Community Corrections Partnership

**Programs and Services Workgroup Meeting Minutes**

**When**: October 22, 2020 from 10:00am – 12:03pm

**Where**: Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

**Present:**

Abernathy, Lisa (Chair)

Brewster, Jamie

Broach, Ronald

Ceballos, Marianne

Chapman, Arion

Clifton, Aubrey

Conner, Shauna

Crosby, Neola

Dawal, Marcus

Figueroa, Chris

Francois, Nanette

Gibson, Sylvia

Grigsby, Janene

Guillory, Stacey

Hopkins, Felix

Hopkins, Steven

Lacy, Shahida

Leonard, P

Liu, Chris

Mason, Joey

McClain, Greg

Metters, James

Muhammad, Cyril

Noble, Larrie

O’Neill, Gavin

Rouse, Nathaniel

Rowland, Shawn

Roye, Karen

Russell, Carolyn

Sanders, David

Shaw, Succatti

Smith, Jasmine

Smith, Tim

Stenhouse, Yolanda

Tchoukleva, Yoana

Temporal, Gina

Turner, Charles

Viney, Charlette

Walker, Carson

Additional Guests: 8

1. **INTRODUCTIONS**
2. **Review and Approve Meeting Minutes** – Meeting minutes from September 24, 2020 were reviewed and approved as written
3. **Presentations**
	1. **Pre-Trial Serivces** – Delean Carson Walker, Division Director for Pretrial Services & Sarah Wanser, Assessment Unit Supervisor in the Pre-trial Division
		1. Pre-trial Services Division begin on January 21, 2020
		2. The division operates 24 hours a day out of Santa Rita Jail, the Berkeley and Hayward Police Department, and soon in the Fremont Jail and San Leandro Police Department Jail; there is also staff at the East County Hall of Justice where assessment are completed
		3. Pre-trial assessments are conducted using the *Virginia Pretrial Risk Assessment, Revised* to give arrestees a pre-trial advisement and make release and special condition recommendations to the Court or retention recommendations per CA Penal Code statutes – judge may order or deny pre-arraignment release
		4. Expedited Release – pilot plan focuses on client release within 10-12 hours of booking
		5. Monitoring Services – five monitoring options as well as GPS and Sobertrack options
			1. Monitoring services unit support clients to help make sure they make it to court and do not recidivate
			2. Monitored clients go through an orientation and needs assessment – referrals are made within 48 hrs.
			3. Five monitoring options:
				1. Own Recognizance (OR) Release – receive court hearing reminders (phone call, text message and/or letters)
				2. Monitoring – receive court hearing reminders and check record systems prior to court hearing
				3. Level I Supervision – meet with Deputy face-to-face once per month for meaningful check-in with referrals, if necessary
				4. Level II Supervision– two face-to-face meetings per month
				5. Level III Supervision– meet with client face-to-face twice per month in addition to two phone call check-ins
			4. GPS or Sobertrack (random alcohol monitoring system) – Court may also order GPS or Sobertrack monitoring in addition to the five options listed above
			5. Client Resources – Court reminders, access to barrier removal and supportive services (i.e., clients are referred to services; help clients navigate County systems)
				1. Clients are AB 109 eligible
		6. Technology – Integrated platforms with justice partners enable the exchange of information in real time
		7. Personnel – 73 authorized Judicial positions, 39 budgeted Probation positions
		8. Discussion
			1. Is there a component of the diversion program that deals directly with gang member engagement and gang prevention?
				1. Clients are referred to programs to help them receive the support they need (including addressing employment, housing needs, etc.)
				2. Probation has a gang unit in Adult Field Services
				3. There is a need to provide programming for people who are at risk for gang violence as a shooter or as a victim
			2. Pre-trial services is a comprehensive pretrial program whose purpose is to assess those who are eligible for pre-arraignment release that prior to this program would have been held in custody unless they were able to post bail – this is not a diversion program, the program addresses whether or not someone is suitable/eligible to be released on a pre-trial basis and provide services for those individuals while they are participating in the program
			3. How many serious/violent offenders including gang members have received the benefits of pre-trial services – many serious offenses are excluded from the program based on statutory limitations
			4. Probation received a juvenile grant for gang violence – request that someone speak to that program at this meeting to help inform the workgroup's decision about how we would create an adult program for gang violence
			5. Resources/services provided to clients while they are part of the pre-trial program do not continue if they are found guilty and incarcerated; if PRCS they may be reengaged with services upon release, but if they come back out on Parole, they would have to seek services through parole (the state)
			6. Pretrial officers update the court about client engagement and referrals throughout the process
			7. Pre-trial services used to allow clients to be referred to or sentenced to a diversion program and if the diversion program was successfully completed, you could be exonerated or have your sentence reduced, does the current pre-trial service function the same way?
				1. Pre-trial is separate from diversion – disposition/diversion options are driven by the prosecutor, defense attorney and the court, not pre-trial
				2. Pre-trial is in place to identify people who can be released while their case is going through the court process – an informed recommendation is given to the judge based on the pre-trial assessment and the judge makes a decision on whether or not a person will be detained or released into the pre-trial program
				3. Pre-trial gives people the opportunity to be out of custody while their case is running through the court process
