January 16, 2019

**Process and Evaluation Workgroup**

**Meeting Minutes**

**In attendance:**

**Rodney Brooks:** Alameda County Public Defender’s Office

**Sophia Lai:** Alameda County Behavioral Health Services

**Rashad Eady:** Alameda County Behavioral Health Services

**Tim Smith:** Building Opportunities for Self Sufficiency

**Shahidah Lacy:** County Supervisor Keith Carson’s Office

**Deep Kaur,** Bay Area Legal Aid

**Neola Crosby:** Alameda County Probation Department

The meeting started with introductions and a review of the minutes

A summary of the discussion about the December meeting and what was presented by Lt. Johnson of the Alameda County Sheriff’s Office is listed below:

**Neola:** SB 2138 passed regarding licenses, and for criminal justice backgrounds, the government (State) will look this up. Similarly, ACSO staff should do 1 of 2 things: just look it up themselves, or don’t hold it against people

**Rodney:** We did discuss this and is reflected in suggestion #2.

**Sophia:** It is also reflected in suggestion #1.

**Rodney:** Lt. Johnson said he would have to take our suggestions back for review; he also noted that that it may be possible for separate request forms for Inmate Services, if so that would make it easier to implement our recommendations.

**Neola:** Was there a discussion about looking at convictions over a 7-year period.

**Rodney:** Yes, we suggested it be shorter and there be more discretion after 3.5 years.

**Deep:** When considering employment, it depends on what kind of job; employers can look at your records and are allowed up to 7 years; for housing – usually 4-7 based on local discretion.

**Rodney:** We were asking for an expedited process for someone who is hired by a county contractor. Lt. Johnson will be coming in February, and he may bring Capt. Mike Carroll.

**Neola:** I think we should invite a commander.

**Shahidah:** The suggested changes they originally bought to us were more restrictive.

**Rodney:** It required listing all drug convictions.

**Sophia:** Although the recommendations did agree to limit to narcotics.

The discussion then moved to the preparing for the February meeting with representatives from the Alameda County Sheriff’s Office.

**Rodney**: Does anyone have a suggestion about what we should do next?

**Neola:** Can we have one list with all our recommendations, so they don’t have to be extrapolated.

**Sophia:** What will our approach be if they push back on certain recommendations?

**Neola:** We should note that the Board of Supervisors approves contracts, requiring that the organizations hire formerly incarcerated people.

**Rodney:** But Sheriff has authority to decide who comes in to the jail.

**Rodney:** Can Neola figure out how many people fall into this category (formerly incarcerated that work for CBO’s and have been denied entry?)

**Neola:** This may take some work. BHCS should also check the number.

**Deep:** Bay Legal just had an attorney not get cleared a week ago, and are appealing now

**Sophia:** Do we know who is coming, can they make decisions?

**Neola:** It would be nice to have this resolved before the beginning of the fiscal year.

The group then began to brainstorm future issues for the workgroup to address. Two ideas were raised:

* Getting a better understating of the new definition of our AB 109 population, the data that we have on those individuals and who is eligible for services.
* The process of getting people connected to Medi- Cal as they leave custody. Understanding this subject is being discussed in many places throughout the County, workgroup members decided to invite people that are working in the issue to future meetings.

The meeting Adjourned at 12