

Process and Evaluation Workgroup

Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2024

In attendance:

- **Rodney Brooks**, Alameda County Public Defenders Office
- **Shawn Rowland**, Our Road Prison Project
- **Mas Morimoto**, Office of the Alameda County District Attorney
- **Jason Sjoberg**, Office of the Alameda County District Attorney
- **Charlie Eddy**, The Urban Strategies Council
- **Alexandria Garcia**, The Alameda County Probation Department
- **Shanice Smith**, Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency
- **Rick Wood**, Rubicon Programs
- **Charles Turner**, The Alameda County Workforce Development Board

The meeting started with introductions, a brief summary of the purpose of the Workgroup, and their previous activities.

Participants were asked to review the minutes, and meeting materials in preparation for the upcoming discussion. The group contemplated two issues essential to defining the Workgroup activities moving forward:

How do we share information about the Workgroup activities and successes?

How do we get community members more involved in the County's AB 109 activities?

A summary of the discussion is below:

Sharing Information About the Workgroup Activities:

- There was discussion about using Share Point or Google Docs to communicate the activities for the Workgroup.
- There was some concern that using Share Point allows the County to disproportionately impact the process, over the community.

- The issue of the Workgroup's capacity to provide leadership on numerous issues was raised since participation is voluntary.
- The question of what information should be shared was also raised.
- It was suggested that the AB 109 Workgroup leads, meet regularly to develop issues that can be addressed collaboratively.
- Participants proposed that the Workgroup share their agendas and successes to date with the other workgroups and the broader community; and develop a common format used by all the Workgroups, that summarizes, agenda, action items, decisions, and next steps.
- It was suggested that the "sharing instrument" should also identify areas of collaboration between the other Workgroups.
- It was also suggested to include social media as a way for the Workgroup to share information.

Increasing Community Participation in County's Realignment Activities:

- Identify who needs to be invited to these meetings, and other AB 109 related activities.
- Sharing information and increasing community participation work together, they are not siloed.
- It is important to organize around issues if you want greater community involvement; without making the distinction between AB 109 clients and other individuals in need of services.
- If people know what we have achieved, there is a better chance they will have an interest in getting involved with the Workgroup.
- It was agreed that the group would review the draft of the "sharing instrument" at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:41