**ALAMEDA COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP**

**ADULT REENTRY STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING**

 April 3, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

West Oakland Job Resource Center (WOJRC), 1801 Adeline Street, Oakland, CA 94607

**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 Vaughan (for L. Karen Monroe)

Rodney Brooks

Patti Castro (for Lori Cox)

**Guests**:

Amy Rizor

Barbara Proctor

Charles Eddy

Darryl Stewart

Donald Frazier

Douglas Butler

Jeannette Rodriguez

Jenna Russo

Joey Mason

John Fajardo

Kevin Bremond

LaLisha Norton

Marcia Massa

Marcus Dawal

Maria Massey

Michael Primeao

Natalie Dierky

Nathan Hobbs

Neola Crosby

Rashad Eady

Robin Ortiz

Sara Ting

Scott Blake

Sophia Lai

Stephen Baiter

Tamika Cotright (Recorder)

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to Order and Introductions** – Joyce Guy, Executive Director of the West Oakland Job Research Center, welcomed and thanked the group for coming to their location. Mrs. Guy provided a brief overview of the center’s programs and accomplishments.

Chief Still called the meeting to order. She thanked everyone for attending the meeting and specifically thanked participants from Federal Probation for attending. Chief Still mentioned that at the last meeting, the group expressed interest in trying to engage Federal Probation and Parole.

Chief Still took a moment to acknowledge that the Education and a few other sub-committee reports were shortened at the January meeting. Chief Still acknowledged the hard work done by each of the sub-committees leading up to the report-outs, especially Substance Abuse and Education, and in no way wanted anyone to feel as though their work is not appreciated. Chief Still indicated that the meeting will begin with reports from Education, Behavioral Health and Health, to ensure ample time is allotted for a full report. She also acknowledged that the work being done by each of the sub-committees will assist all the reentry clients, including those on probation, parole, etc.

**Review and Adoption of Meeting Minutes**

The minutesfrom January 30, 2019 were reviewed. Gavin O’Neill made a motion to approve and adopt the minutes; the motion was seconded by Monica Vaughan and unanimously approved as written.

**Sub-Committee Reports/Updates**

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

Monica Vaughan thanked Chief Still for her acknowledgment. Monica reported on the recommendations mentioned at the last meeting. The next sub-sub-committee meeting will be April 5, 2019 at 2pm at Five Keys in Oakland and Five Keys has agreed to make a presentation regarding their work. The sub-committee has spent a significant amount of time discussing baseline data, especially since most educational institutions have little data regarding the reentry population. Five Keys, however, has contracts with both Santa Rita Jail as well as Probation. The sub-committee plans to review Five Key’s data. Another key strategy that the sub-committee discussed was the connection between education and workforce development. A joint meeting between the Education and Workforce Development Sub-Committees was scheduled to develop performance measures and strategies that are common between the two sub-committees. The joint meeting will be held on May 13, 2019, 1111 Jackson Street in Oakland.

One of the strategies is to build a sustainable ongoing network for reentry around education. The sub-committee has spent significant time trying to determine the best group to implement this work. They found that there are several groups who meet that have an education focus throughout the County but not one network exists where all the agencies come together (universities, community colleges, adult schools, ROPs, and education-related community-based organizations, etc.). The sub-committee has begun working with the Northern Alameda County Consortium (NAC), who already has an established network of community colleges, adult education schools and ROPs. The hope is to explore the possibility of merging the work of the sub-committee with their efforts with a focus on reentry. There are plans to meet with the NAC this month. The next step will be to expand to the other two consortiums Mid-Alameda County Consortium (MAC) and the Southern Alameda County Consortium (SAC) to ensure there is a county-wide strategy.

1. **Health** - Colleen Chawla (Chair)

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) - Carol Burton and Nathan Hobbs (Co-Chairs)

