

San Lorenzo Public Library, 395 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo 94580

**Present**:

Wendy Still

Aneeka Chaudhry (for Colleen Chawla)

Monica Vaughan (for L. Karen Monroe)

Nancy O’Malley

Rodney Brooks (for Brendon Woods)

**Guests**:

Barbara Proctor

Brian Ford

Douglas Butler

Edwin Jones

Eric von Geldern

Jeannette Rodriguez

Joey Mason

Linda Gardner

Nathan Hobbs

Neola Crosby

Phyllis Nance

Jennifer Bossett (Recorder)

**MEETING MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order and Introductions** – Chief Still called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m.
2. **Review and Adoption of Meeting Minutes**

The minutesfrom July 24, 2019 were reviewed and adopted with a correction to be made on page four, second paragraph: “education” is listed twice in the listing of the four departments reentry specialists that were approved by the Board.

1. **Goal 1 – Recidivism (discussion and action)** – Chief Still confirmed that the CCPEC made the associated requested changes. Chief Still also noted that the [strategic plan at-a-glance handout](https://www.acgov.org/probation/documents/StrategicPlanataglance.docx) talks about the different types of recidivism that will be collected for this project. Chief Still outlined the listed recommended performance measures which will be incorporated into the Road Map. Nancy O’Malley made a motion to pass the measurements to be incorporated into the report, motion was seconded by Rodney Banks; the motions passed unanimously.
2. **Goal 2 – Sub-committee Reports/Updates**
3. **Education** - Monica Vaughan (Chair-Designee)/Dr. Tina Vasconcellos (Co-Chair)

Monica reported that the Education Sub-Committee met on September 3rd with the Mid Alameda County Adult Education Consortia (MAC). She noted that she provided a general overview of the program and population of reentry clients; summary of performance measures and strategies; an overview of sub-committee; and advised the sub-committee’s purpose, in terms of working with the MAC. Monica was happy to report that the MAC expressed an eagerness to work with Alameda County on this issue. We provided an electronic version of the resource guide, the link for organizations to be added to distribution lists so that they can submit information to be sent out on acgov.org, we also provided them with demographic data about probation individuals from the dashboard, and offered training for MAC on how to use the Probation Providers Portal and working on referrals.

The sub-committee still needs to meet with the Southern Alameda County Education Consortia (SAC), and will be working on setting a meeting date in January 2020. The committee is still working on designating a group to maintain this work on an ongoing basis once the strategic plan is implemented. The sub-committee has looked at having the Formerly Incarcerated Individuals Consortium maintain this work after implementation. UC Berkeley Underground Scholars no longer wishes to participate in this effort. Finally, the Oakland Unified School District Board of Education has approved re-opening an adult education diploma program.

1. **Community/Civic Engagement** – No CAB representatives attended the meeting, there is no update at this time. There is a CAB meeting scheduled for 6:15 tonight at 400 Broadway, 2nd Floor, Oakland. CAB elections will be held at this meeting.
2. **Family Reunification/Stability** - Phyllis Nance (Co-Chair)

Phyllis reported that the sub-committee is still in the process of looking at the different family reunification contracts that has been adopted or implemented in Probation. The committee has adopted the recommendation of redefining the definition of family to be: “biological or non-biological connections, including friends, church members and other pro-social associates and support networks”.

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

Jeannette provided a brief update. The sub-committee has not had any additional official meetings and is in process of developing a workplan which will span through December 2020. The plan will include a coordination of quarterly meetings as well as data development for performance measures. Work further with probation to see who will be included in these quarterly meetings. The proposed quarterly meetings will focus on one of the following divisions per meeting: Local, Federal, and State with optional meetings in between each of the quarterly meetings, as needed. The hope is, by focusing on one division at a time, the committee will be able to have more representation from the target group at each meeting.

Chief still agrees that the quarterly meetings is a good idea and would like to setup some planning sessions in order to develop a think out what needs to be accomplished through the year. Chief will meet with the sub-committee in December to create an agenda for the first quarterly meeting, which will be held in January 2020.

Data development has identified a performance measure but is unaware of what data sources exist or need to be created. Before the sub-committee can work on this issue, they must first identify what the local, state and Federal agencies are using as their definition of ‘homeless’ and come up with their own definition. The sub-committee also must create data to track data measures. The data development agenda requires some additional support.

Linda reported that the sub-committee is also working on securing a contact with 50 beds in Oakland and 32 beds in Hayward in order provide services for 35-40 realignment individuals.

1. **Health** – Aneeka Chaudhry (Designee)
2. **Substance Abuse** – Nathan reported that there have been no further meetings, but that significant progress has been made. In previous us meetings goals were centered around the jail and providing in-custody services and conducting American Society for Addiction Medicine (ASAM) screenings for drugs and alcohol in order for clients to be discharged to the appropriate providers for treatment.

