

ALAMEDA COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP FISCAL/PROCUREMENT WORKGROUP

November 3, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:13 p.m.

Online – Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Still, Wendy, CPO (Co-Chair)	Clifton, Aubrey	Klein, Meryl	Riley, Paul
O'Malley, Nancy, DA (Co-Chair)	Conner, Shauna	Lacy, Shahidah	Rouse, Nathaniel
Abernathy, Lisa	Dawal, Marcus	Lai, Sophia	Sherry, Towanda
Adams, Lisa	Dickey, Scott	Leonard, Patrick	Siddiq, Sadaf
Baker, Karen	Eddy, Charlie	Levitt, Alesia	Spooner, Kamarlo
Banks, Raymond	Figueroa, Christopher	Lim, Diane	Temporal, Gina
Bituin, Maria Eleonor	Frazier, Donald	Lin, Margaretta	Thongsy, Danny
Breiling, Carol	Garcia, Moses	Linchey, Jenny	Tuck, Lonnie
Brits, Ali	Gibson, Sylvia	Mason, Joey	Viney, Charlette
Broach, Ronald	Henzi, Christy	Metters, James	von Geldern, Eric
Chapman, Arion	Huff, Michael	Mitchell, Kelly	Additional Guests: 4
Chen, Howard	Ibalio, Fidencio	Muhammad, Cyril	
Cheng, Mike	Jones III, John	Penn, Curtis	

I. Call to Order and Introductions

- A. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM

II. Public Comment

- A. No public comment

III. Meeting Minutes

- A. Meeting minutes from October 6, 2020 were reviewed and approved as written
- B. Tim Smith requested to add context to his previous statements, given at the last two meetings, regarding the Female and Male Residential Multi-Service Center: Tim's concern is not with who owns the building, but whether or not it would be more appropriate to redirect those funds given COVID and that homicides in East Oakland are up 125%
- C. ACPD staff was asked to review the recording from the October 6, 2020 meeting to confirm statements

IV. CORE Status Update – Dr. Michael Huff

- A. The Center of Reentry Excellence (CORE) provides one-stop shop services to people referred to them from Alameda County Probation (AB 109 population including PRCS and Pretrial); they are located at 400 Broadway; they have two case managers, two clinicians and a team that provides triage
- B. CORE served 77 clients in October:
 1. 14 clients received support with groceries
 2. 13 clients received Medi-Cal support
 3. 34 clients received social services support
 4. 14 clients received housing support
 5. 3 clients received educational support
 6. 13 clients received employment support

7. 16 clients received mental health services
 8. 3 clients received clothing/hygiene
 9. 38 persons went into CORE for services and 39 clients were served over the telephone
- C. CORE is constantly looking to expand services and develop relationships with community partners to make services better and more efficient – CORE met with the gender specific DPOs to work on ideas for programming specific for the population they serve and CORE is working on programming for men
 - D. Mental health referrals must go through the Deputy Probation Officers (DPO)
 - E. Dr. Huff and Felton were acknowledged and thanked for (1) doing great work as CORE's provider, (2) the success of Felton/CORE's linkage with mental health services, and (3) the significant increase in the number of clients that are being served
 - F. Probation is excited about CORE's move to the Arena Center – conversations have begun with the Health Care Agency regarding the health partnership and with Parole about a potential partnership with their reentry clients

V. Grants Update – Jenny Linchey

- A. ACPD applied for six grants this year and received the following three from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) grants:
 1. \$800,000 Pathways Home Evaluation Grant
 - a) Funds a 4-year randomized control trial evaluation of the Pathways Home Initiative (PHI), which improves the reentry experience for PRCS clients coming home from state prison – research partners at UC Berkeley will lead the evaluation
 - b) There are four components to the PHI: 1) Pre-release video conferences to start the case planning process; 2) mobile application developed with ideas42 to help clients track tasks and employment related to their case plan goals; 3) virtual reality videos developed in partnership with Institute For the Future, that allow clients to work through challenging/anxiety provoking situations in a virtual environment before they are actually confronted with those situations in real life; and 4) workbooks are being developed to provide to clients pre-release to support the reentry process (workbooks should be in the prisons by first quarter of next year)
 2. \$999,000 grant provides additional funding for implementation of the mobile app being developed with ideas42 – the grant funds expansion of the mobile app to the entire PRCS population over a period of three years and it provides funding for evaluation
 3. \$1,195,000 grant supports two full-time positions (Deputy Probation Officer and Reentry Services Coordinator) that will help provide substance use treatment and wrap around services through our Residential Multi-Service Center
 - a) It would be ideal to find someone who has lived experience to fill these positions and/or partner them with a Community Outreach Worker – will follow the civil service process
- B. Chief Still has been appointed to the California Rehabilitation Oversight Board by the Senate