Nathan Hobbs reported that the SUD Sub-committee spoke with Denise Milano regarding the Pathways Home Pilot and spoke with Deputy Director Marcus Dawal regarding what it would look like to perform an American Society of Addiction Medicine-based screening via Skype for those in state prison to identify a level of care that is needed, prior to release. The sub-committee also talked about system gaps related to connecting people to care from state prison and the jail. There is a huge need for a transitional housing facility that is clean/sober, maybe constructed near an outpatient program so people could start treatment immediately. There is still the need for transportation services from prison or jail to the programs. Chief Still asked Nathan how many transitional beds are needed on an ongoing basis that will assist all clients from parole, probation, or PRCS. Nathan wasn’t sure but estimated that perhaps 14; he will have to review the data. However, currently, the system is at full capacity. On a positive note, Behavioral Health received notice from the state that they were selected to receive a grant to provide medication assisted treatment substance use services inside Santa Rita Jail. This grant is a pilot program that will last for one year, only. They also expect to release an RFP by the end of April and would like to begin services in August 2019. The sub-committee would like to build in pre-release case management – a key component to the connection between the client and the services provided. They are always looking for additional sustainable sources of funding. Chief Still mentioned they would be eligible for funding under AB109 and would like to have additional conversations. Chief Still asked Nathan to do a cost analysis and develop a funding recommendation. Chief Still noted that the Governor’s May revise will include a sizable amount of funding allocated for medically assisted treatment from those being released from prison. The sub-committee will begin to have regular standing meetings to oversee the accomplishments. Chief Still noted that Probation has received a $1 million Opioid grant that should be tied into this work.

Mental Health - Carol Burton and Sophia Lai (Co-Chairs)

Sophia Lai reported that data is pending from CDCR and, there are not many changes to be made at this time.

Physical Health - Aneeka Chaudhry

Aneeka Chaudhry reported that the list of performance measures and strategies from the original Plan have been reviewed. Unfortunately, there is a huge gap. She noted that some are in-custody measures while some are for the broader population. The in-custody measures should be owned by the jail health provider, and since the Strategic Plan was approved, the provider has changed. Aneeka stated that a meeting will be scheduled with stakeholders and is requesting that CBOs join the sub-committee, because the membership comprises county departments, only. The idea is to have more people reviewing the metrics. She also noted that there is a broader conversation that is happening with Behavioral Health and those with the Whole Person Care Connect initiative. The sub-committee plans to hopefully have more meetings and will be able to bring recommendations to the July meeting. Chief Still commented that she had the opportunity to visit the Trust Clinic and the Downtown Oakland clinic. She was very impressed and is excited that those two clinics are providing services for our clients because it is important to connect those returning home from State prison and local jail to a health provider.

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

Jeanette Rodriguez reported that the next sub-committee meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2019 in Hayward. At their meetings, there have been about 15 unique attendees; representatives from Probation, Housing Community Development Department, CAB, community-based housing programs, Five Keys, and Bay Area Legal Aid. They are still expecting to have a variety of representatives attend these sub-committee meetings, CDCR, Health Care, and the Court. The sub-committee has had a few interactive brainstorming sessions reviewing the performance measures and strategies. Several representatives from CBOs have had criminal justice involvement in their past, and as a result, their contribution to the conversation was extremely beneficial regarding the gaps, needs and challenges. The sub-committee will have the final recommendations ready for the July meeting. Bay Area Community Services provides housing support at The Holland. There are 70 beds in total and 10 beds are set aside for PRCS clients. As of April 3rd, 9 of the 10 beds are being utilized. The 10th bed is scheduled to be filled in the next day or two. The Holland also has services on site, specifically mental health and SUD services. Donald Frasier mentioned that Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS) is in partnership with the Center of Hope Community Church with 15 housing beds and received their first enrollment April 3rd. A meeting will be scheduled soon with Chief Still and Designing Spaces to discuss the mobile pod units.

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

The Community Advisory Board (CAB) designee, Douglas Butler, reported that the Community/Civic Engagement Sub-Committee developed a survey to determine the level of community engagement at reentry/realignment related meetings for people who are formerly incarcerated. The survey results should be available at the next meeting. Douglas also mentioned that the CAB is still looking to add members, as some of the Districts are not being fully represented. The group will continue to recruit. Chief Still asked Neola to add the current CAB vacancies to the CCP agenda, to be consistent with the CCPEC agenda.

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

Kevin Bremond reported that this sub-committee has met twice and has scheduled two additional meetings. The sub-committee has joined efforts with the Alameda County Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership (ACCIPP). Carol Burton and ACCIPP have played a significant role in supporting family reunification. The sub-committee has outlined a few goals that will promote and hopefully achieve family reunification. Some of those goals are:

* Increase and promote parenting and healthy relationship services;
* Promote and provide parent child bonding and connection opportunities;
* Provide capacity building opportunities for providers;
* Increase and prioritize housing and employment opportunities;
* Create parent educational support opportunities; and
* Develop and incorporate family reunification action plan to be used by all services providers.

