

## Alameda County SB823 Subcommittee Minutes

9.9.21

12:30pm - 2:30pm

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### SB 823 Subcommittee Members in Attendance:

Interim Chief Marcus Dawal, ACPD

Alphonso Mance, PD

Hon. Ursula Jones Dickson

Juan Taizan, ACBH

Michelle Love, ACSS

Matthew Golde, ACDA

Andrea Zambrana, Conflict Counsel

Vamsey Palagummi, JJDPC

Lynn Gardner, DPN

Caryn Quezada, District 1 Representative

Dauida Scott, District 2 Representative

Erin Palacios, District 3 Representative

Trevor Arceneaux, District 4 Representative

Kelly Thompson, District 5 Representative

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
  - a. Call to order at 12:32 pm
  - b. Roll token by Adrienne Chambers
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. 7.29.2021
    - i. Emily Young was not present, Lynn Gardner was the representative for the DPN; minutes will be amended
    - ii. Change CSEC to CSAC; minutes will be amended
    - iii. The minutes were unanimously approved
    - iv. Motion made for an updated list of Subcommittee members to be sent to the Board of Supervisors for approval along with a request for language that allows for a designee for all agencies.
      1. Unanimously Approved

## New Business

1. Opening Remarks
  - a. Dr. Dani Soto, Impact Justice
    - i. The intent of the workgroups is to cover a lot of ground and produce content for the SB 823 Plan B. The workgroups have been extremely successful. It was not our intention to shut out members of the public.
2. Updates from Interim Chief Dawal
  - a. Allow for the public amount after each workgroup readout.
  - b. Workgroup leads can bring in subject matter experts.
3. Mental Health, Specialized Treatment & Family Engagement Workgroup Updates
  - a. Alphonso Mance, Public Defender
    - i. Please see the workgroup summary document
  - b. Subcommittee Discussion
    - i. Vamsey Palagumni, JJDP: There can be problems with risk assessment depending on who is administering them; one way to mitigate that from happening is having a collaborative effort for the individualized treatment plan.
    - ii. AL Mance, PD: The plan to address that is to do a post-disposition review of the YLS.
    - iii. Lacy Shadidad - Will the program be gender-responsive?
      1. Al Mance, PD: Yes, depending on how the youth identifies.
    - iv. Kelly Thompson, District 5 Representative - What if they identify as nonbinary?
      1. Al Mance, PD: We have discussed this specifically, but we would hope they would be able to choose what environment they are comfortable in.
        - a. Kelly Thompson, District 5 Representative - I would think that we should have it more nailed down so that we can be responsive to diversity.
          - i. Brian Ford, ACPD: Our current internal policies govern and address how transgender and intersex youth are managed. We can share the policy with the committee and workgroups.
        - b. Lacy Shadidad - I think we should be making plans.
    - v. Lynn Gardner, DPN - What happens when youth go home; aftercare program?
      1. Dr. Dani Soto, Impact Justice: The education, vocational training, and reentry workgroup will be discussing that.
    - vi. Laura John Ridolfi, Burns Institute & Free our Kids Coalition - Thank you for the great update, Al. In the interest of time, I will just add here in comments that I am so pleased to hear about the involvement of credible messengers in the development of the IRPs and as full-time staff to offer ongoing support to youth committed to the SYTF and as they return to their home and community. As Clinton Lacey describes, the model is transformational to youth and a way to shift the culture in the institution.
    - vii. Xochitl Lario -As a youth commissioner I have been working with young people at our juvenile hall I do identify as a credible messenger because I have been through the same system that they are currently in and it had been an honor to be working

with these young people because they will not listen to someone who they cannot relate to. I also believe that the relationship they build with this credible messenger will be long-term if they are consistent.

4. Education, Vocational Training, & Reentry Updates
  - a. Caryn Quezada, District 1 Representative
    - i. Please see the workgroup summary document
  - b. Subcommittee Discussion
    - i. Davida Scott, District 2 Representative - We are building partnerships and looking into ways youth can get work experience while they are in custody.
    - ii. Xochitl Lario - For me SEEP should be the top priority because currently, all youth who graduate at the hall cannot attend butler academy. The student extended educational program is there for Graduates students.
    - iii. Xochitl Lario - By showing up for them and consistently doing so. Because a lot of the time we punish our young people for them not coming through but there is no accountability for the adults.
    - iv. Laura John Ridolfi, Burns Institue & Free our Kids Coalition - I am happy to hear there is consideration of step-downs. I wonder if you can talk about the process for identifying available options: both residential and in the community. Are RFPs being developed for options that are not available right now? Is there a repository/resource list of community-based organizations that might serve as a step-down resource? And any work to identify whether those organizations need any capacity building to serve that function?
      1. Dr. Dani Soto, Impact Justice - Core programming and facilities will be discussing that.
    - v. Yasmine Tager, East Bay Community Law Center & Free our Kids Coalition - Is the workgroup talking about ways to monitor the quality of education?
      1. Caryn Quezada, District 1 Represent - The workgroup has had these conversations; which is why we have put an emphasis on options.
    - vi. Xochitl Lario - Thank you Ms. Davida for your comment I think youth need to hear from all Alameda County leaders and unions so it can create a learning balance and not schooling. When I was locked up I always wondered who is our Key leaders in Alameda County who can help me transform into a full 360 degree youth leader and agent of change in my community with a livable paying wage.
5. Core Programming & Facilities
  - a. Vamsey Palagummi, JJDPC Chair
    - i. Please see the workgroup summary document
  - b. Subcommittee Discussion
    - i. Interim Chief Marcus Dawal, ACPD - Area concern is services for women; encourage community experts to attend workgroup meetings.
    - ii. Al Mance, PD: Core Program and Mental Health leads and co-leads have met and are working together to integrate programming.
    - iii. Krea Gomez, Young Women's Freedom Center - Grateful point of conversation is centering around young women and gender-non-conforming



