**February 19, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**1111 Jackson Street, 2nd Floor (Rooms 226-228), Oakland, CA**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Present**:

Wendy Still

Barbara Proctor

Donald Frazier

Eric Von Geldern

Jessica Redditt

Marcus Dawal

Monica Uriarte

Meghan Hibr

Rodney Brooks

Sadaf Siddiq

Timothy Smith

LaLisha Norton (Recorder)

**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order and Introductions**: Chief Wendy Still called the meeting to order.

**Public Comment on Any Item Listed Below as for “Discussion Only”**: There was no public comment.

**Old Business**

Meeting minutes from January 8, 2019, were reviewed and approved as written.

**New Business**

**RFP and Contracts Update**

1. **Probation Update**
2. Higher Education – Five bids were received and are currently being reviewed by GSA. Additionally, Probation has forwarded names of prospective county selection committee members to GSA for review and approval.
3. Family Reunification – An orientation is scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2019, for the selected vendors, which are: Asian Prisoner Support, Tri-Cities Community Development Center, and Centerforce. The vendors will also attend CaseloadPro training on Friday, February 22, 2019. The next RFP release date is scheduled for July 1, 2019.
4. Transportation – The RFP was released on February 8, 2019 and the bidders conference is scheduled for February 25, 2019.

Chief Still noted that she is in discussion with CDCR to determine how long individuals from Alameda County are staying in the reception center and the number being released from the reception center. She noted that individuals in the reception center do not receive services. The goal is to determine what that number is and then work with the Sheriff’s Department to reconfigure the process so that individuals are able to begin programming. It is also important to determine the different tracks/gaps as it pertains to education, employment, SUD, health, mental health, transition services, etc. Chief Still noted that a meeting was held with CDCR to address the aforementioned issues as a part of the Pathways Home project that is now in the workgroup phase where systems mapping is being conducted. Marcus Dawal and his team have project leads in all those different service areas, along with DMV/Identification and Benefit Eligibility, to better understand what is provided and when. The mapping is occurring at San Quentin and the Central California Women’s Facility in Chowchilla. Probation is also skyping into the CDCR facilities to conduct interviews with clients returning to Alameda County to ensure that there is a smooth transition, with all the necessary services in place, pre-release.

**Questions & Responses from Chief Still**

* ***Question***: Regarding the “warm hand-off” and the length of time in the reception center, is it possible for people to stay with us, especially those with short stays? ***Response:*** Yes, absolutely.
* ***Question***: What, if anything, has the Sheriff said about it? ***Response:*** That conversation has not yet occurred with the Sheriff because we need the supporting data that indicates how many people, how much time, etc. A data request was submitted to CDCR in December and CDCR responded approximately three weeks later and advised that the request was being handled as a public information request. The ability to access and receive information from CDCR has slowed down significantly. Chief Still anticipates receiving the information by the end of the week, which will allow her to have the conversation with the Sheriff.
* ***Question***: Is there an anticipated funding or increased budgetary responsibility for us? Where will that money come from? ***Response:*** There will not be an additional financial responsibility on our end. We will be paid for any additional costs because the individuals are CDCR inmates which makes them responsible for 100% of the cost. Additionally, the Minimum Custody Reentry Facilities (MCRF), where inmates can serve their last 18 months of incarceration in a local MCRF, may also have an impact. Donald noted that siting locations has been impacted by the Conditional Use Permit process and NIMBY (not in my backyard) issues. Chief Still indicated that she is interested to see the responses to the second release of the MCRF Request for Information (RFI).

1. **Behavioral Healthcare Services (BHCS) RFP Update**

BHCS Staff was not present at the meeting. Chief Still requested that Monica reach out to Sophia to provide an update, via email, that could be shared with the group. Chief Still mentioned that, based on her most recent meeting with BHCS, the RFP is anticipated to be released in February for both mild/moderate and seriously mentally ill (SMI).

**FY 18/19 Funding**

1. **Kinship Reentry Workforce**

Charles Eddy and Valerie Edwards were not present to provide the previously requested additional information/research; therefore, this item was tabled.

1. **Employment Contract Extension**

The existing contract with BOSS has been extended through June 30, 2020; BOSS sub-contracts with La Familia. Chief Still indicated that additional funds are needed because the RFP has not been completed. After conducting an analysis of the current contract utilization rate, it was determined that an additional $1,681,000 is needed to extend the contract to June 30, 2020. All referrals to the existing contractor would end as of December 31, 2019. Chief Still anticipates that a new contract should be awarded in December 2019; the contract extension will allow the current provider to continue rendering services and for clients to reach their benchmarks without interruptions or gaps in services while shifting to a new contract. Chief Still requested that this item be forwarded to the CAB for input, to the CCPEC for consideration and then to the Board for approval.

**Next Meeting – The April 9, 2019 meeting has been rescheduled to April 26, 2019 3pm - 5pm, 1111 Jackson Street, 2nd Floor, Rooms 226 - 228**

**Public Comment**

* Rodney encouraged everyone to read the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Report; it is a scathing report regarding young people in the system from every aspect. Chief Still noted that Alameda County has few youth at DJJ and that there has been discussion regarding increasing the age for youth participating in the SB 1004 Pilot and reviewing the eligible offenses. These efforts would also result in fewer youth being sent to DJJ.
* Donald expressed concern regarding the minimal re-investment into the neighborhoods/communities that individuals are returning to, especially in deep East Oakland and West Oakland. How can we reinvest back into these areas to create something more positive for the individuals returning to these communities? Chief Still noted that she reviewed data from Probation’s work with the Joint Powers Authority and was surprised to see where the shootings and homicides occur – from East Oakland all the way to West Oakland. There is significant work that needs to be done and all systems should be focusing on how they can assist with supporting this population.