

ALAMEDA COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

QUARTERLY MEETING

July 21, 2021 · 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Present:

Dawal, Marcus (Chair)	Smiley, Judge Charles (Judge Tara Desautels' Designee)
Anderson, Chief Gina (Newark Sheriffs)	Spooner, Kamarlo (Community Representative)
Banks, Raymond (Victims of Crime Rep.)	Vaughan, Monica (Superintendent Monroe's Designee)
Basoco-Villareal, Anissa (Director Cox's Designee)	Wiley, Terry (DA O'Malley's Designee)
Chaudhry, Aneeka (Director Chawla's Designee)	

Attendees:

Abernathy, Lisa				
Ai, Peejay	Cheng, Mike	Khine, Meemee	McKinney, Mildred	Russo, Jenna
Anderson, Deborah	Conner, Shauna	Klein, Meryl	Mitchell, Kelly	Toro, Jason
Baker, Karen	Eddy, Charlie	Jones, Yvonne	Mottley, Ocean	Turner, Charles
Belowich, Steven	Frazier, Donald	Lacy, Shahidah	Nance, Phyllis	Zatcoff, Tyler
Berrios, Annabelle	Grigsby, Janene	Lee, Corrine	O'Neill, Gavin	Additional Guests: 2
Bituin, Maria Eleonor	Guillory, Stacey	Leonard, Patrick	Oddie, Sarah	
Boykin, Rhonda	Hobbs, Nathan	Maake, Nani	Rios Reddick, Veronica	
Bremond, Kevin	Kay, Alexandra	Mason, Joey	Rueda, Diana	

1. Call To Order/Introductions

2. Review and Adoption of the [CCP Meeting Minutes 7-15-2020](#) – Minutes reviewed and approved

3. Subcommittee Report (discussion and action)

The Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved the [Strategic Plan](#) on August 4, 2020; as part of that work, the CCP meets quarterly to assess the County's progress in certain areas then make revisions to the Plan; Strategies implemented:

A. Community/Civic Engagement – Kamarlo Spooner, Co-Chair, Raymond Banks, Co-Chair

- i. Strategy #1: The Community Advisory Board (CAB) advocated for a formerly incarcerated person to be their notetaker; developed a web-based CAB membership application for greater community accessibility; advocated for a violence prevention/intervention program
- ii. Strategy #2 & #4: Increased CAB membership – now have three members representing each district
- iii. Strategy #3: Hosted housing forum; Buck Breaking presentation (sexual exploitation of black males in the past/correlation to present problems); established Survivors Subcommittee; advocated for housing for women, women with children and 290 registrants
- iv. Strategy #4: Implemented CAB Exit Interview questionnaire
- v. Strategy #5: Established Survivors Subcommittee
- vi. **Priorities for Fiscal Year 2021/2022**: **1)** Advocate for CAB Chair to serve as a voting member of the Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee (CCPEC); **2)** Increase CAB's influence on policy, funding, and other related matters; **3)** Improve the data decision making process; **4)** Determine how to best support and advocate for survivors of crime; **5)** CAB Retreat

B. Education –Monica Vaughan, Designee

- i. Strategy #10: Developed education services for Transition-Age Youth (TAY); education services offered through partnership with Youth Employment Partnership (YEP)

- ii. **Priorities for Fiscal Year 2021/2022:** **1)** Increase number of participants utilizing educational services in County facilities to 15% within 1 year of implementation; **2)** Conduct in-custody math, English, and career interest assessments to determine appropriate education services both in-custody and post-release 1 year of implementation; **3)** Expand current inmate intake process to include education and employment history to create a population baseline

C. Family Reunification/Stability – Phyllis Nance, Co-Chair, Kevin Bremond, Co-Chair

- i. **Strategy #6:** Alameda County Probation Department (ACPD) contracted with Family Reunification providers to assist re-entry clients with assimilating back into their families and communities; launched Fatherhood Partnership Mini-Grants Program; continued to convene the Father-Friendly Provider Network (FFPN)
- ii. **Strategy #8:** ACPD maintains a Domestic violence (DV) caseload supporting clients in their rehabilitation; the County works with a myriad of DV Prevention providers that offer Batterers Treatment programs; ACPD contracts with Centerforce to offer culturally relevant parenting classes
- iii. **Strategy #11:** Implemented a housing pool and contracted with providers to offer housing stipends to families hosting a re-entry family member
- iv. **Strategy #13:** Employment Services and programs offered – client participation bonus incentives, increased subsidized work hours, paid job training, resume building and pre-employment workshops; Educational Services and programs offered – basic adult education, GED, and college programs
- v. **Priorities for Fiscal Year 2021/2022:** **1)** Increase and prioritize child supportive services for returning parents; **2)** Identify, increase, and prioritize education and employment opportunities for returning parents

D. Substance Abuse – Nathan Hobbs, Designee

- i. **Strategy #1:** 24-hour coverage in booking at SRJ; all booked individuals receive initial mental health and brief SUD (Substance Use Disorder) screening by AFBH (Adult Forensic Behavioral Health) staff
- ii. **Strategy #2:** All on-site SUD services halted at SRJ due to COVID-19 were switched to tablet-based services; a federal grant funded program through the Department of Justice was started - CSAMI (Co-Occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Illness) Program, which focuses on the SRJ African American male population who have co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders
- iii. **Strategy #3:** Options Recovery Services conducts limited in-person counseling and assessment services three times a week at Santa Rita Jail (SRJ)
- iv. **Strategy #4:** Wellpath provides continuation of Methadone and Buprenorphine treatment at SRJ; MAT (Medication-Assisted Treatment) learning collaborative continues
- v. **Priorities for Fiscal Year 2021/2022:** To Be Determined

E. Mental Health – Yvonne Jones, Designee

- i. **Strategy #1:** ACBH 24-hour coverage in booking at SRJ; all booked individuals receive initial mental health screening; those identified through Wellpath or ACBH receive in-depth screening
- ii. **Strategy #2:** ACBH created new Forensic, Diversion, Re-Entry System of Care; AFBH provided a 30-day supply of medication upon the client's discharge and prescriptions could be sent to local pharmacies for those able to pick-up there; transportation – worked with the Safe Landing Project to have Uber vouchers and secure direct transport services to BART; expanded connections upon release through expanding the AFBH Discharge Team by implementing the Safe Landing Project in 2020
- iii. **Strategy #3:** Increased capacity to meet treatment and case management needs of SMI (Serious Mental Illness) and M2M (Mild-to-Moderate) clients; increase flexibility to serve entire mental health re-entry population, ensuring clients are connected to right matched care
- iv. **Strategy #4:** Contracts include peer specialist with lived mental health (MH)/formerly incarcerated experience; Office of Peer Recovery Services provides re-entry peer specialist training; DA's office organized forensic peer specialist trainings

- v. Strategy #5: DA and ACPD (Alameda County Police Department) launched a new pre-arrest diversion program, including Navigation Center; ACPD receives training on Crises and Trauma Informed Care (TIC); appropriately assign clients to right matched care
- vi. Strategy #6: County contracts require hiring, training, and use of culturally responsive MH staff/services; encourage hiring of bicultural, bilingual, and staff with lived experience; language line/interpretation
- vii. **Priorities for Fiscal Year 2021/2022**: **1)** Provide discharge planning for all individuals with known mental health needs in Alameda County jails; **2)** Enhance continuum of care for mild-to-moderate/severe mental illness through dedicated information sharing channels; **3)** Evaluate and enhance evidence-based and culturally relevant practices

