

# ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 8, 2014  
1:00 p.m.

Supervisor Richard Valle, Chair  
Supervisor Scott Haggerty

Location: Board of Supervisors' Chambers – Room 512 – 5th Fl

County Administration Building  
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

## Summary/Action Minutes

### I. Oakland Unite Supplemental Funding Request for Ceasefire Support Services

Interim Assistant Chief of Police, City of Oakland Paul Figueroa presented introductory comments regarding Oakland's Oakland Unite Ceasefire Program. Assistant Chief Figueroa stated that the Ceasefire Program has reduced criminal activity including shootings in the city of Oakland.

Sara Bedford, Director, Department of Human Services, City of Oakland and Josie Halpern-Finnerty, Program Planner, Oakland Unite Programs presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Oakland Unite Program.

Kevin Grant, Violence Prevention Network Coordinator, Oakland Unite Ceasefire Program, gave examples of the direct services provided to individuals and families, including help with food, clothing and funeral services. Mr. Gaines requested that the County support the funding request for the Ceasefire Program.

Marcus Dawal, Acting Deputy Chief, Probation Department, stated that Chief LaDonna Harris of the Probation Department has asked the Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee (CCP EC) to review a funding request to support the Ceasefire program.

The goals of the program are to directly engage high risk individuals and help them obtain better life outcomes, reduce gun violence and homicides and to build a safer and healthier city and county.

The Oakland Unite program requests funds from the County to fill a funding gap of \$440,00 to continue violence reduction programs in the city of Oakland.

#### **Speakers**

Scott Blake, Community Liaison, Allen Temple Baptist Church, partner with Ceasefire request that the County support the funding request.

Reverend Damita Davis-Howard, First Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, requested that the Committee support the funding request.

Captain Ersie Joyner, Oakland Police Department, supports the Ceasefire program and ask that the Committee support the funding request.

#### **Purpose:**

Report progress

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

**Recommendation from Public Protection Committee:** Request District 4 to work with the County Administrator's Office and the Probation Department to locate funds for one (1) case manager position for the Oakland Unite Ceasefire Program. The funding request will then come to the full Board of Supervisors for approval. Linked to the funding will be a one year evaluation.

## **II. Maximizing Opportunities for Mothers to Succeed (MOMS) Program and Back to Family Pilot at Santa Rita Jail**

Larry Hill, Executive Director, Centerforce, a community based organization, presented introductory comments regarding the Maximizing Opportunities for Mothers to Succeed (MOMS) program. The MOMS program offers resources to pregnant women and mothers who are incarcerated. Post release services are available to MOMS program participants.

Dolores Lyles, Regional Program Manager, Centerforce, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the MOMS program.

The MOMS program was established in September 1999 to assist incarcerated pregnant and mothering women reunify with their families, achieve self-sufficiency, strengthen their parenting skills and re-integrate back into the community.

Some of the components of the MOMS program include education through the Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program, mental health and substance abuse services through the Behavioral Health Care Services Agency and housing services through the Oakland Housing Authority.

Patricia Wells, Deputy Executive Director of Property Operations, Oakland Housing Authority spoke about the MOMS Transitional Housing Complex, in East Oakland. The 12 unit complex is designed to create a safe environment for women to rebuild their lives. It is fully furnished and includes on-site staff five days per week.

Lieutenant Melanie Ditzenberger, Director, Inmate Services, Alameda County Sheriff's Office is supportive of the program and stated since 1999, the MOMS program has served over 2,000 women.

The Alameda County Back to Family Pilot Program is a partnership with Centerforce, Probation Department and the Sheriff's Office designed to strengthen father and child connections and communication.

Back to Family is an evidence based curriculum designed as a twelve session workshop that deals with fatherhood issues, child support, substance abuse and co-parenting.

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This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**