

# CIVIC & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

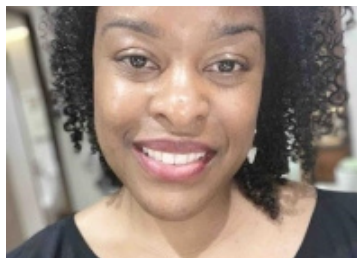
## Subcommittee



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### DESCRIPTION

The Civic and Community Engagement (C&CE) Subcommittee uplifts and empowers community voices. This subcommittee is dedicated to the promotion of equity, support, resources, and access for clients, as well as justice-impacted individuals, families, and communities. This subcommittee is essential in the Realignment process and brings a crucial community voice and insight to the Community Corrections Partnership.

### MEETING FREQUENCY

Over the 2022/2023 fiscal year, the C&CE subcommittee work was discussed during the monthly Community Advisory Board (CAB) meetings. CAB meetings occur on the first Tuesday of the month from 6:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.



## FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 OBJECTIVES & STRATEGIES

- OBJECTIVE #1:** CAB Retreat.
- OBJECTIVE #2:** Determine how to best support and advocate for survivors of crime.
- OBJECTIVE #3:** Advocate for the CAB chair to serve as a voting member of the Community Corrections Partnerships Executive Committee (CCPEC).
- OBJECTIVE #4:** Increase CAB’s influence on policy, funding, and other related matters, including identifying overlap between CAB recommendations and CCPEC actions/decisions.
- OBJECTIVE #5:** Improve data access and collection to support data-driven decision-making processes.
- OBJECTIVE #6:** Philosophy Professor R.J. Wallace from the University of California, Berkeley, claims, “Mass incarceration is organized cruelty against African Americans.” The Community Advisory Board contends that this was created by decades of persistent policy violence that has disproportionately targeted, isolated, and imprisoned persons of color, particularly Black women and men.

If this is true, Blacks, women, and men were incarcerated because of their skin color or due to institutional racism, then it seems to follow that the reentry service delivery mechanism should take steps to countermand these systemic and systematic biases.

To that end, the CAB plans to introduce strategies to embed pillars into the CCP framework to support the holistic healing of our returning residents from the time of arrest through a minimum of two years after discharge from probation, beginning with, but not limited to, the following areas: housing, technology, wellness/wellbeing, build or generate wealth, and education/career.

As we begin to unpack these issues, we are sure that the scope, depth, and breadth of the above categories will continue to grow and expand in the justice-involved community.



## FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 OBJECTIVES & STRATEGIES

- STRATEGY #1:** Financial support for leadership development.
- STRATEGY #2:** Develop leadership skills of the target population.
- STRATEGY #3:** CAB-led community and educational forums.
- STRATEGY #4:** Maximize stakeholder input and share decisionmaking power.
- STRATEGY #5:** Measure stakeholder satisfaction.
- STRATEGY #6:** Holistically healing institutional racism and carceral policy violence.

## PROGRESS IMPLEMENTING FY 22/23 OBJECTIVES & STRATEGIES

### **OBJECTIVE #1: CAB RETREAT | FULLY ACHIEVED**

The CAB hosted a retreat via Zoom due to COVID. The CAB is currently planning a fiscal year 23/24 in-person retreat.

### **OBJECTIVE #2: SURVIVORS OF CRIME | PARTIALLY ACHIEVED**

The CAB had a member working to determine what services are available for survivors of crime and advocating for additional supportive services to be made available.

### **OBJECTIVE #3: CAB CHAIR AS CCPEC MEMBER | PARTIALLY ACHIEVED**

The CAB discussed the matter internally, garnered community support, and took the idea to the CCPEC. The CCPEC supported the CAB, advocating on the state level to change the membership of the CCPEC, which is dictated by the state.

### **OBJECTIVE #4: INCREASE CAB'S INFLUENCE | PARTIALLY ACHIEVED**

### **OBJECTIVE #5: DATA-DRIVEN DECISIONS | FULLY ACHIEVED**

The CAB made progress on both objectives #4 and #5 by ensuring they were not a rubber stamp, holding programs accountable, and ensuring AB 109-funded programs came to CAB meetings to report on their progress.

### **STRATEGIES #1 & 2: LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT | FULLY ACHIEVED**

The CAB was able to secure \$25,000 for professional development and training. The CAB held trainings during their retreat, and before and during their monthly meetings.



# FY 23-24 PLAN

## OBJECTIVE #1 OF 4

Hold one CAB retreat during fiscal year 2023/2024.

## OBJECTIVE #2 OF 4

Work together with other regional CAB bodies to determine how to advocate for the CAB chair serving as a voting member of the CCPEC to increase CAB's influence on policy, funding, and other related matters.

## OBJECTIVE #3 OF 4

Hold at least one CAB-led community event and one CAB-led education forum during the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

## OBJECTIVE #4 OF 4

Before the end of the 2023/2024 fiscal year, establish and implement a process to maximize stakeholder input and share decision-making power, get more people connected to services both before and after release, and increase turnout at AB 109-funded community events by at least 20%.



**These objectives further all four of the CCP's goals:**

- **Goal #1: Reduce Recidivism**
- **Goal #2: Provide High-Quality, Wrap-Around Services**
- **Goal #3: Develop a Network of Well-Coordinated Systems of Services**
- **Goal #4: Ensure Transparency and Accountability**