VI. RFP and Contracts Update

A. Probation Update

1. **Contracts Update (handout provided) – Gina Temporal**
 - a) Genesis Worship Center – Fresh Start Academy (Housing): Finalizing contract negotiations; client referrals will begin after January 2021
 - b) Housing Vendor Poll: Working on scope of work
 - c) Residential Multi-Service Center: RFP being drafted with GSA

- d) Education: Currently with GSA, due to start January 2022
- e) Family Reunification – Legal and Therapy Services: Scope of work (SOW) to be submitted to GSA by mid-November
- f) Sex Offender Treatment: RFP will post by early December
- g) Cognitive Behavior Intervention (CBI) Services & Incentives: RFP will post in early November
- h) Client Resource Forums: SOW being revised due to COVID; submitted to GSA early November
- i) Leadership & Entrepreneurship: Submitted to GSA last week; aiming to release in December
- j) Faith-Based/Local Community Partnerships: Held listening session; revising SOW
- k) Women/Mother's Services: Scheduling a listening session early 2021 to finalize SOW
 - i. Probation is utilizing gender responsive caseloads and a new assessment tool (WRNA)
- l) Transition Aged Youth (TAY) Services/Support: Listening session early 2021
- m) Kinship Reentry Workforce: Submitting SOW to GSA within the next two weeks; RFP by January
- n) Evidenced-Based Practices Capacity Building Workshops: SOW in Development
- o) For the following projects, research (literature review and listening sessions) needs to be done to develop the SOW:
 - i. LGBTQ Transgender Resources
 - ii. Restorative Justice Circles for Adults
 - iii. Father Services
 - iv. Clinics for Reentry Legal Barrier Removal
 - v. Reentry Client Access Communication and Service Portal
 - vi. Opioid and Alcohol Use Prevention Program
 - vii. Prison Pre-Release Planning and Case Management

2. AB 109 CBO Designation Account (handout provided) – Karen Baker

- a) The handout will be provided at every Fiscal and Procurement Workgroup meeting moving forward; it provides details about the money the CCPEC has allocated and the CBO Designation Account balance in the form of a simple, summary snapshot
- b) The handout shows the starting balance for fiscal years 16-19 \$40.7 Million Reconciliation, FY 19/20 and FY 20/21, and then subtracts actual, pending and committed funds and adds back in the funds available for reinvestment
 - i. Actuals – money paid out; Pending – contract in place, money encumbered, but money not yet paid out; Commitments – allocation approved by CCPEC, no contract in place yet (prior liability)
- c) Once funds are allocated by the CCPEC from a specific fiscal year, the money remains as a commitment until a contract is in place and money spent – money approved and allocated is subtracted from the funds available for that fiscal year and remains a commitment until a contract is entered into (pending) and money is paid out (actual)
- d) Money available for allocation/investment: \$1,028,064 from FY 16-19; \$6,809,316 from FY 20/21 and the \$2 million dollars in trust
- e) Probation offered to hold an in-person session to go over the numbers in detail with anyone who is interested
- f) Chief Still worked with the CAO and Auditor's Office for nearly four years to create the CBO Designation account, which accounts for all funds Chief Still has a fiduciary responsibility over – the Auditor's Office has complete County records

- g) Public Records Requests include a standard County disclosure statement
- h) It is important that the community understand how the funds have been spent; the lack of information in the early years of Realignment created some uncertainty – the community thanks Chief Still for all the work she has done to ensure transparency
- i) Thanks to Karen Baker, the CAO's office, the Auditor's Office and our Fiscal team

B. Behavioral Health RFP Update – Sophia Lai

- 1. Mild to Moderate through Felton (ACBH contractor):
 - a) 3-4 clients enrolled now, referred through Felton's CORE program
 - b) Meeting regularly with Probation
 - c) Meet with the Adult Forensic Behavioral Health (AFBH) team to share information about the program with staff to help with discharge planning at Santa Rita Jail
 - d) Working with Psychiatric Prescriber Empanelment for medication services
- 2. Mild to Moderate program with Roots (ACBH contractor):
 - a) LCSW and Care Navigator recently hired
 - b) No clients enrolled yet, but they are setting up a secure referral system through Felton's CORE program – received 24 referrals and set up 3 intakes
 - c) Working with Probation staff; getting access to Tyler for AB 109 eligibility
 - d) AFBH met with staff at Santa Rita to share information and review the referral process
- 3. Serious Mental Illness Case Management & Treatment program is managed by Felton:
 - a) Felton is in the process of hiring staff and working on medication certification
 - b) A referral process has been established through the CORE program

VII. FY 19/20 Funding – Chief Still

A. Fair Chance Housing Community Education & Outreach Initiative (Just Cities Presentation) – John Jones III and Margaretta Lin

