

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee (CCPEC)

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This agenda item is being submitted for consideration by the Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee (CCPEC) at their meeting on May 16, 2022.

Title/Subject/Description: AB 109 Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder, Case and Care Management Services and Infrastructure: Providing Services and Sustaining Access for Alameda County Justice Involved Population

Background Information: Alameda County Behavioral Health (ACBH) works with its internal providers, Probation, and a variety of Community Based Organizations (CBOs) to bring Mental Health Services, Substance Use Rehabilitation and Case and Care Management services to justice involved populations throughout Alameda County through the use of AB 109 funding. Alameda County, through its partnerships have provided high-quality wrap around services to reduce recidivism and psychiatric emergency hospital rates for some of our most vulnerable justice involved populations. Between 2019 and 2021 68% fewer clients experienced psychiatric emergency hospitalizations and 69% of clients experienced fewer jail admissions after having engaged with AB 109 funded programming. AB 109 funds allow us to interrupt the cycle between mental illness and the legal system. AB 109 funding contracts are set to expire June 30, 2022. The current contracted amount of AB 109 funding for multiple programs is \$4,085,225. Funding covers over 150 programs across the ACBH system. ACBH is requesting Probation continue to fund Mental Health, Substance Use Rehabilitation, Case and Care Management and Infrastructure programming through FY 22/23 and increase the allocation by \$398,309 which represents Board approved COLA increases for contracted providers.

Fiscal Impact*, if any: \$4,483,534

Since FY 19/20, Alameda County Probation Department has provided \$4,085,225 per year to Alameda County Behavioral Health (ACBH) to help fund mental health and substance use disorder services for AB 109 clients. ACBH is requesting the \$4,085,225 allocation continue for FY 22/23 and subsequent years plus Board approved COLA for each year, for a total annual allocation of \$4,483,534.

Recommended action to be taken: Approve a one-year contract extension through FY 22/23 and increase the contract amount by \$398,309 with Alameda County Behavioral Health to total \$4,483,534, to be used for multiple programs that serve the AB 109 population so there can be continuity and sustainability of services.

**When requesting funding, please answer the questions in either Section 1 or 2 below. If requesting funding for a new program idea, answer the questions in Section 1. If requesting funding for a program with an existing AB 109-funded contract, answer questions in section 2.*

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Section 1: Requesting Funding for a New Idea

Addressed in the Logic Model

A logic model from the Programs and Services Workgroup may be attached in lieu of answering the following questions:

- What part of the AB 109 population do you propose to serve? (For example: unhoused individuals, clients disengaged from Probation services etc.)
- Which client needs are being addressed? (For example: housing, employment, substance abuse etc.)
- What are the objectives and benchmarks for success of the proposed program/activity?
- What are the resources and activities required by an organization to make the program successful? (For example: staffing, development of workshops etc.)
- How will Probation inform clients about the program/activity?
- If referrals don't come from Probation, how will clients be informed of the program/activity?

Background Research

- Is the initiative evidence-based or a promising new idea?
- If this is an evidence-based program, what does the research say about it?
- If there is existing research, was the research done on a population similar to the population the program anticipates serving?

- Is Probation funding any similar activities?
 - If Probation is funding similar activities, what is unique about this program/activity, why is it necessary?

Fiscal Impact

- What is the total proposed budget for your proposed program/activity?

Section 2: Request to Renew or Extend an Existing Contract

Information About the Program

- What part of the AB 109 population was served under the previous contract? (For example: unhoused individuals, clients disengaged from Probation Services, etc.)
 - Out-of-custody Mental Health clients
 - In-Custody Mental Health clients
 - Out-of-Custody Substance Use Disorder clients
 - Justice involved individuals needing; case and care management, housing, food and other immediate needs
- What client needs were addressed? (For example: housing, employment, substance abuse etc.)
 - In-custody mental health treatment
 - Justice Involved Case Management: Assessment, referrals, and care management to facilitate ongoing treatment and service coordination
 - Crisis services: crisis response program services
 - Out-patient services: links to housing, employment, primary care, mental health
 - Residential substance use rehabilitation: Recovery support services-management of symptoms and complications of substance withdrawal i.e. detoxification
 - Sub-acute services: Twenty-four-hour intensive treatment programs
 - Narcotics Treatment Programming: Opioid medication assisted treatment
- How many people did your organization serve under the contract?
 - *FY 20/21 – 5,654 clients we served through Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder and other ACBH service modalities under multiple contracts.*
 - How many people was your organization expected to serve under the contract? - *No data available at this time*
- Please provide a summary of the program.

ACBH and contracted community-based organizations provide mental health and substance use disorder services spanning over 150 unique programs county wide for AB 109 eligible community members within Alameda County. ACBH utilizes AB 109 funding to support community providers to ensure clients have access to quality Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder, Case and Care Management and other services.
- Please provide a list of the objectives achieved by the program/activity.
 - ***In-Custody Mental Health:*** *Provide high quality evidence-based Mental Health services to incarcerated individuals within Santa Rita Jail*
 - ***Out-of-Custody Mental Health:*** *Provide high quality evidence-based Mental Health and wrap-around services to community members impacted by the justice system*
 - ***Out-of-Custody Substance Use Disorder:*** *Provide assessment, referrals, and case and care management to facilitate ongoing treatment and services*

- **Case and Care Management:** *Provide Intensive reentry-focused case management program incorporating pre-release and post-release planning*
- Did your organization invest any resources to make the program/activity successful? (For example: staffing, development of workshops etc.)
 - The Forensic Diversion Reentry Outpatient Services department was created in 2021 and works in conjunction with other Alameda County Agencies and Departments to oversee and support AB109 funded Community Based Organizations. Juan Taizan, Director, Yvonne Jones, Associate Director and Program Specialists Daniel Ku and Catherine Lampi provide direct support for Forensic AB 109 programming.
 - ACBH invests in trainings and workshops that are open to all contracted Community-Based Organization (CBO) providers on an on-going basis
 - During monthly/bi-monthly operational meetings ACBH program leads provide technical assistance/support to CBOs including but not limited to:
 - Clinicians Gateway training
 - Coordination of ANSA training
 - Billing issues
 - Data support
- Did you do any outreach to the target population, outside of referrals by Probation? If so, what were the results of your outreach?

