**Process and Evaluation Workgroup**

**Meeting Minutes**

**January 8, 2020**

**In attendance:**

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

**Richard Speiglman:** Faith in Action East Bay (FIAEB) Live Free

**Charlie Eddy:**  Urban Strategies Council

**Bob Britton:** Faith in Action East Bay (FIAEB) Live Free

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

**Neola Crosby:** Alameda County Probation Department

The meeting started with introductions.

Shahidah Lacy provided a brief update on the progress the Board of Supervisors and County staff have made in developing a process to get Medi-Cal turned on for people who are on suspension due to being incarcerated.

A summary of what she said is listed below:

* County staff has divided the population into three groups:
  + People who are in custody for 30 days or less. Social Services does not suspend Medi-Cal for that population so there is no need for an intervention. (This is the majority of people in Santa Riata, approximately 80%)
  + For those who are incarcerated for more than 30 days, and not eligible for SSI; the County will develop contracts allowing people exiting Santa Rita can go to Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and have their Medi-Cal benefits turned on.
  + For individuals with determinant sentences, the Sheriff will alert Social Services when they are released, and Social Services will have Medi-Cal restarted the month they leave custody.
  + The goal of the Board of Supervisors is to have something in place by the end of the first quarter of 2020.

After the presentation there were a few questions:

**Charlie:** When a client goes to the CBO will they have Medi-Cal turned on immediately?

**Shahidah:** Yes

Rodney gave a brief update on progress of the getting the Sheriff amend their clearance policy for people with prior convictions requesting entry into Santa Rita. The highlights are listed below

* The Sheriff has made some significant changes to his policy regarding clearing formally incarcerated individuals which included the some of our suggestions, specifically, having an appeal process and posting the actual application and process on their website.
* However, there were some significant areas where our Workgroup and the Sheriff were not able to agree, including:
  + Not requiring the individual to the list all their prior convictions (since the Sheriff does a background check.)
  + Developing an expedited policy for individuals with prior convictions who work for organizations that have contracts with Alameda County.
* The Sheriff stated that they turn around the requests quickly and therefore there was no need for an expedited policy and that the number of people wo are not cleared to enter is low.
* The Public Protection Committee requested a follow up meeting in February. In anticipation of the meeting Rodney has been surveying the community-based organizations with AB 109 contracts with the Probation Department and is prepared to share a summary of his findings, at the February Public Protection Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM