

Alameda County SB823 Subcommittee Minutes

7.29.21

12:30pm - 2:30pm

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SB 823 Subcommittee Members in Attendance:

Interim Chief Marcus Dawal, ACPD

Alphonso Mance, PD

Hon. Ursula Jones Dickson

Juan Taizan, ACBH

Monica Vaughan, ACOE

Honorable Judge Ursula Jones Dickson

Andrea Zambrana, Conflict Counsel

Sargeant Yang, Police Department

Vamsey Palagummi, JJDPC

Emily Young, DPN

Hayden Renato, FOKC

Caryn Quezada, District 1 Representative

Erin Palacios, District 3 Representative

Trevor Arceneaux, District 4 Representative

- A. Call to Order & Roll Call
 - a. Call to Order at 12:35
 - b. Roll take by Adrienne Chambers
- B. Approval of Minutes
 - a. 7.15.21
 - i. Approved
 - ii. Juan Taizan & Caryn Quezada Abstained

New Business

- C. Revised SB 823 Outline - Discussion
 - a. Interim Chief Dawal, ACPD: Regarding regional agreements, I was on a CPOC call last Friday with all the Chiefs in California. There are plans to put together a consortium, which was done in conjunction with CSEC, CPOC, and another entity. Consortium would be working on plans and mechanisms if counties take on the endeavor to work on regional agreements to meet the needs of the special populations. There will be additional information to follow. CPOC as a body approved going in this direction. We will include



regional agreements as a standing item on the agenda, with updates on where the consortium is.

- b. Dani Soto, Impact Justice: The next full subcommittee meeting will be scheduled and in the meantime we will continue working at the workgroup level for at least this month.
- c. Juan Taizan, ACBH: The outline needs to specify what the mental health elements and services will be for youth in this unit. There should be a stand alone section that is very specific in terms of behavioral health and mental health.

D. Data Request Update - Announcement

- a. Interim Chief Dawal, ACPD: County Counsel has been reviewing the data request and has advised probation to handle this as a public records request. I want to emphasize that from probation's perspective we are making sure all the necessary steps are taken so that we are compliant with the law. County Counsel is reviewing specific data points and weighing in on each of them. An updated response has been provided to the requesters. Some of the data we have on the case management system but some we do not, this is why there is a need to review specific data points.
- b. Raymond Lara, County Counsel: We are treating this as a Public Records Act (PRA) request because it was presented in this way at the last meeting. Will need more time to review and determine whether we have all the documents and what objections are observed. Anticipates to have a response on or before a week from Monday, August 9th.
- c. Erin Palacios, District 3 Representative: We received the letter and appreciate that they will meet the timeline. However, we have this task to define the population and the data is critical for this process. It is impossible to do this work without a review of this data. The process should not have taken this long.
- d. Monica Vaughan, ACOE: I wanted to seek clarity on whether the subcommittee requested this data or if it was another group or individual that placed this request. I was wondering how we would make decisions to make these kinds of requests as a subcommittee. I want us to have the data to define the population well while also considering how youth may feel as not having privacy. In education, we are very careful not to ask about cases. I am concerned about the level of data as being able to identify individual youth. Wherever we can we should respect the youth who really should not be outed in this setting for specific identifiable things related to their cases. I hope we always take a protective posture with the population and be careful with identifiable information.
- e. Erin Palacios, District 3 Representative: I want to clarify I asked for broken up data. It is possible to identify youth but this is not the purpose. I think it would be wrong not to use this data.
- f. Raymond Lara, County Counsel: This request was not interpreted as coming from the full subcommittee. Once it is produced as a PRA it will be available to the public. We are taking the care that is necessary in regards to this very important information.
- g. Vamsey Palagummi, JJDPC: We are all aligned to the same goal. We shouldn't be having to ask for this data, it is needed to do this work. If we don't have this information then we will just be working on assumptions. We should be proactively receiving data to inform our work.

E. SB823: Program Plan- Presentation

a. Corrinne Lee, ACPD

- i. See slides from Corrine Lee

F. Workgroup Readouts - Discussion

- i. Mental Health, Specialized Treatment & Family Engagement

1. Lead: Al Mance, PD

- a. Have had a few opportunities to meet but the first meetings were mostly logistics and coordination, have just started talking about substance.
- b. Given the timeline, would like to request the help of an outside expert. Talking to Corrine has been a massive advantage and the workgroup is jumping on to the lead she has given us.
- c. Have been talking about a model that starts with case management who oversees the clinicians. Youth need quality and individually crafted therapy.
- d. Youth need culturally relevant experiences and opportunities to learn about their pasts, family support. Has seen kids who do well in a structured environment but once they are out things fall apart. Want to make sure youth have the necessary support. This is an opportunity to help them overcome their trauma.
- e. Importance of individualized services. The fact that we will have a small number means we can give individual attention to each youth and will not need to have too much staff.
- f. Importance of trust and relationships. We are doing something that is unprecedented. Talking to an expert who has developed existing programs that are already working is necessary.