ACBH Request for Proposals include a description of program outreach modalities outside of direct referrals from Probation. Programs report on outreach efforts during reoccurring oversight meetings with ACBH program leads
- Describe how successfully your organization achieved your contract milestones and the other contract deliverables?

Fiscal Year 2020/2021

 - Mental Health –71% of AB 109 eligible clients successfully enrolled in programming reached their treatment goals
 - Innovations in Reentry Services: The five CBOs involved in the project saw approximately 324 AB 109 eligible individuals participate in support services; legal, mental health, housing and various work groups
 - SUD – 704 AB 109 eligible clients received services in the following modalities: Outpatient, Residential, Sobering/Detox, Opioid/Narcotic. 43% of clients connected with a recovery coach successfully connected to appropriate treatment and/or support services within 10-days.

Background Research

- Is the program/activity evidence based or a promising new idea?

ACBH Request for Proposals (RFPs) requires bids from programs to include descriptions of evidence-based practices.
- If the program/activity is an evidence-based program, what does the research say about it?

ACBH requires CBOs provide evidence-based background information in response to the RFPs. Many contracted providers use specific evidence-based modalities while others may refer to a variety of modalities to inform their work with community members/clients. A few of the evidence-based practices used are described below:

- **Cognitive Behavioral Health Therapy (CBT)** – helps the client recognize their own negative behavioral and emotional health patterns and aims to teach regulating skills
 - **Trauma Informed Treatment** – seeks to acknowledge the impact of widespread impact of trauma and develop coping strategies for clients and families
 - **Psycho-Education**-integrates emotional and motivational aspects that enable clients to cope with mental illness
 - **Critical Time Intervention**- CTI was originally validated on the Criminal Justice and Houseless population and has a steady body of data and research and is an EBP approved by SAMHSA.
 - **Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP)**: A self-management intervention that empowers individuals to plan for how best to support their own recovery and improve hopefulness.
 - **Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT)**: Originally developed to treat chronically suicidal clients, it has been found to help people cope with distressing thoughts, feelings and behaviors.
 - **Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR)**: A meditation therapy designed to foster stress management among other benefits.
 - **Seeking Safety**: Seeking Safety is an evidence-based, present-focused counseling model to help people attain safety from trauma and/or substance abuse.
 - **CBT for Psychosis**: CBT for psychosis aims at modifying dysfunctional beliefs by helping the person understand the link between perceptions, beliefs and emotional and behavioral reactions. CBT also helps the person question the evidence supporting his beliefs (whether they are psychotic or not).
- If there is existing research, was the research done on a population similar to the population served? *Yes, research includes populations similar to the target populations in the RFPs. Research shows these evidence-based practices have been used with Reentry, Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health populations.*
 - How do milestones/contract deliverable compare to the outcomes of similar work in other jurisdictions? *Compared to other jurisdictions Alameda County is robust and extremely diverse. The large number of AB109 programs meets the needs of our complex community.*
 - Is Probation funding any similar activities? *Probation funds many activities targeting the justice involved community*
 - If Probation is funding similar activities, what is unique about this program/activity, why is it necessary? *The funding covers the full spectrum of ACBH services. The variety of programming offered by ACBH is necessitated by the diverse needs of Alameda County communities.*

Program Data

- How many people were referred to the program/activity by Probation? *AB 109 programs have served approximately 5,654 clients in FY 20/21 through Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder modalities. ACBH and CBOs evaluate areas of growth and moving forward will improve referral tracking capabilities.*
- Why should the contract be extended/renewed rather than going out to bid? *ACBH provides services both internally and through contracts, this funding covers multiple programs. ACBH continues to build partnerships with our CBOs who are content experts in Mental Health and*

Substance Use Disorder services. Community organizations are close to community members and hire those with lived experience all of which inform how ACBH supports the county communities at large.

- Please provide program milestone and other contract deliverable data.
ACBH served 5,654 AB 109 eligible clients in Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Rehabilitation modalities, including but not limited to, crisis, hospital, residential, narcotics treatment, subacute and recovery residences providing more than 125,000 services county-wide.
- Has this contract been extended before? If so, how many times and why?
Yes, ACBH presented at the Community Corrections Fiscal Procurement Meeting on 3/10/20 to request the FY 18/19 allocation of \$2,900,000 be extended and increased by \$1,185,225, for a total allocation of \$4,085,225.

Fiscal Impact

- What is the total proposed budget for your proposed program/activity? *\$4,483,534*
- What was the total budget for the program/activity under the previous contract? *\$4,085,225*
 - If the proposed budget is higher than that of the previous contract, please justify the proposed increase.
ACBH is requesting only a COLA for the years that have elapsed since the existing allocation was approved, and will allocate the increased funding (\$398,310) to program(s) that do not have other ACBH funding sources.
 - If the proposed budget is lower than that of the previous contract, please explain why.

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