



**Prop 47 Local Advisory Committee Minutes  
January 28, 2019, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.  
1111 Jackson St., Oakland, Rooms 226-228**

**Attendance:**

**Local Advisory Committee Members:**

- Colleen Chawla, Health Care Services Agency
- Wendy Still, Alameda County Probation Department
- Rodney Brooks, Public Defender
- Sholonda Jackson Jasper, Community Representative
- Steven Medeiros, Community Representative
- Dan Simmons, Community Representative
- Eric von Geldern, District Attorney

**Other Attendees:**

- Jamie Almanza, Bay Area Community Services
- Donald DC Barlow, La Familia Counseling Services
- Janet Biblin, Alameda County Behavioral Health
- Neola Crosby, Probation Department
- Claudia Del Rio, Community Advisory Board
- Rashad Eady, Alameda County Behavioral Health
- Pedro Felix, La Familia Counseling Services
- Faith Fuller, FAS Services
- Lisa Heintz, Probation Department
- Emily Kaplan, Health Care Services Agency
- Shahidah Lacy, Supervisor Keith Carson's Office
- Sophia Lai, Alameda County Behavioral Health
- Danielle London, District Attorney
- Marcia Massa, Transition Day Reporting Center
- Debbie Mayer, Resource Development Associates
- David Onek, Resource Development Associates
- Robin Ortiz, Felton
- Ande Pena, La Familia Counseling Services
- Monica Uriarte, Probation Department
- Kirsten White, Resource Development Associates



**1. Review and Adoption of Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2018 – Discussion & Action**

Dan Simmons moved to adopt the minutes, and Sholonda Jackson-Jasper seconded; all voted in favor.

**2. Program Update – Discussion**

Sophia Lai presented an update from October 1 to December 31, 2018 for all of the project components of the project. (See LAC Program Update.) The Mental Health program reported 160 clients, and the North County team is at full capacity.

The Substance Use Disorder (SUD) program reported that they are still at full capacity for the Recovery Residences, serving 31 clients last quarter with 11 beds. There were 17 new enrollments, and 12 clients exited the program with successful treatment progress while 1 client exited without successful progress. The SUD hotline screened 260 clients, of which 129 (50%) connected to SUD services provided through Alameda County Behavioral Health.

The Housing Program continued to be implemented by Bay Area Community Services for Districts 3 & 5 and La Familia Counseling Services for Districts 1 & 2, and started in District 4 with Roots Community Health Center in October. Last quarter, 56 clients were provided 88 services for a total of \$88,159.50 in assistance. Similar to last quarter, most of the expenses (\$63,318.50) went toward Rental Assistance, with the next highest amount going toward back pay (\$10,448) and security deposit (\$8,100).

**3. Continuous Quality Improvement – Discussion Only**

Debbie Mayer, Senior Program Associate, and Kirsten White, Program Associate, from Resource Development Associates, the local evaluation contractor, presented their findings from the Continuous Quality Improvement process. These findings were outlined in a brief evaluation report and distributed to the LAC members.

**Overall findings:** The Prop 47 Providers appreciated the inclusive eligibility criteria with regard to criminal justice background because of the low barrier to access services. The programs trended toward increasing enrollment numbers. Resource sharing and coordination were critical for all of the programs.



**Mental Health:** Program strengths included relationship-building with clients, celebrating successes with clients to engage clients, and an integrated program model with multi-disciplinary teams, including peer specialists. Opportunities included enhancing programmatic supports to address complexities of clients' healthcare needs, strengthening staffing and staff supports, and increasing outreach and improving client engagement processes.

**Substance Use Disorder:** Program strengths included a home-like, supportive environment; strategic use of proximate resources, and strong relationships with outpatient providers. Opportunities included increasing access to permanent housing following completion of a client's length of stay and increasing coordination between referral and recovery residences.

**Housing:** Program strengths included the low barrier for access, program integration with wraparound services, and filling a critical housing resources gap. Opportunities included building relationships with landlords and increasing communication between providers.

**Discussion:** The LAC members discussed the results of the evaluation brief. They discussed whether \$5,000 is sufficient as the individual limit for the housing supports, for which the providers' general consensus was yes. They also noted the gender and ethnic disparities for the recovery residences, which are mostly male and disproportionately white. Finally, they noted that very few housing clients were identified as having an SUD, but this data may not have been accurately collected.

#### **4. Next Prop 47 Grant Round – Discussion & Action**

The LAC discussed the next round of Prop 47 grant funding, as the Board of State and Community Corrections issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a second round of funding on January 18. Emily Kaplan, Foundation Director for Health Care Services Agency provided an overview of the RFP, including the funding areas and requirements.

Sophia Lai, Proposition 47 Program Director for Alameda County Behavioral Health Care, proposed funding the same areas, but adding resources to supplement the mental health team, such as a nurse to address the physical health of clients.



Chief Wendy Still, Probation Department, proposed setting aside funding for diversion. Lisa Heintz, Director for Clinical Reentry and Diversion, Probation Department stated that the goal is to decriminalize mental health. Danielle London, Assistant District Attorney, noted that there are several diversion programs that would need additional funding. Rodney Brooks, Executive Programs Coordinator for the Public Defender noted that the program should be pre-plea diversion so that people with mental illness could be diverted from the criminal justice system completely. Colleen Chawla, Director of Health Care Services Agency suggested coordinating with the Justice Involved Mental Health Task Force, which has a committee focused on diverting people at different points in the criminal justice system.

Ande Pena, La Familia Counseling Services, suggested a mechanism for allowing individuals to lock in long-term leases and move into housing as quickly as possible, or credit recovery.

Shahidah Lacy, Supervisor Keith Carson's Office, noted that addressing housing and homelessness should be the top priority. Sholonda Jackson Jasper, Community Representative, stated that being able to provide housing is critical to working with the target population. Marcia Massa, LCA, noted that while housing should be prioritized, it should come with wraparound services to address mental health and substance use disorder needs.

Emily Kaplan stated that the next steps are she will work with the Health Care Services Agency and Probation Department teams to develop a proposal to present at the next LAC meeting to obtain further feedback before submitting the proposal.

## **5. Future Meetings**

The LAC future meetings are as follows:

- Monday, April 29, 2019, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, July 29, 2019, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 28, 2019, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

In addition, the LAC will schedule an additional meeting in late February to weigh in on the Prop 47 proposal for the second round RFP, to be confirmed in the next week.

## **6. Public Comment**



There was no public comment.

## **7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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