Community Corrections Partnership

**Programs and Services Workgroup**

**When**: August 22, 2019 from 10am – 12pm

**Where**: 1111 Jackson Street, 2nd Fl. Rooms 226-228, OAKLAND, CA 94604

**Present**:

Neola Crosby (Facilitator)

Amy Rasheed

Charles Eddy

Charles Reed

Christopher Figueroa

Donald Frazier

Douglas Butler

Dr. Linda Boykins

Earl Sims

Eliza Patton

Eric von Geldern

Felicia Norton

Felix Hopkins

Florence Cooper

Francois Navette

Greg McLean

Jeanette Rodriguez

Joey Mason

Jon Fajardo

Kamonte H

Kathy Marshall

Lawrence Cooper

Lazandra Dial

Lisa Abernathy

Marcia Massa

Martin Malone

Moses Garcia

Muhammad Cyril

Nathaniel Rouse

Ralael Goribay

Rashad Eady

Ronald Broach

Sarah Ting

Shahidah Lacey

Shanice Kelley

Stacey Guillory

T Snowden

Tamia Brown

Taylor Kemper

Tim Smith

Timothy Smith

Yusef Wiley

\*Additional B.O.S.S Members

LaLisha Norton (Recorder)

**Meeting Minutes**

Neola Crosby began the meeting with introductions. The minutes from June 22, 2019 were approved as written.

Neola provided the [Civic and Community Engagement Survey](https://www.acgov.org/calendar_app/DisplayDetailServlet?site=Internet&ag=PRO&ty=DEPT&m=5&d=11&y=2019&t=M&i=2018-12-21%2015:36:35.667) created by the CAB. This survey is to give CAB members an idea of who is attending realignment and reentry-related meetings and to ensure that there is representation from those that have lived experience, particularly when making decisions that directly impact them. Neola asked everyone to complete the survey, although it is voluntary. She advised that the respondents have the option to remain completely anonymous.

**INDIGENT/BARRIER REMOVAL FUND AND COGNITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS**

Neola explained that the Programs and Services Workgroup has made recommendations for the allocation of funding for services and these recommendations have been submitted to and approved by the Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee (CCPEC), a board that is authorized by AB109 to make decisions for Alameda County about how Realignment money is spent for people impacted by the criminal justice system.

Alameda County, unlike any other county in the state of California, has allocated 50% of its base allocation realignment dollars to community-based organizations. Alameda County has received between $40 to $45 million per year, which equates to $20 to $22 million being allocated to community-based organizations to provide needed services, especially to those under Probation’s supervision. This Workgroup has submitted approximately $18 million in recommendations over the last several years.

Neola noted that the CCPEC identified three items that the Programs and Services Workgroup was asked to provide additional details regarding:

**Indigent/Barrier Fund Removal** – The fund was approved for $2 million. The goal of this strategy is to have funds set aside that help people become stabilized either while they’re waiting for services or to remove barriers to services. Individuals that access this fund must be engaged in service delivery and need further assistance, for example: cell phone bill payment, getting a physical address, purchasing medication, etc. The fund is to pay for short-term immediate needs in order to assist with stabilization as individuals are applying for or waiting for long-term, more permanent services. Neola confirmed that the CCPEC agrees this is a good idea but wonders if it should be one organization or multiple organizations that oversee this $2 million. Neola explained that a brainstorming session will be held and that attendees will discuss the pros and cons of having one or multiple organizations administer the funds and a recommendation will be forwarded to the CCPEC for a final decision. Additionally, the attendees will discuss the amount of money that should be the cap, per person.

**Cognitive Behavioral Interventions** – The amount allocated and approved for this strategy is $500,000 for all clients supervised by Probation. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) addresses how you approach criminal thinking. CBT will assist individuals achieve better outcomes. Lastly, CBT will include incentives because the curriculum is between 6 – 12 weeks.

**Family Reunification** - $2 million has been approved and the CCPEC needs clarification on the definition of family. Neola noted that the Workgroup will have a brief discussion regarding the definition.

**Questions and Responses**

**Question:** Is the Cognitive Behavior Therapy capped at $500,000, or is there room to ask for additional funding? **Response:** The Assistant Chief agrees that $500,000 is not going to be enough to provide CBT to all the clients supervised by Probation. Once we determine how much more is needed, we can always go back to the CCPEC and add additional funds.

**Question:** Regarding the indigent barrier removal fund, will we discuss specific guidelines on what the funds could be used for and accounting for those funds? **Response:** Yes, that topic will be discussed either today or at a future meeting.

There were additional questions and discussion regarding the categories, prior to the brainstorming session.

**PRESENTATION:**

**Timelist –Earl Sims, Regional Director (East Bay) and Yusef-Andre Wiley, President/CEO**

Timelist is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit which is dedicated to serving families and communities impacted by incarceration. This program was created inside the Avenal State Prison in 2007 by a group of inmates serving life sentences. Initially, the members of this group, led by Yusef-Andre, began studying transcripts in order to find a legal loophole to get released from prison. Through their studies, they found a lack of insight and accountability, components of the state’s requirement to determine if a person is suitable for release. The group’s mindset shifted from looking for loopholes to addressing this lack of insight and accountability. They then designed a peer-to-peer based curriculum focusing on rehabilitation by developing skills such as: anger management, gang prevention and domestic violence prevention.

In its early days, Timelist’s courses were planned and practiced on the yard, in the general population at the prison. Former rival gang members were able to work together and resolve many issues, such as race relations, while overcoming barriers. As a result of Yousef’s hard work and the development of this program, he was able to expand and grow Timelist into an “Inmate Activity” group which is now offered inside of nine (9) prisons throughout California; the organization has aided the release of over 71 inmates with life sentences.

Today, over 1,000 inmates have benefitted from the services of Timelist. Timelist works with agencies such as St. Joseph Center, LA Trade Tech, CDCR-STOP Program, and Roots Community Health Center to provide a five-phase service plan to inmates. Services to inmates include: drug and alcohol counseling, life skills, pre-release self-help programming, housing, job-placement, harm reduction and trauma healing, along with the continued support of a life coach with the ultimate goal of self-sufficiency. Timelist is working to gain funding to replicate its social enterprise offered in Los Angeles, here in Alameda County. Click on the following link to view the power point presentation [Timelist Visual Presentation](https://www.acgov.org/calendar_app/DisplayDetailServlet?site=Internet&ag=PRO&ty=DEPT&m=7&d=22&y=2019&t=M&i=2018-12-21%2015:36:35.697)

**Next Meeting:** September 26, 2019 – Location: 1111 Jackson Street, 2nd Floor, Rooms 226-228, Oakland