

ALAMEDA COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Friday, January 22, 2021· 11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
via “Microsoft Teams”

MEETING MINUTES

Present:

Wendy Still, Chief Probation Officer (Chair)	Eric von Geldern, District Attorney's Office, Designee
Jeff Tudor, San Leandro Chief of Police	Rodney Brooks, Public Defender's Office, Designee
Rich Lucia, Undersheriff, Designee	Juan Taizan, Alameda County Behavioral Health

Absent:

Judge Charles Smiley, Superior Court

Attendees:

Brown, Jenifer	Dawal, Marcus	Henzi, Christy	Smith, Tim
Cao, Binh	Debus-Sherrill, Sara	Klein, Meryl	Uriarte, Monica
Chen, Howard	Frazier, Donald	Lai, Sophia	Walker, Darryl
Baker, Karen	Gipson, Sylvia	Lovett, Alysia	Warner, Jessie
Clifton, Aubrey	Grigsby, Janene	Mason, Joey	Weiss, Steve
Conner, Shauna	Ho, Hee	Oddie, Sarah	Additional Guests: 14

- I. **Call to Order and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM
- II. **Public Comment on Any Item Listed Below for "Discussion Only":** None
- III. **Review and Adoption of 09/21/2020 Meeting Minutes:** Rodney Brooks moved to approve the 09/21/2020 meeting minutes as written, Rich Lucia seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously
- IV. **Review and Adoption of 11/10/2020 Special Meeting Minutes:** Eric von Geldern moved to approve the 11/10/2020 meeting minutes as written, Rodney Brooks seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously
- V. **Review and Adoption of 11/16/2020 Meeting Minutes:** Rich Lucia moved to approve the 11/16/2020 meeting minutes as written, Eric von Geldern seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously
- VI. **Community Advisory Board (CAB) Update – Chief Still**
 - A. Current CAB Vacancies: District 1: (2), District 2: (0), District 3: (0), District 4: (0) and District 5: (0)
 - B. District 1 has a new Supervisor, David Haubert, succeeding outgoing Supervisor Scott Haggerty
- VII. **George Mason University's AB-109 Program Assessment – Sara Debus-Sherrill**
 - A. AB-109 Program Assessment goals: (1) Conduct a comprehensive survey of the type of services provided with AB-109 funding; (2) Examine the use of evidence-based practices (EBP) and other promising approaches within those services; (3) Compare available programming to the needs of the population; (4) Determine training and technical assistance needs
 - B. The RNR Simulation Tool (Tool) will be used for the assessment, www.gmuace.org/tools; the tool helps with decision making with justice involved populations; used in over 200 local and state jurisdictions
 - C. Two of the Tool's three assessment tools will be utilized:

1. Program Assessment tool: This tool utilizes an on-line program survey that uses criteria from research to identify major areas of strengths and improvement for programs across the following six domains: Risks, Needs, Responsivity, Implementation, Dosage, and Structure
 - a. The program assessment tool classifies programs based on the needs they target; rates key program features; links to meta-analyses/systematic review (EBP program features associated with client success); and classifies and rates each program by type
 - b. Programs are rated across the six domain areas and given an overall score – each domain area includes a customized recommendation on how the program can align more with EBP
2. Jurisdiction Assessment tool: This tool looks at the jurisdiction as a whole to determine if the existing programs have the capacity to meet the needs of the clients in that jurisdiction – population needs are assessed by category, i.e., Substance Use Disorder, Criminal Thinking, Life Skills Development, etc.

D. In summary: The RNR Simulation Tool is not a test, but a tool for program growth and improvement; the Tool is one component of Alameda County Probation Department’s capacity enhancement efforts to help the organizations increase their use of EBPs while helping providers meet the requirements for future Alameda County funding; this assessment will also guide the development of a future community-based organization (CBO) leadership academy and the upcoming \$500,000 EBP RFP

E. Next steps: Will reach out to eligible organizations in January/February 2021; launching program assessment in mid-February/March; Program Assessment analysis in summer and Jurisdictional Assessment in fall

F. The Tool is funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), the Center for Substance Abuse and Treatment (SAMHSA) and the Public Welfare Foundation

