

ALAMEDA COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP FISCAL/PROCUREMENT WORKGROUP

March 2, 2021 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Online – Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Chief Still, Wendy (Chair)	Dawal, Marcus	Hopkins, Felix	Rivera, Sandra
Adams, Lisa	Dickey, Scott	Huff, Michael	Smith, Tim
Baker, Karen	Eddie, Charlie	Ibalio, Fidencio	Spooner, Kamarlo
Bituin, Maria Eleonor	Frazier, Donald	Kay, Alexandra	Torres, A'nise
Brooks, Rodney	Gonzalez, Rezsine	Lai, Sophia	Uriarte, Monica
Butler, Douglas	Grigsby, Janene	Lim, Diane	von Geldern, Eric (Designee)
Chen, Howard	Harris, Ginale	Lovett, Alysia	Walker, Darryl
Cheng, Mike	Henzi, Christy	Mason, Joey	Wilkerson, Riley
Conner, Shauna	Ho, Heejung	Oddie, Sarah	Additional Guests: 8
Cruz, Ayana	Holt, Virgil	Rivera, Jenilee	

I. **Call to Order and Introductions** – Meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM

II. **Public Comment** – Request that a listening session be held before any action is taken on the Restorative Justice Program. This will allow for the community and RJ providers to have input that informs the RFP

III. **Meeting Minutes** – [February 2, 2021 meeting minutes](#) were reviewed and approved with the following clarification: In section *XII. Public Comment, A*, replace "clients" with people within the AB109 population

IV. **CORE Status Update** – Michael Huff

A. CORE received 72 new clients this month who received the following supportive services: Medi-Cal enrollment (2 clients); social services (11 clients); Cal Fresh (5 clients); EDD (2 clients); GA (1 client); SSDI (1 client); SSC (1 client); homeless referral (1 client); IRS (1 client); housing (14 clients); education (1 client); employment – Success Center (2 clients); grocery support (5 clients); clinical treatment (54 clients): 39 tele-counseling (39 clients), 1:1 individual counseling sessions with clinical staff (11 clients), behavioral health assessments (4 clients); hygiene bags (8 clients); phones (3 clients) – 14 of the 72 clients received services at CORE, the others received services virtually

B. CORE hired two new staff members with lived experience: 1 Case Manager and 1 Peer Support Specialist

C. Staff participated in 5 County trainings: Walking in Their Shoes, Public Benefits training, De-escalation and Conflict, Skills to Succeed, and Suicide Prevention

V. **Behavioral Health Update** – Sophia Lai

A. Serious Mental Illness/Success: Movement from Incarceration (SMI) Program run by Felton

1. Referrals – received 16 transfer referrals from CORE and two new referrals from Probation in Feb.
2. Staffing – hired a nurse practitioner on February 22nd who works in the office 3x/week
3. Training – billing, electronic health record and suicide prevention training completed
4. New program [flyer](#) is available

B. Root's Mild-to-Moderate Program, *Nia Care*

1. Referrals – there are currently 23 referrals, 10 from Tyler and the rest from CORE; will be meeting with Probation next week to discuss clients and how to confirm AB 109 status

2. Staffing – hired a full-time clinician and 1 additional navigator
3. Working on client incentives to ensure clients show up to therapy appointments

VI. Grants Update – Monica Uriarte

- A. Brief overview of the three fiscal year 2020 grants received: [2020 Federal Grants Awards Overview](#)
- B. Developing application for the BSCC coronavirus relief funding, and will be submitting an application later in April for Innovation in Reentry