- iv. Manuel La Fontaine, Burns Institute & Free our Kids Coalition - Encourage the subcommittee to allow the public to be active participants in the making of this plan.
- v. Xochitl Lario - Community-based organization is critical and positive for young people to be connected to otherwise they will lean to what they know which may be influential to recidivism.
- vi. Laura John Ridolfi, Burns Institut & Free our Kids Coalition - Understanding that there seems to be a collective agreement that Juvenile Hall is not a viable solution for a healing-based approach to serve youth in the long term, what is the timeline for phasing out juvenile hall as the SYTF? Is that timeline part of the plan?
  1. Vamsy Palagummi, JJDPC - We are thinking about it in phases; we are putting clear benchmarks and timelines into the plan.
- vii. Al Mance, PD - We have talked about this subcommittee meeting after the plan is approved.
- viii. Erin Palacios, District 3 Representative - Appreciate ACPD has been cleared about moving away from JJC and setting parameters for what we're going to do to make that happen.
- ix. Natasha, Free Our Kids Coalition - The community has been excluded from the workgroups so far, community members must be allowed to participate in the workgroups. The JJCC subcommittee should establish a workgroup to focus on long-term solutions. The JJCC subcommittee should prioritize the establishment of a local step-down option. There must be clear parameters on temporary facilities. Staffing should include BIPOC from community-based organizations. Prioritize establishing local care options for girls and trans youth. Local care option for youth with server mental health needs and youth committed for sex offenses. The JJCC subcommittee should commit to transparency and providing timely data. The JJCC subcommittee should commit to meeting twice a year to review data and modify the plan.
- x. Xochitl Lario - Will BSCC title 15 and title 24 change because of the SB 823 DJJ realignment bill?
  1. Erin Palacios, District 3 Representative - The BSCC will be establishing standards for Secure Youth Treatment Facilities. These are expected to be completed by July 1, 2023. Until then they will inspect and review the facilities based on the current standards that exist. [SB-823-92-Secure-Track-Youth-Final](#)
- xi. Vamsy Palagummi, JJDPC - Have there been any updates on regional options for young women?
  1. Interim Chief Marcus Dawal, ACPD - CPOC has discussed creating a consortium to address high-needs populations; doesn't mean we will be sending youth to the consortium.
- xii. Krea Gomez, Young Women's Freedom Center - Encourage the subcommittee to think outside the box and challenge the current ideas of what a secure facility is. Youth can be supported in our communities.

xiii. Xochitl Lario - Young women should be the first population we think about not incarceration.

6. Public Comments

- a. Ericson Bonilla, Free Our Kids Coalition - The voices of impacted youth need to be including in the plan.
- b. Sascha Atkins-Loria, PD - I apologize if I missed this, but I'm wondering if someone can speak to the plan for conducting more focus groups with youth who are currently detained at DJJ. Thank you!
  - i. Dr. Dani Soto, Impact Justice - We've conducted focus groups with youth in JJC and youth who have been in DJJ; those summaries have been shared with the subcommittee. We are conducting focus groups with youth in DJJ this week.
- c. Laura John Ridolfi, Burns Institut & Free our Kids Coalition - Would like the workgroup meetings to be open to the public. Establish the creation of a data-sharing process to prevent net widening.
- d. Yasmine Tager, East Bay Community Law Center & Free our Kids Coalition - Would like the community to be able to join working groups and review documents related to the workgroups.
- e. Dieudonne, Urban Peace Movement - Credible messenger are the people who are closest to the issues and closest with the solution as well. Youth will need a support system when they return to their communities

7. Next Steps

- a. Next Thursday will be the last workgroup meeting.
- b. On the 23rd we will meet as a full subcommittee; a full draft of the plan will be sent out in advance.
- c. The final meeting and vote will be on October 7th.

8. Meeting adjourned at 2:12