- ii. Education, Vocational Training, & Reentry

1. Co-lead: Caryn Quezada, District 1 Representative

- a. Workgroup has mostly focused on education and vocational training and higher education opportunities. Have discussed needing to have a person to work with the youth throughout the entire process. ACPD mentioned they are hiring a reentry coordinator.
- b. Looking at ideas in partnerships with industries and employers. Also exploring ideas about community organizations and continuing education options beyond what ACOE has been able to offer. Looking to outsourcing as much as possible to meet the individual educational needs of each student.

- iii. Core Programming & Facilities

1. Lead: Vamsey Palagummi, JJDPC

- a. Looked at the timeline and felt a sense of urgency. Meeting weekly and thinking about meeting more frequently.
- b. Hammered out the outline and divided into three buckets: short term, intermediate, ideal scenario. Committed to work on this, read relevant documents and data and add to this before flushing out.

- c. Thank you to probation for sending Policies & Procedures Manual, this will be really informative in terms of what we want now, what we want to continue and tweak.
 - d. Happy to see a lot of the Camp programming which aligns with the discussions that the workgroup has been having in terms of what we want to happen.
- G. SB 823 Implementation & Legislation Updates - Discussion
 - a. Adrienne Chamber, ACPD
 - i. No new legislative updates to report on
 - b. Brian Ford, ACPD
 - i. General updates - there are still no youth ordered to the program at this point. Tours have been facilitated at JJC and Camp. There were a couple of people who were not able to make the tours so additional times will be offered.
 - c. Dani Soto, Impact Justice
 - i. Focus group updates - completed a focus group with 8 young men in Juvenile Hall and another focus group with young men who were previously at DJJ, which was getting at reentry experiences. Getting them formatted to share will all subcommittee members.
 - ii. In the process of coordinating with community based organizations to get together parents and family members of youth who have been incarcerated. Also planning interviews with girls who have spent time in the hall.
- H. Next Meeting Agenda Request
 - a. Dani Soto, Impact Justice: Anticipates the next full subcommittee meeting will be on August 26th or September 9th. This is to make sure the workgroups have as much time as possible to have their outlines worked out.
 - b. Al Mance, PD: Would like to include an agenda item regarding labor issues and funding. It is difficult to come up with a program when we don't know what we are talking about in terms of money and potential costs.
 - c. Interim Chief Marcus Dawal, ACPD: Some of the items have already been presented to the board in terms of staffing and could give an overview at this point.
- I. Public Comments
 - a. Evelyn Canal, Dream Beyond Bars Fellow: Making a comment for all those who can't speak. There is not enough time for the community to speak, we need more time especially for those who are directly impacted. There should be a majority of BIPOC individuals speaking at these spaces. Those directly impacted are closest to the solution and they need to be heard.
 - b. Kelvin Potts, Positive Communities Practice: It is a shame that public comments are limited to three minutes. Works with youth in the community and those who are incarcerated. Community input is being limited. Considers himself as a content expert through his experience with the youth. Wants to see more people in this call that can offer the perspective of the young men and women who have the experiences.
 - c. Hayden Renato, FOCK: wants to lift up what Evelyn stated about time constraints for public comment. Many are turned off to give public comment when they see there are only 5



minutes. Should consider extending it to 20 minutes to give an opportunity to speak so there is less of a fear they are not going to be heard.

- d. Interim Chief Marcus Dawal, ACPD: The point is well taken regarding time for public comment. ACPD will coordinate with Impact Justice to extend the time for public comment.
- e. Jesus M, Dream Beyond Bars Coordinator: Is anyone even listening? How will you give five minutes total to hear what the community has to say? Is there an estimate as to when there will be more time for the public comment?

J. Next Steps

- a. Dani Soto, Impact Justice: Continuing to work as workgroups for the next month at least. Will be communicating clearly when we will have the next full subcommittee meeting scheduled. Anticipating that if we need more time for the workgroups, we will make a decision once the date gets closer to see if we are ready at that time to reconvene.

K. Meeting Adjournment - 2:25