

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 13, 2020
10:00 a.m.

Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers, 5th floor
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Supervisor Richard Valle, Chair
Supervisor Scott Haggerty

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

I. Update on General Orders 8.04 – Jail Security Access Policy & Survey Results

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Gustavo Mora, Lieutenant, Alameda County Sheriff's Office and Rodney Brooks, Executive Programs Coordinator, Alameda County Public Defender's Office presented an update on the Sheriff's Office General Orders 8.04 – Jail Security Access Policy and Survey Results.

Lt. Mora presented the following information to the Committee: The Alameda County Sheriff's Office worked with the AB 109 Process and Evaluation Work Group to enhance the process for allowing individuals with prior criminal convictions to enter Santa Rita Jail as service providers and volunteers.

Through discussions with the work group over the past year the Sheriff's Office has made some policy modifications that would be beneficial to provide formerly incarcerated individuals greater access to the inmate population in order to provide services offered through the Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee (CCPEC).

Rodney Brooks, Public Defender's Office, reported the following: Formerly incarcerated individuals are known to be highly effective care providers, especially in the area of peer-to-peer mentoring. They serve as role models, provide shared perspective, and demonstrate to clients that education and employment are attainable goals as well as steps toward a stable lifestyle. Contractor shall demonstrate the incorporation of the formerly incarcerated into their staffing for this project, whether already hired, or expected to be hired upon contract award.

Members of the Process and Evaluation Committee appreciate the collaboration with the Sheriff's Office to date and respectfully request that the Sheriff's Office develop an expedited policy for this population. The members of the Process and Evaluation Workgroup are willing to work with and support the Sheriff to make additional improvements to the policy.

Speakers

Rachell Romero, La Familia, Nelson Eridiano, La Familia, Earl McCleod, Building Opportunities for Self Sufficiency (BOSS), Ronald Broach, BOSS, Ke Lamm, Asian Prison Support Committee, and Joey Mason, employee, Alameda County Probation Department are formerly incarcerated persons who are now contracted to work with the inmate population have had issues being allowed access to Santa Rita Jail. Bob Britton, Faith In Action, would like to see policy changes including more transparency and in person appeals on denials.

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- Other:

Recommendation from Public Protection Committee: The Public Protection Committee recommended that the Public Defender contact the Alameda County Sheriff to discuss additional changes to the Jail Security Access Policy.

II. Santa Rita Jail Reentry Fair

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Dean White, Program Supervisor, Inmate Services Unit, Alameda County Sheriff's Office, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Santa Rita Jail Reentry Fair.

In 2007, the Sheriff's Office conducted its first Career Expo. The focus of the event has evolved from incarcerated persons to learn about career choices to learning about a wide variety of employment opportunities available upon release from custody.

The goals of the Santa Rita Re-Entry Expo and Job Fair are to Provide community based organizations, employers and government agencies pre-release access to more than 400 potential clients, including eliminate barriers to re-entry and employment for participants.

Partners for the Expo include the Social Services Agency, Alameda County Workforce Development Board and the Contra Costa County Workforce Development Board.

The 2019 Job Fair included 121 participants and fourteen (14) employers. The Re-Entry Expo of 2019 included 567 participants and 78 agencies.

These events are intent on reducing the impact of crime on communities by helping formerly incarcerated persons to acquire skills, attitudes and values needed to find and retain jobs and making positive contributions to the community.

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This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

III. American Correctional Association Audit Results

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David Bonnell, Lieutenant, Alameda County Sheriff's Office and Michelle Costeiu, Sergeant, Alameda County Sheriff's Office presented a PowerPoint presentation on the American Correctional Association Audit Results.

The American Correctional Association was founded in 1870 and is the oldest association developed for practitioners in the correctional profession. The Accreditation Standards are to improve facility operations through adherence to standards involving: 1) safety, 2) sanitation; 3) vehicle safety, 4) emergency preparedness/response and 5) security standards.

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office has received an overall accreditation score of 100% in mandatory standards and 99.3% in non-mandatory standards.

Speakers

Jean Moses questioned that the ACA audit did not contain any recommendations and believes that there is always room for improvement.

Jose Bernal, Ella Baker Center, Christine Mitchell, Human Impact Partners, Monifa, Ella Baker Center, Danny Thongsy, Justice Reinvestment Coalition, all spoke in criticism of the ACA accreditation process, as they have accredited several prisons and jails across the contract with documented problematic conditions within their systems.

Captain Derrick Hesselein, Santa Rita Jail, stated that the ACA audit focuses on standards and best practices, in addition, the Sheriff's Office is inspected by the Alameda Grand Jury, yearly health inspections in addition the jail is inspected and audit by other entities and have received high scores.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Abraham Medina, Earl Sims, Mike Muscadine, Erin Palacios, John Lindsay-Poland, Ali Birts, Daniel Mendoza, Larrie Noble, Nicole Lee, Maurveen Ford, Tash Nguyen, Monifa Akosua, Sharaavi Thapa, Marcia Lovelace, Dennis Fagaly, Jose Bernal, George Galvis, E.J. Pavia, Bob Paige, Janevete Cole, Barisha Spriggs, Maureen Kaldee, Danny Thongsy, Naima Shalhoub, Miguel Quezada, Debra Mendoza, Jose Moreno, Xochitil LaRios, Ricardo Jimenez and Jose Reyna all spoke in opposition of rebuilding the Camp Sweeney Detention Center.

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