				4. Early Intervention Court and Alameda County Justice Restoration Project (ACJRP) will be placed on future agendas
4. **SERVICE GAPS, CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES**
	1. Finalize Service/Program Recommendations from discussions held at the 8/27 and 9/24 P&SW meetings – the following gaps were identified:
		1. Training in client engagement – including specialized training in engaging challenging clients & keeping clients engaged
		2. COVID-19 Resources – Need for isolation, PPE, food insecurity, etc.
		3. Diversion Services – Probation’s Pre-trial Services and the DA’s office’s ACJRP
		4. Gang Intervention/Prevention Services
		5. Housing for 290 Registrants
		6. Warm and friendly gate transport with supplies to welcome people home and to orient them – current service providers include Bonified, the Roots mobile van at Santa Rita Jail and a safe place
	2. Discussion:
		1. COVID-19:
			1. The County has a lot of services available; it was suggested utilizing the $300 million the County has invested to provide COVID-19 services rather than the $20 million available for AB109
			2. Consensus that this item will not be moved forward for AB109 funding
		2. Roots Mobile Van:
			1. Operates from 10AM till 10PM; probation is working to expand this time frame and have transportation available for individuals that are released after 10PM
			2. A Safe Place provides transportation services for women leaving Santa Rita Jail
		3. Are employment assistance/referrals provided?
			1. Probation currently contracts with seven different employment agencies
			2. Services have been broadened since April of this year with an employment pool – expanded services include 520 hours of subsidized employment services and up to 100 hours of training prior to moving into subsidized employment
			3. Additionally, employment providers offer supportive services during subsidized employment and after while clients are employed (unsubsidized) – incentives are provided for maintained employment at 60, 90 and 180 days of employment
			4. Career Technical Education (CTE) is also offered by five agencies – clients can get certified, licensed or receive credentials in environmental remediation, construction, warehouse logistics and culinary arts among others (incentives and support are also offered with the CTE program)
		4. Gang Intervention
			1. Recommendation: the County use AB109 money to invest in gang intervention and prevention
			2. Funding for gang intervention versus suppression – utilize individuals with lived experience (credible messengers) who are trained in motivational interviewing and other specialized training
		5. Identification
			1. Upon release, clients need to have an I.D., social security card and other documents required for employment
			2. There used to be a pre-release program that helped clients get their identification prior to release
			3. Alameda County has partnered with CDCR, if clients do not have an I.D. upon release, their I.D. may be shipped to Probation to help clients get their I.D. as soon as possible
			4. Clients can use tablets to identify their pre and post-release needs, then a reentry team in the jail can connect with them and work with clients pre-release (virtually due to COVID) to get them connected to the services they need
			5. Clients pre-release get information about available jobs – CBO’s need access pre-release to work with clients to prep them to get the job (interview techniques, application assistance, etc.)
				1. Working on the final logistics to allow providers to contact clients pre-release virtually
		6. Workgroup consensus on items to move forward
			1. Training in client engagement, particularly with challenging clients – moving forward
			2. COVID-19 – Not moving forward because the County and Probation have already invested in COVID-19 resources for community members
			3. Diversion Services – moving forward
			4. Gang Intervention/Prevention Services – moving forward
			5. Housing for 290 Registrants – moving forward
			6. Warm and friendly gate transportation – moving forward to fund the Roots mobile trailer 24hrs/day
5. **Next Meeting**
	1. Thursday, January 28, 2021, 10 AM - 12PM
6. **Announcements**
	1. **Current cab vacancies** – District 1: (2), District 2: (0), District 3: (0), District 4: (1) and District 5: (0)
	2. **items for distribution** – if you have items you would like to submit for distribution, please refer to the *Communication Protocol* document for details and email [reentryinfo@acgov.org](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Clabernat%5CAppData%5CRoaming%5CMicrosoft%5CWord%5Creentryinfo%40acgov.org)
7. **PUblic Comment**
	1. An invitation was extended to BOSS and LaFamilia’s graduation ceremony for their employment program (first virtual) taking place tomorrow – please connect to BOSS’s website to be part of this experience
	2. A Safe Place offers transportation and is interested in supporting the Roots mobile trailer and any other group that assist clients as they are released from Santa Rita Jail
	3. A Safe Place is hosting a virtual community conversation on Saturday around domestic violence and reentry
	4. Community Works is still struggling with referrals
	5. A Social Justice Collective Fellowship graduate shared that she would like more support services for single parents with children going to school at home during and after COVID – additional support with virtual learning, child care, tutoring and access to school meals
	6. Additional needs shared by Social Justice Collective Fellows:
		1. Need to end background checks on the County level, to increase access to employment and housing
			1. County already implemented “Ban the Box”
			2. "Ban the Box" in housing is being worked on; it is on Monday's the Health agenda
		2. Need for spaces for our youth: culture, dance, music and other healthy ways to be engaged and grow together
		3. Need for housing
		4. Mental health issues – creative ways to intervene