As of the last update, the committee has been awarded a grant in conjunction with Wellpath, Behavioral Healthcare Services, and the Sheriff’s Department. The Heath Department posted an RFP to acquire a contractor to provide in-custody treatments which began November 5, 2019 in unit 31 of the jail. Options was selected as the contractor and will be providing outpatient level of care, between 1-6 hours of treatment per week for clients who are identified as having substance abuse disorder. Services will be provided five days a week.

In conjunction with this program, Wellpath has begun to change their policy surrounding medication substituted treatment in the jail. In the past, clients would be taken off of methadone once they entered jail. With the change in policy, the jail will maintain the client’s methadone and other medications for the treatment of opiate addiction.

1. **Mental Health** – Aneeka reported that Sophia Lai is unable to attend this meeting due to an audit being performed today and that no further meetings have been conducted.
2. **Physical Health** - Aneeka reported that no official Sub-Committee meetings have been held; however, background meetings have taken place with various partners and will soon be conducting larger stakeholder meetings. The group is still facing data collection challenges in terms of what is available, what can be shared and who is collecting the data. The sub-committee has proposed splitting the data collections into the following categories: in-custody, pre-release and community. Detailed recommended performance measures can be found on the [Sub-Committee Report](https://www.acgov.org/probation/documents/CCP_HEALTH_Sub-CommitteeReport.pdf).

Chief sill commented that the Health Department cannot share date with Probation, however Probation is able to share their client with the Health Department and can provide information for data collection, such as: health benefit enrollment status and number of clients involved in SUD services. Chief indicated this information would be very helpful in determining and measuring how much work needs to be done with the community population. The performance measure would be: Number of ACPD clients enrolled in health benefits accessing SUD services, number of clients enrolled in benefits, and ACPD clients accessing services. Probation would have to provide a list of clients to SSA and the Health Department for comparison.

1. **Workforce Development and Employment** – Lori Cox (Chair)/Patti Castro (Chair-Designee) and Micah Hinkle (Co-Chair).

Lori, Patti and Micah were not able to attend this meeting, therefore their update for this item is unavailable. Chief Still did confirm that we are currently in the process of rebidding the employment contracts. The Employment and Family Justice Center, in collaboration with the DA’s Office successfully provided training in the track and construction industry with BART for seven women. Of these women, one woman was picked up by Sprint Construction as an Intern Project Manager at $27 per hour; another woman was hired at $29 pe hour in the healthcare field, two of the women are currently on a waiting list, one woman is now employed with the Laborer’s Union, and one is working at Home Depot. In addition, the DA Office has been providing peer-support training for 18 participants, who will all be able to gain employment in a short matter of time as peer-support navigators. Chief Still confirmed that a list of graduates from the peer-support training can be sent to the CBOs that utilize peer-support navigators will be sent upon request.

1. **“Redesigning the Pathways Home: Alameda County’s Pilot to Positive Reentry” Status Update (discussion)**

Chief Still confirmed that the piolet program continues. We are working with their healthcare organizations. Christina Henzi, Alameda County Probation Department Division Director, joined the CDCR in training other parts of the State on implementing their MAC programs. We are working writing a curriculum specifically for those clients that are in the reception centers, never get out of those reception centers, and then are later released without having any kind of reentry assistance. Chief Still confirmed that creating a local program where these people can serve their time in jail, to probation and avoid having to leave the community while receiving intensive wrap-around services on the front end and while also being allowed to go to school, CTE, in lieu of being in reception centers is still on the table. Chief Still also reported that the committee has spent a lot of time looking at curriculums from around the Nation and were unable to find one well put together curriculum, therefore we have sampled the best portions of multiple curriculums to use as a guide in creating one for Alameda County.

1. **Electronic Centralization of Reentry Resources (discussion and action)**

Neola reported that the probation department’s new website will be developing a link where client-facing information and resources can be easily accessed. The CCPEC approved $30,000 of funding to improve and develop ease of access to resources. The tentative “go live” date for the new probation website is November 14th. The probation department is also working on an App specifically for clients.

There was a suggestion made to use SharePoint or Teams as a source for centralized internal data sharing; Neola and Chief Still agreed that Teams may be a great opportunity to create an internal data network and they will put this idea into consideration.

1. **Next Meeting** will be held in April 2020 in district 2; location TBD.
2. **Public Comments**

AB2138 will be going into effect in 2020 and this legislation will make it so agencies that issue licenses will no longer be able to ask individuals to state of their offenses at the time of their application. Currently, agencies require individuals to list all criminal convictions on their application and if you fail to list one, in error, they have a right to deny your license for lying on your application. This has been a huge barrier for clients and this legislature will help in eliminating the obstacles in gaining employment for our clients. While this is a huge win, there is still a lot of work that needs to happen surrounding licensing barriers.

Root and Rebound will be filing a class action lawsuit regarding EMT licensing agencies and if you know anybody that is having trouble acquiring their license, please contact Root and Rebound.

**Current CAB Vacancies:** District 1: (2), District 2: (1), District 3: (2), District 4: (2), and District 5: (1)

**Adjournment 2:36 p.m.**