G. Please contact Sara Debus-Sherrill at sdebush@gmu.edu if you have any questions

H. Discussion:

1. The assessments will focus on adult programs funded by AB-109 – Probation is open to having a discussion about extending the assessment to other programs after the AB-109 program review
2. Some organizations have multiple programs; the assessment will evaluate each program
3. This Tool will assess the efficacy of programs, adherence to EBP and project the volume of services available in relationship to client needs, it will not take into account the evaluation of the *Community Capacity Fund*, which invested in CBO's to strengthen their ability to provide services
4. RDA's report looked at the effectiveness of services in regards to recidivism rates, this evaluation will help provide feedback on program models and practices to determine how well aligned these programs are with EBP and how programs and the Probation Department can focus future resources, training and funding to help support the programs becoming more evidence-based – this is an information tool to help guide future decisions (helps the County and programs)
5. Will *Direct Cultural and Experiential Responsivity* be assessed as part of this evaluation? There are a number of questions asking about staff background and experience; the importance of lived experience and cultural competency is valued and needs to be part of the evaluation

ACTION ITEM: Sarah Debus-Sherrill will double check on whether or not Direct Cultural Experiential Responsivity is a part of the assessment and report back

ACTION ITEM: The RNR Simulation Tool PowerPoint will be posted on Probation's website and in the chat

VIII. Workgroup Updates

A. Fiscal and Procurement Workgroup – Wendy Still

1. **Contracts Update – Monica Uriarte**

- a. Employment Vendor Pool – Proposals for Round 6 are due Feb 3rd; seeking vendors outside of the Oakland area (Oakland providers are excluded)
- b. Housing: Genesis Worship Center – Contract is finalized
- c. AC Reentry Housing Vendor Pool – RFPQ is finalized
- d. Sex Offender Treatment – The RFP will be released in February or early March
- e. Cognitive Behavior Intervention Services & Incentives: Moved to GSA for finalization, should be posted soon

ACTION ITEM: Will report out on the date of the Women/Mother's Services listening session

- f. Discussion: The \$550,000 for Sex Offender Treatment will go to organizations that will provide services for our clients that cannot afford their treatment; while the Sex Offender Treatment RFP is in development, requisitions are being used to cover the cost of treatment for those who need it

2. AB 109 Designation Account Update – Howard Chen

- a. Fiscal Years 16-19
 - i. Funds were moved from the *Commitments* column to the *Pending* column after the Board of Supervisors approved \$3,305,142 for *Family Reunification – Therapy and Legal Services* (Board Letter dated 2/25/2020); \$305,142 was funded from FY 16-19 (Line #13) and \$3 million from FY 19/20 (Line #9)
 - ii. FY 16-19 available balance is \$1,028,064: unallocated funds of \$110,217 plus \$917,847 in funds available for reinvestment
- b. Fiscal Year 19/20
 - i. Funds were transferred from the *Commitments* column to the *Pending* column after approval of \$1,119,321 for *Housing Fresh Start* (Board Letter dated 12/15/2020, PC#21462): \$147,000 (Line #12) in FY 19/20 and \$972,321 from FY 20/21 (Line #6)
 - ii. FY 19/20 available balance is \$0; funds have been fully allocated
- c. Fiscal Year 20/21
 - i. Annual Housing Allocation (line #5): \$263,796 was transferred from the *Commitments* column to the *Pending* column (Board letter dated 12/15/2020)
 - ii. FY 20/21 available balance is \$5,309,316
- d. Discussion:
 - i. The Funds Available for Reinvestment column includes allocations that were never fully awarded and/or the vendor did not fully expend the funds awarded

ACTION ITEM: The approach to utilizing reinvestment funds will be included on the March 15th CCPEC agenda and the Programs and Services Workgroup should have the discussion

- ii. \$1 million was allocated for Innovations in Reentry, the bid came under \$1 million; additionally, due to COVID, not as much funds were expended as expected and the contract term has ended – should the approach be to extend the contract term so that all the funds can be consumed or allow the contract to end as expected; should the type of contract or initial terms of the program be determinative (limited period pilot program versus on-going)?
- iii. AB-1950 will terminate probation early for at least 1,800 probationers; those whose probation has been terminated early, based on the AB-109 definition, would no longer qualify for services – Chief Still does not support cutting off anyone's services and will

bring forward a proposal to CCPEC to continue funding services to this population for one year after probation termination