VII. Probation RFP and Contracts Update – Monica Uriarte

- A. Reviewed the [Contracts In Development](#) sheet:
 1. Employment services – no bid received in round 6, round 7 is open and applications are due May 5th
 2. Housing Vendor Pool RFP is open, bids are due March 9th, the addendum is posted, bidders conference was held
 3. Residential Multi-Service Center RFP is being drafted; it is being aligned with the COSAPP grant
 4. Education – current Five Keys contract ending in December 2021, new bid will be released in late March, early April
 5. Family Reunification Legal and Therapy Services is in process and should be released within the next month
 6. Sex Offender Treatment RFP should be posted by Friday – services have begun; concrete services are being used on an individual basis until a contract is in place
 7. Cognitive Behavioral Intervention Services and Incentives, RFP has been released, bidders conference was held on February 25th, bids are due by March 31st
 8. Client Resource Forums – posting anticipated in April
 9. Leadership and Entrepreneurship – reprioritized for development, next on GSA's list
 10. Women and Mother's Services – listening session scheduled for Friday, March 5 at 11 a.m. for the development of this RFP
- B. Introduced a new [Active Contracts](#) sheet – the active contracts sheet will be updated to include additional information, e.g. description of services, target population and expiration date

VIII. AB-109 Designation Account Update – Howard Chen walked through the February updates on the [AB109 CBO Designation Account Summary](#) sheet

- A. FY 16-19 Available funds = \$1,160,465 (amount includes \$110,217 of unallocated funds and \$1,050,248 funds available for reinvestment)
 1. February Update: Housing - Hope House (line item #19) – The Board of Supervisors approved \$560,873 for BOSS's new Realignment Housing Project (Board letter dated 1/26/2021); approved amount includes \$100,529 from BOSS's Hope House, and the remaining funds of \$460,344 will come from FY 20/21
- B. FY 19/20 Available funds = \$667,552 (funds available for reinvestment; no unallocated funds); amount is based on CDA's projected estimate of the funds available for reinvestment after contract fulfillment; this estimate is subject to change depending on number of beds utilized
- C. FY 20/21 Available funds = \$4,848,972 (unallocated funds; no funds available for reinvestment); amount includes Board approved \$460,344 allocation for BOSS's Realignment Housing Project

IX. Funding Recommendations

- A. [CA Assembly Bill 1950: 1 Year Extension of Services](#) – **Consensus achieved to move item forward**

1. AB 1950 shortened the length of probation in most misdemeanor cases to 1 year and in most felony cases to 2 years; the justice partners in Alameda County made the decision to retroactively apply AB 1950; over 2,000 cases have been terminated from Probation due to AB 1950 and approximately 30% of those clients were active in services
2. Recommend the CCPEC (1) amend the definition of Realignment Eligible Participants to include individuals whose termination was ended early due to the retroactive application of AB-1950; (2) extend AB-109 funded services for a year after early termination of probation due to the retroactive application of AB-1950; and (3) set aside \$1 million dollars from the funds available for reinvestment for any unexpected expenses related to the 1-year extension of services
3. A letter has been sent out to clients and providers clarifying that supervision has been terminated, but services should continue
4. Discussion:
 - a) In the November 2018 meeting, there was a discussion around AB109 eligibility and clients in services whose length of stay is longer than their Probation supervision period, they would be able to complete the program even if they were no longer on Probation – this is a great continuation of that concept of ensuring that people who are receiving services that reduce recidivism and help people reach self-sustainability
 - b) Chief Still made a policy call not to stop services; the CCPEC will vote on this item at their next meeting after which, clients and providers will be provided with a new notice and additional information

B. CAB Recommendation: Formerly Incarcerated CAB Notetaker – **Consensus achieved to move item forward**

1. The CAB request that the CCPEC recommend to the BOS that funding be made available from AB 109 to cover the cost to pay a note taker at a cost of \$75/meeting (\$900 annually)

C. Restorative Justice Program – **Consensus achieved to move item forward**

1. Recommend \$2 million dollar trust will be used to establish a restorative justice program that includes payment of restitution via an AB 109 funded restitution fund and/or career building, community-based, rewarding work opportunities; listening sessions will be held to address some of the community's questions and come up with the best way to implement the program prior to releasing the RFP

