

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 minutes from July 24, 2019 were reviewed and adopted as corrected. Correction: page four, second paragraph “education” is listed twice and one of them should be changed to “employment” in reference to the reentry specialists.

3. Goal 1 – Recidivism – Chief Still (Chair)

Chief Still provided details of the performance measures and strategies for Recidivism that were reviewed by the CCPEC and agreed to move forward for approval by the CCP (refer to the [Goal 1 – Recidivism Report](#)). Chief Still noted that obtaining some of the data regarding recidivism may be a challenge, but she is hopeful that it can be obtained.

4. Goal 2 – Sub-Committee Reports/Updates

A. 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 MAC members were provided a general overview of the Adult Reentry Strategic Plan, the reentry population, the education performance measures and strategies, an overview of the role of the Education Sub-Committee, proposed plan and purpose for working with the MAC. Monica was happy to report that the MAC expressed an eagerness to work with Alameda County on reentry. Monica noted that MAC members were also provided the following: an electronic version of the Alameda County Re-Entry Resource Guide; the link for organizations to be added to Probation’s reentry/realignment distribution list so that they can submit information regarding their programs; the link to Probation’s demographic data and data dashboards; and contact information to obtain training on how to receive referrals from Probation’s Provider’s Portal.

The Sub-Committee needs to meet with the Southern Alameda County Adult Education Consortia (SAC) and will be working on scheduling a meeting in January 2020. The Sub-Committee is also working

on designating a group to maintain this work on an ongoing basis, once the strategic plan is implemented. The Sub-Committee discussed working with the Bay Area Systems Impacted Consortium (formerly known as the East Bay Consortium of Support Programs); however, a challenge to moving forward occurred when UC Berkeley's Underground Scholars no longer wished to participate in this effort. Finally, the Oakland Unified School District Board of Education has approved re-opening an adult education diploma program.

B. Community/Civic Engagement – No CAB representatives were in attendance; therefore, there was no report.

C. Family Reunification/Stability - Phyllis Nance/Kevin Bremond/Carol Burton (Co-Chairs)
Phyllis reported that the Sub-Committee is still in the process of reviewing the various family reunification contracts adopted by Probation. However, the Sub-Committee approved the recommendation of redefining and expanding the definition of family to be: “biological or non-biological connections, including friends, church members and other pro-social associates and support networks”.

D. Housing –Linda Gardner (Chair-Designee) and Jeanette Rodriguez (Co-Chair)
Jeanette noted that the Sub-Committee has not had any additional official meetings and is in the process of developing a workplan which will span through December 2020. The plan will include quarterly meetings, as well as data development for performance measures. She indicated that the Sub-Committee will coordinate further with Probation to determine who will be included in these quarterly meetings. The proposed quarterly meetings will focus on one of the following jurisdictions, per meeting: local, federal, and state with optional meetings in between, as needed. The hope is, by focusing on one jurisdiction at a time, the committee will be able to have more representation from the target group at each meeting. Chief Still agreed that the quarterly meetings are a good idea and would like to establish planning sessions in order to determine timeframes for accomplishments throughout the year.

Linda noted that a data development agenda is needed to address the identified performance measures to determine the data sources, what data exists or needs to be created. Additionally, 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’. The Sub-Committee also must create data to track the measures. Linda noted that the data agenda may require additional support. Linda reported that CDA and Probation are working on securing contacts with facilities that have 50 beds in Oakland and 32 beds in Hayward in order to provide services for 35-40 realignment individuals.

E. Health – Aneeka Chaudhry (Designee)

I. Substance Abuse – Nathan Hobbs (Co-Chair) reported that there have been no further meetings, but that significant progress has been made. In previous meetings, the performance measures/strategies focused on 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. Since the last update, the Alameda County Behavioral Health (ACBH) was awarded a grant in conjunction with Wellpath and the Sheriff's Office. ACBH posted an RFP to acquire a contractor to provide in-custody treatments to begin November 5, 2019 in Unit 31 of the jail. *Options* was selected as the contractor and will be providing between 1-6 hours of treatment per week for clients who are identified as having substance abuse disorders. Services will be provided five days a week.

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

- II. **Mental Health** – Aneeka reported that Sophia Lai (Mental Health Sub-Committee Co-Chair) was unable to attend, due to an audit being performed today and that no further meetings have been held.

- III. **Physical Health** - Aneeka reported that no official Sub-Committee meetings have been held; however, background meetings have taken place with various partners and larger stakeholder meetings will be held soon. The Sub-Committee 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 dividing the performance measures into three categories: in-custody, pre-release and community. Detailed recommended performance measures and strategies can be found in the [Health CCP Sub-Committee Report](#).

Chief Still commented that ACBH cannot share data with Probation; however, Probation is able to share their client data with ACBH and can provide information for data collection, such as: health benefit enrollment status and number of clients involved in SUD services at the state level. Chief Still indicated that this information would be very helpful in determining and measuring how much work needs to occur with the population. Probation would have to provide a list of clients to SSA and ACBH for comparison.

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

Patti and Micah were unable to attend; therefore, there was no report. Chief Still confirmed that we are currently in the process of rebidding the employment contracts. Additionally, Nancy noted that the DA's Office has been providing peer-support training for 18 participants, who will be able to gain employment as peer-support navigators. Chief Still noted that the list of graduates from the peer-support training should be sent to the CBOs that utilize peer-support navigators.

Nancy O'Malley made a motion to approve the Recidivism and Health Sub-Committee performance measures and strategies to be incorporated into the Report. The motion was seconded by Rodney Brooks and passed unanimously.

Neola noted that with this action, all of the sections have been updated and she will begin compiling the updated Adult Reentry Strategic Plan.

5. "Redesigning the Pathways Home: Alameda County's Pilot to Positive Reentry" Status Update

Chief Still confirmed that the pilot program continues. Christi Henzi, Alameda County Probation Department's Division Director, joined CDCR in training other parts of the State on implementing their Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) programs. Additionally, we are writing a curriculum specifically for those clients that are in the reception centers and then are later released from the reception centers without having any reentry services. Chief Still confirmed that creating a local program where people can serve their time in jail, avoid having to leave the community, while receiving intensive wrap-around services on the front end, and 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 significant time looking at

curriculum from around the nation and are using the best portions of multiple curriculums as a guide in creating a curriculum for Alameda County.

6. Electronic Centralization of Reentry Resources

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 to improve and develop ease of access to resources for reentry clients. 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 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.

7. Next Meeting will be held in April 2020 in District 2; location TBD.

8. Public Comments

Neola noted that AB2138 will be going into effect in 2020. Licensing agencies will no longer be able to ask individuals to state their offenses at the time of application. Currently, licensing agencies require individuals to list all criminal arrests and convictions on their application and if someone fails to list one, in error, the agency can deny the license noting that the applicant lied on the application. This has been a huge barrier for clients and this legislation will help eliminate the obstacles in gaining employment for our clients that require licenses. While this is significant, additional work is needed surrounding licensing barriers. Neola noted that Root and Rebound will be filing a class action lawsuit regarding EMT licensing agencies and if you know anyone having trouble acquiring an EMT license, please contact Root and Rebound.

Current CAB Vacancies: District 1: (2), District 2: (1), District 3: (2), District 4: (1), and District 5: (0)

Adjournment 2:36 p.m.