The sub-committee is developing the strategies to achieve these goals and reviewing the performance measures that were identified in the original report. They will continue to meet and plan to have more to report by July. Neola thanked ACCIPP for continuing to be a part of this work, as the group drafted the original performance measures in 2014. Chief Still congratulated Kevin on the Fatherhood Summit, which was an outstanding event.

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

Stephen Baiter reported that former Governor Brown allocated funding for the Prison to Employment initiative, which is being run by the state Workforce Development Board. We just received word that there will be funding in the amount of $2.6 million coming to Workforce Development.

**Recidivism** (Goal #1)

Chief Still reported that Goal 1 - Recidivism Reduction was addressed at previous CCPEC and CCP meetings. At the last CCPEC meeting, revisions were made to the performance measures and strategies. It is anticipated that approval of the measures will occur at the May 20th CCPEC meeting. Click **here** to review the proposed performance measures and strategies.

Neola noted that all sub-committees will need to have a better understanding of the Federal system.

**“Redesigning the Pathways Home: Alameda County’s Pilot to Positive Reentry” Status Update**

Chief Still provided an update on the Pathways Home project. The Probation Department is working in partnership with CDCR and other county partners. The goal is to create a formalized system to assess the prison system to find the gaps in services and identify opportunities for alignment between CDCR and the County to ensure a smooth, warm hand-off. Probation applied for a grant, and Governor Brown made a heavy investment in the Prison to Employment program. There were nine workgroups created. There was a two-hour meeting April 3rd where all the workgroups provided status reports on the different areas, gaps and opportunities. CDCR is completely committed to making this work. Probation wants to be able to access their data system which is a huge ask. We are developing an “action” memo that will ultimately reach the Governor’s office. Health Care can have “view only” access to The SAFE network where they can access information 30 days prior to release regarding an inmate’s mental health and substance use needs. We have asked for a follow-up meeting where we come together, bring the transition clinics and the right people from the Receivers Office, mental health as well as county representatives to better communicate and coordinate efforts. Chief Still will share the final recommendations at the next meeting.

**Departmental Assessment Update** – Neola provided an overview of the four goals as they relate to the Reentry Strategic Plan. Click the [Reentry Strategic Plan](http://www.acgov.org/probation/documents/ReEntryStrategicPlan-BoardApproved3-11-14.pdf) for to view the goals. The first two goals focus on the population while the last two focus on the system. A survey was developed for Goal #3 and #4 to determine our current landscape. Neola reviewed the assessment questions and their results. Please note that the results presented were collected before the release of Probation’s data dashboards. Click [here](https://www.acgov.org/calendar_app/DisplayDetailServlet?site=Internet&ag=PRO&ty=DEPT&m=6&d=22&y=2019&t=M&i=2018-07-24%2011:40:03.373) to view the Departmental Assessment findings.

**Public Comments**

* Donald Frazier would like county departments to move towards a collective data sharing network to have a better sense of who we are serving. Chief Still mentioned that Health Care Services has worked on the Universal Health Care Form. The goal is to match data with Social Services and Child Support Services. Alameda County Probation is the first department to release data sets on the internet that is de-identified as to not provide personal information. We have given researchers the ability to access data. Aneeka noted that they are trying to build a Social Health Information Exchange. There is a 5-year grant of dedicated funding through the Alameda County Care Connect program. The long-term goal is for the exchange to serve the county. Chief Still will work collectively with CDCR regarding data sharing. Darryl Stewart indicated that Supervisor Miley chairs the Social Services Committee and has given a directive to the Social Services Agency (SSA) to share data with other departments. Darryl committed to find out why SSA has not been sharing their data. Chief Still wanted to be clear that there has been no push-back regarding data sharing, it requires bringing all the right departments to the table to make the right connections.
* Charlie Eddy: Once the updates are complete, will Probation take the Plan to the Board and ask for another endorsement? Chief Still affirmed that process and suggested that an update on the Plan’s implementation be presented to the Public Protection Committee twice a year. Neola noted that each sub-committee is tasked with determining the appropriate group of subject matter experts who can oversee the sub-committee efforts. Chief Still will commit the CCPEC to have ongoing progress reports as well as looking at a measure at each meeting to ensure oversight of the Plan.

**Next Meeting**

* July 24, 2019: Location TBD

**Upcoming Meetings -** October 2, 2019 (District 3)

**Adjournment**