2. Discussion:

- a) Confidentiality issues – could be structured similarly to how the *Behavioral Health Court* and *Living Room* are structured; attorneys in the Public Defender's office would like to be part of the conversation
- b) Victim restitution is determined by the court
- c) BOSS's survey ranks restitution as the 24th most important barrier as identified by their AB 109 clients as part of their risk and needs assessment
- d) Why use trust fund money rather than the FY 20/21 unspent dollars to fund restitution?
- e) The intention is to break the cycle of harm by putting crime survivors at the center, but is this a tenable way to honor survivors or is there a better way given the expense and amount of work required to stand up and administer this type of Restorative Justice program? Should this be legislated? Are there other issues this money could go towards: child support arrears, housing, violence prevention, etc.? Thought needs to go into the beginning and middle of this program e.g., who will be selected to participate, etc.
- f) Additional considerations include program structure and how decisions regarding the amount of restitution payments will be made – may link to the violence prevention program

g) All jobs no matter how small or large are honorable and meaningful; Oakland's blight directly reflects the amount of violence we see and the value we place on our community

h) Part of the AB 109 requirement is addressing victims; this program will do that

D. FY 21/22 Funding Recommendations – *Consensus achieved to move item forward*

1. All existing allocations were looked at to determine based on what was budgeted and what has been spent down whether or not at this time we need to allocate additional funds towards that item; the funding recommendations were broken down in the following manner: annual allocations; Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services; items whose contract end prior to the end of FY 21/22 and items that do will not need funding because the program is over; in development or funded through the end of FY 21/22
2. Housing cost will cover the AB 109 Emergency/Shelter programs (Men of Valor), transitional housing programs (52 beds during COVID, 68 beds post-COVID), the rapid re-housing program (Abode and the East Oakland Community Project) and the housing pool (156 single occupancy units), which will provide housing for the following sub-populations: gender responsive; Transitional Age Youth; 290 status; clients with a history of arson; and families
3. FY 21/22 Recommended Allocations:

FY 21/22 Funding by Category	Recommended Allocation	Percent of Allocation
Housing	\$10,419,200	41%
Alameda County Behavioral Health	\$4,085,225	16%
Community Advisory Board	\$6,000	0.02%
Employment	\$3,000,000	12%
Probation Client Support	\$250,000	1%
Unallocated	\$7,688,308	31%
Total	\$17,760,425	69%
Total Annual CBO Allocation	\$25,198,733	100%
Remaining CBO Balance to be Allocated	\$7,088,862	31%

E. Gang Violence Intervention/Prevention Program – *Consensus achieved to move item forward*

1. Original recommendation to allocate \$500K from FY 20/21 to support a violence intervention/prevention program that uses credible messengers working in the community to provide supportive services (education, career pathways, housing, etc.) to create opportunities for our clients, their families and extended community to decrease violence and gun crime in Alameda County
2. At numerous meetings, CAB and Programs and Services, it has been made clear there is an immediate need for a violence prevention program available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
3. Probation is also doing violence prevention work on the juvenile side; Probation partnered with OPD to put \$1 million into a community program for juvenile related violence in addition to the Delinquency Prevention Network
4. Based on a recommendation from the community, Chief Still and the District Attorney's office agreed to increase the recommended allocation to \$1 million and to expedite the funding for this program rather than taking the proposal through the RFP process because of the immediate need to address the increasing violence in our communities – the particulars of the program will be worked out in collaboration with the Oakland Police Department and other partners

X. Next Meeting – April 6, 2021 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

XI. Public Comment

- A. AB 109 services are underused due to COVID, why not open the underutilized services up more broadly to the entire reentry community; Alameda County greatly expanded who is eligible to receive services and today we took action to further expand eligibility by extending services for a year after the termination of probation; also, we are starting to open up again and utilization may increase
- B. When eligibility is expanded, how do we get the word out to individuals and providers? If the CCPEC approves the extension of services, notice will go out to all clients, providers and information will be distributed in the jail
- C. Appreciation was expressed for the efforts of Janene Grigsby, Shauna Conner and Chief Still

XII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.