- (1) Extension of services only, as individuals will no longer be under any type of supervision

ACTION ITEM: March agenda item: Extended services for those effected by AB-1950

- iv. Do service providers start providing services in the year the allocation is made or do services not begin until after a contract is in place?
 - (1) Services do not start when the allocation is made; when an allocation is voted on by the CCPEC, that allocation is listed in the Commitment column; when the Board of Supervisors (BOS) approves the recommended allocation, the funds are moved from the Commitment column to the pending column; when a contract is in place and payment made, funds are moved to the actual column – the actual column is reflective of services that have been or are currently being offered
- v. How can one tell from the documents provided which services are currently being provided?
 - (1) Shauna Conner and her Community Reentry and Outreach team have put together videos and pamphlets that showcase the services that are currently available
 - (2) Knowing what services are currently being provided will support service providers with helping their clients gain access to those services

ACTION ITEM: Probation will provide a list of all the current contracted services (update monthly)

3. BOSS Realignment Housing Project – Karen Baker

- a. Probation's contract with BOSS's Hope House expired December 31st; BOSS has a new, COVID friendly facility that can house 12 clients in individual rooms (Hope House provided dorm style housing)
- b. BOSS's Realignment Housing Project will cost \$560,873. Approval is needed for \$460,344; remaining funds of \$100,529 will come from previous CDA Hope Housing Project allocation
- c. Discussion:
 - i. New facility can accommodate 290 registrants
 - ii. Cost neutral, lateral move from one location to a new, more COVID friendly location
 - iii. Single room occupancy is better for clients coming home than a congregate facility
- d. ***Unanimous vote to approve \$560,873 for BOSS's Realignment Housing Project***

B. Process and Evaluation Workgroup – Rodney Brooks

1. The workgroup has been meeting with the staff at the Roots trailer to get a better understanding of the services they provide and their future needs

C. Programs and Services Workgroup – Shauna Conner

1. Due to the holidays, there has not been a meeting since the last CCPEC meeting in November; the next meeting will be Thursday, January 28th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
2. At the upcoming meeting, the workgroup will continue to discuss gaps and challenges and have clients share about their experience accessing services during COVID

D. Data and Information Management Workgroup – Eric von Geldern

1. Will continue to look at RDA's evaluation and will work with George Mason University as they conduct the AB-109 program assessment

IX. Public Comment

- A. The District Attorney's office is working with the Probation Department to proactively implement AB-1950 rather than it being a matter of petition – probation has identified all clients eligible for early termination of Probation under AB-1950
1. AB-1950 shortened probation terms: misdemeanor supervision to a year and felony supervision to two years, with some exclusions
 2. Legislation was effective as of January 1, 2021 – Probation identified which probationers would qualify and provided that list to all the Public Protection Partners; the District Attorney has taken that list and identified the first 150 probationers who meet the criteria to fast track their termination with the Court
 3. Looking into how to adapt to mitigate any unattended negative consequences of early termination
 4. Alameda County has been progressive and bold and Chief Still encourages the County and its partners continue to do ground-breaking work, and pursue and advocate for criminal justice reform
 - a. Chief Still – inspired by a trip to Norway with Sydney Kamlager and a group of legislatures and government office staff interested in justice reform, and with data from the *Justice Reinvestment Project* that showed if someone was going to recidivate it would be within the first 18 months of supervision – spent the past 10 years championing the shortening of probation sentences
 - b. Sydney Kamlager authored AB-109 and Chief Still testified as her expert in support of reducing probation sentences
- B. Of the 59 Chiefs in the State, Chief Still was the only Chief to break from the *Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC)* association and testify in support of reducing probation sentences; the other 58 Chiefs testified against a reduction in probation sentences due to concerns about its impact on SB-678 funding

X. Next Meeting – March 15, 2021

XI. Meeting Adjourned at 12:45 PM