

Process and Evaluation Workgroup

Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2023

In attendance:

- **Rodney Brooks**, Alameda County Public Defenders Office
- **Janene Grigsby**, Alameda County Probation Department
- **Gina Temporal**, Alameda County Probation Department
- **Jason Sjoberg**, Alameda County District Attorneys Office
- **Nancy French**, Alameda County Probation Department
- **Shawn Rowland**, Our Road Prison Project
- **Alex Garcia**, Alameda County Probation Department
- **Alexa Young**, Alameda County Probation Department
- **Charlie Eddy**, Urban Strategies Council
- **Alex Garcia**, Alameda County Probation Department
- **Joe Rose**, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Alameda County South
- **Grant Quinoes**, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Alameda County South
- **Rick Wood**, Rubicon Programs
- **Tyler Zatcoff**, Alameda County Probation Department

The August meeting attendees introduced themselves.

A brief update was given on the status of developing data which can be reported to the Process and Evaluation Workgroup on a regular basis. The questions/data that were put forward by the attendees of the July meeting are being reviewed. The expectation is to have a more detailed conversation at the September meeting.

A recap of the discussion from the July meeting and a chart of the current specified Process and Evaluation Workgroup activities and objectives was presented to the group to trigger discussion about potential amendments to what the Workgroup will evaluate in the future.

Attendees of the meeting took 10 minutes to review the materials posted on the Probation website in preparation for the meeting.

A summary of the discussion about the potential changes to the currently specified activities and objectives for the Process and Evaluation Workgroup is below:

- In an effort to provide some clarity about the population served, a distinction between the work of the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) and Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee (CCP EC) was made.
- It was suggested the Workgroup may want to consult with an Industrial Engineer from UC Berkeley to coordinate the activities of the other entities working to implement AB 109 activities in the County.
- What is being asked of the Workgroup is too broad and unrealistic.
- We need to start evaluating immediately, the initial objective calls for developing a plan for how we are going to evaluate what is working and what is not working.
- Perhaps we need to continue what we have done to date, looking at the obstacles to our clients and institutions.
- If we are interested in continuing to identify and address barriers, it would require collaborating with the other workgroups.
- How do we define success? Is it possible to get that information from current clients?
- Perhaps a Mission Statement about how to meet the goals would be better than defining an overall objective for the Workgroup.
- It is difficult to define activities without understanding the Workgroup's overall objective.
- The group requested and was presented with a more comprehensive description of the Community Corrections Partnership and the Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee in addition to a clearer distinction of their roles and responsibilities.
- Attendees of the meeting moved toward looking at which activities and objectives should be eliminated because they are unrealistic.
- It was decided that "Articulating the Community Corrections Partnership Goals for Realignment in Alameda County" is too broad.
- It was decided to survey what other Workgroups see as their goals and responsibilities in an effort to develop tangible outcomes for AB 109 clients.
- Attendees of the meeting agreed to revisit the issue of measuring the "realignment benchmarks" after the pending evaluation of the contracted programs and work of the government agencies is completed.
- It was agreed that the Workgroup would be a good place to develop a structure for allowing community input into the County's Realignment planning and implementation as outlined in the original document. However, designing the

process will require dedicated time and creativity and could not be considered a short term goal.

The meeting adjourned at 12:07