F. Physical Health – Aneeka Chaudhry, Designee

- i. Strategy #1: Significant effort toward County’s overall response to COVID-19; collaboration with Wellpath, AFBH and the Sheriff’s Office for medical services and discharge planning
- ii. Strategy #2: Partnered with Roots Safe Landing at SRJ to assist with medical services, linkages, and Medi-Cal
- iii. **Priorities for Fiscal Year 2021/2022**: **1)** Establish combined testing and vaccination sites in targeted communities; **2)** Release Request for Proposal (RFP) to partner with CBOs to collect data on vaccination rates; **3)** Prepare of CalAIM implementation

G. Housing – Riley Wilkerson, Designee

- i. Strategy #1 & #3: In final stages of revising the Coordinated Entry System (CES); ACPD met with government partners and stakeholders
- ii. Strategy #5: Housing providers utilization of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- iii. Strategy #7 & #10: ACPD quarterly housing pool; ACPD housing focus groups; Cares Act funding/emergency housing vouchers (800)
- iv. **Priorities for Fiscal Year 2021/2022**: To Be Determined

H. Workforce Development/Employment – Rhonda Boykin, Designee

- i. Strategy #1, #2 & #3: ACPD implemented an employment pool process for continued expansion of employment strategies
- ii. Strategy #1: Rubicon’s Education Partnership (REP) provides support through whole person employment and post-secondary education supports; ongoing engagement with potential employers through an employer database for continued outreach and relationship building; ongoing efforts of the Alameda County Re-Entry Hiring Initiative (formerly 1400 jobs programs)
- iii. Strategy #2: Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO) developed the Constituent Voice Initiative
- iv. Strategy #3: Developed printed materials, videos and fact sheets regarding employment services offered through collaborations with Workforce Development Board and various employment service providers
- v. Strategy #5: Satisfaction Survey developed and administered by BOSS for program participants exiting employment services programming
- vi. **Priorities for Fiscal Year 2021/2022**: **1)** Develop approaches to better address barriers to employment, such as cognitive behavioral interventions, substance use, soft skills development, etc. in effort to improve job retention among target population; **2)** Increase positive job matching to address long term job retention; **3)** Expand partnerships with employers to develop a pathway from incarceration to employment through prerelease services

I. Discussion:

- i. Addressing concerns about the coordination of the initiatives and systems of care – the Re-Entry Unit is being built-out: (1) There will be Re-Entry Service Coordinators over the various areas (Education, Employment, SUD, Housing) who will know what’s happening with the re-entry population and will be helping to coordinate the subcommittees along with the Chairs; (2) There will be 5 Community Outreach Workers utilizing the Peer Model; (3) There will be a Division Director over Community Behavioral Health

liaison, which will be able to interface with Behavioral Health on their various programs; and, (4) A Program Development and Design Unit was developed to support the different initiative for the adult and juvenile sides

- ii. The re-entry community is dynamic, so the plan will have to change, and these committees will help assess what needs to be revised
- iii. CAB wants to be a voting member of the CCPEC; this is a legislative matter, and the CAB was encouraged to contact State representatives

4. Annual CCP Report: FY21/22

- A. A request was sent to agencies involved in the report to supply information by August 16; subcommittees that did not identify priorities for FY21/22 will need to submit that information by August 16 for the CCP Report; there will be a review of the report at the next CCP meeting; the report will go to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) in November and is expected to be submitted to the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) in December.

5. Next Meeting – October 6, 2021

6. Public Comments

- A. Charles Turner commented that Neola Crosby had one person from each subcommittee meet bi-monthly or monthly to cross ideas and keep the information flowing between committees; CAB's representation on the board is a big step from in the beginning, and while it may be slow, progress is happening
- B. The next evening meeting will be Fiscal and Procurement on August 2 at 5:30 PM
- C. Shauna Conner thanked Lisa Abernathy for coordinating the subcommittee meetings, as well as the Subcommittee Chairs; she also thanked Kamarlo Spooner for his dedication and hard work, and welcomed Alexandra Kay as the new CAB Chair

7. Adjournment at 4:49 PM