- 1. Alameda County Fair Chance Housing Coalition is a large community of people and organizations that value housing as a human right
- 2. Fair Chance Housing (FCH) Policy & Outreach leaders: Ms. Towanda Sherry, Faith in Action East Bay; Ms. Anita Wills, Essie Justice Group; Katie Dixon, All of Us or None; Succatti Shaw, All of Us or None; and Taqwaa Bonner, All of Us or None
- 3. The FCH ordinance is named after Ron Dellums and Simbarashe Sherry; Ron demonstrated the type of leadership needed to get us through this unprecedented crisis and Simbarashe, Ms. Sherry's son, demonstrated the need for housing to protect lives
- 4. Transformative Policymaking Process:
 - a) Conduct Research: 73% of unhoused surveyed in Oakland encampments have a criminal record; there are racial disparities in arrests, convictions, sentencing and releases; and criminal background databases are flawed
 - b) Engaged a wide range of stakeholders – landlords, community members and impacted residents identified both the problems and potential policy solutions
 - c) Best practices learned from Richmond, Seattle, and other cities
 - d) It's time to implement what has been learned
- 5. Two funding proposals – (1) Community Education/Outreach and (2) Impact Evaluation:
 - a) Community Outreach on FCH Rights & Re-entry Housing Resources (2 years)

- i. Request: \$176,000 in AB 109 CBO funds to add to/leverage \$532,000 from City of Oakland/private foundations
- ii. Program will ensure 20,000 residents in the County know about their new legal rights and housing resources (outreach strategies have been adapted since COVID)
 - Outreach includes cultural arts/inspiration and utilizes social media, multimedia, Safe Street Outreach, networks, billboards/bus ads
- b) Participatory Impact Evaluation Study (2 years)
 - i. Request: \$154,000 in AB 109 CBO funds to add to the \$264,000 committed from private/public funding
 - ii. Multiple FCH policies have been passed around the Nation, but no impact evaluation study has been conducted, which is critical to build a National movement
 - iii. The evaluation would be done in partnership with Prof. Veronica Terriquez, UC Santa Cruz, Just Cities and UC Berkeley
 - iv. The evaluation would study the impact of FCH policies, identify the benefits of housing stability and assess any unintended consequences of removing discriminatory barriers
- 6. There are contractual and statutory prohibitions on the use of AB 109 funds for lobbying – County Counsel will review the proposal to ensure it complies with the law
 - a) As an organization, Just Cities does engage in advocacy work, but it does not use public dollars to do so
 - b) The AB 109 funds will go towards education and outreach for laws already in place, and a research project that will demonstrate the effects of these initiatives that are already in place
- 7. Attendees shared thanks for the work of Just Cities and the positive impact of FCH policies
 - a) Just Cities advocating/community organizing is creating systemic change, which is a critical part of the formula
 - b) Asian Prisoner Support Committee fully supports Just Cities initiative
- 8. Chief Still announced that she will be retiring next year, attendees shared their appreciation and thanks for her

VIII. Community Advisory Board Recommendations – Raymond Banks

A. Housing Item Request

- 1. The CAB recommends \$1.5 million dollars from FY 20/21 be added to the housing budget to ameliorate the crisis of the pandemic for women/children and sex offenders
- 2. The CAB also recommends that providers who serve these populations have their budgets augmented instead of the traditional process of generating an RFP
- 3. A steady stream of funding has been committed to housing (AB 109 and Prop 47)
 - a) There are approved housing allocations in development that provide funding for women and sex offenders: Female and Male Residential Service Center; Women and Mother's Services; Reentry Housing Vendor Pool; and the Annual Housing allocation
 - b) The Reentry Vendor Housing Pool RFQ is being worked on, when the pool is in place, it will provide more housing options and allow for quicker access to housing
- 4. Housing is needed, the recommendation will be moved forward to the CCPEC to have a larger discussion about not utilizing the RFP process and the amount of money needed given the other housing projects in the works

- B. The CAB recommends the District Mentoring Pilot Program to build relationships between Law Enforcement, the District Attorney, Sheriff, Probation, Judicial Branch and the Reentry and Realignment community and its allies by hiring five paid consultants (one from each district) to speak to, encourage and motivate those that are mandated to Supervised Probation at places like the County Jail, TDRC and CBO's at bi-weekly meetings – these positions will not be extensions of probation but rather independent consultants who must be able to prove rehabilitation and must be from Alameda County and reflect the diversity of the community
 - 1. The proposal requests a total of \$425,000; \$75,000 for each consultant plus \$50,000 to cover administrative overhead
 - 2. Comparable to FUBU, however, in addition to providing peer navigation, these consultants would be a go-between, between clients and all reentry agencies within the County. Additionally, the FUBU contract is about to expire
 - a) A deeper discussion between FUBU partners and CAB will help further develop this program model to ensure this is not a duplicative service and determine if this is something that can be incorporated into the FUBU contract to further address the needs of the community
- C. Stimulus Check Lottery – Due to time constraints, this item will be discussed at the next meeting

IX. Next Meeting – December 8, 2020 · 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

X. Public Comment

- A. The community asked when Chief Still is ready for her to share a timeline as to when she is set to retire so they can mobilize efforts to identify and submit progressive candidates for consideration – Chief Still will start providing more details after the first of the year