

# ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PUBLIC PROTECTOR COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 9, 2019  
10:00 a.m.

*Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers, 5<sup>th</sup> floor*

County Administration Building

1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Supervisor Richard Valle, Chair  
Supervisor Scott Haggerty

## **SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES**

### I. Introduction and Overview of East Bay Family Defenders

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Eliza Patten, Co-Executive Director, East Bay Family Defenders and Zabrina Aleguire, Co-Executive Director, East Bay Family Defenders presented a PowerPoint presentation on the East Bay Family Defenders program.

The East Bay Family Defenders began in September 2018, serving Alameda County families in juvenile dependency court. The program lends collective power to parents' voice in decisions affecting their most sacred familial relationships. It is interdisciplinary, addressing the root causes that led to system involvement. The program is connected to the community through a robust network of partnerships to ensure that clients' complex needs are met.

Evidence of improved outcomes for children include:

- Increased number of children reunified to parents by 10%
- Quicker reunification with parents (at least 1 month sooner)
- Quicker placement of children into guardianships (104% faster)
- Quicker adoptions of children (83% faster)
- Less re-entry into foster care for children who are returned home (Re-entry rate cut in half)

**Purpose:**

- Report progress  
 Advocacy or Education  
 Request Public Protection Committee Recommendation or Position  
 Other:

This item is informational only and required no Committee action.

### II. Partners for Justice Advocates Grant Program Overview

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Brendon Woods, Public Defender, Alameda County Public Defender's Office, Marin Callaway, Diego Cardenas, Andrea Hernandez, Samuel Lin-Sommer and Aarish Rojiani, Partner's for Justice Advocates presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Partners for Justice Advocates Grant program.

The Partners for Justice Advocates supports low-income people in the criminal justice system with wraparound support and navigation to stabilize people in crisis and help them better meet their court obligations. In addition, advocates connect clients with legal and social service providers, leveraging existing community resources as part of a holistic team.

Partners with attorneys to ensure they can make important case decisions with full information about a client's struggles and priorities. Advocates help prosecutors and judges gain a fuller understanding of clients' life circumstances so they can be considered in legal decisions

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Lindsay-Poland, American Friends Service Committee, stated that there is a Bay Area UASI meeting tomorrow in Dublin and of the \$812,000 allocated for Alameda County and Contra Costa County, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office is using \$300,000 on helicopter surveillance. Mr. Lindsay-Poland encouraged more oversight of the Sheriff's Office and encouraged more frequent meetings of the Public Protection Committee.

Tracy Rosenberg spoke about the helicopter flir system the Sheriff's Office is proposing to purchase. A flir is a camera device that allows a person to see through certain objects. In law enforcement the use would be used to identify people hiding in buildings. There should be a use policy in place for new equipment.

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