

CCP Data & Information Management Workgroup Minutes

Date: August 9, 2024

Scheduled Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Meeting Facilitator: Alameda County Deputy District Attorney Jason Sjoberg on behalf of District Attorney Pamela Price.

Attendees:

Rodney Brooks, Alameda County Public Defender
Ayana Cruz, Building Opportunities for Self Sufficiency (BOSS)
Mike Davis, BOSS
Alex Garcia, Alameda County Probation Department (ACPD)
Moses Garcia, BOSS
Janene Grigsby, ACPD
Laurie Lucky, ACPD
Denise Moody, BOSS
Joe Rose, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
Dr. Maisha Scott, BOSS
Janica Wilson, ACPD
Rick Wood, Rubicon Programs
Robert Villanueva, NAMI

Meeting minutes:

1. Called to order.
2. Introduction of meeting attendees.
3. Review of meeting minutes from July 12, 2024.
4. Adoption of July 12, 2024, meeting notes.
5. Mr. Sjoberg provided an overview of the current focus of the Workgroup, the Sheriff's Department Reception Center, and the current engagement of CBOs with the Reception Center. Representative of Building Opportunities for Self Sufficiency (BOSS) were in attendance to present on the various programs available through their organization.
6. Dr. Scott introduced several staff members of BOSS who presented on the services currently being offered by BOSS:
 - a. Ayana Cruz discussed BOSS services at the Eastmont Campus, a multidisciplinary team that includes the Workforce Development Department, which provides job readiness courses for individuals who need additional support navigating the job market. This includes interview training, resume development, and one-on-one intensive case management with wrap-around services. The Eastmont Campus also includes the

Education and Career Pathways Department (through Oakland Adult Career Education), which supports participants in obtaining their GED or high school equivalency. BOSS also offers entrepreneurship classes through Work at Will and community healing events including career fairs hosted at the Eastmont Campus. BOSS participants are connected with a case manager and job developer who work on developing an individualized service plan.

- b. Dr. Scott notes that BOSS is hosting a job fair at Merritt College on November 14, 2024.
- c. Question presented: is it feasible to get access to these services at Santa Rita Jail (SRJ)?
 - i. Ms. Cruz noted that some of the job readiness services (i.e. preparing a resume development and interviewing training) could be implemented at Santa Rita Jail.
 - ii. Dr. Scott explained that an intake specialist could be assigned to SRJ to introduce BOSS services to potential clients so that when they are released from custody access to services is expedited.
- d. Moses Garcia discussed BSCCRA (Board and State Community Connection Rental Assistance Program) which provides financial assistance to adults who have been to prison. Including move in and back rent costs for to maintaining housing stability. This includes utility costs.
 - i. Dr. Scott notes the connection to these services could be made in custody. She noted that target population includes people who have been to prison at any time and that a representative at the Reception Center would help a person connect to services who has recently been arrested and is likely to be released.
 - ii. The suggestion was made to include a question on the Reception Center Question about whether a person has been to prison because to facilitate connection to services.
 - iii. Dr. Scott suggested that the question should be framed in a way that explains that if a person has been to prison, there are additional services for which the person may qualify.
- e. Denise Moody presented BOSS' Women's and Children Campus, a 21 bed facility for women and children. On site there is clinical case manager and housing navigator. The site also provides case management for their clients to provide housing and financial stability, and to unify with their children. Each residence is a three bedroom with a "mom suite" and can accommodate up to three children. Necessities are provided as

well as a food voucher for \$196 every week. All participants are required to attend a weekly group meeting where issues of life skills or substance abuse are discussed. There is also a wholistic healing group offered on Sundays. The facility is secure and staffed 7 days a week.

- i. Referral and participation are limited to persons currently on probation or have an active case pending (i.e. are on diversion). The program accepts persons on GPS monitoring.
 - ii. Clients can stay at the facility their entire probation period and are eligible for a 6 month extension.
- f. Mike Davis presented on the New Hope Reentry Campus, a 10-bed facility that provides wrap-around services for men on probation in Alameda County. Services include weekly CBT groups including anger management, trauma awareness, and personal development. Each participant received \$146 food voucher weekly. Additional services are offered in financial literacy as well as referral services for mental health counseling/therapy and employment. Referrals are made from Probation. Participants may stay 12 months with a 2 month extension to facilitate transition to permanent housing. Staffed 7 days a week by persons with lived experience who are examples to the clients of the facility. The program is voluntary and a participant can leave at any time, but persons who avail themselves of have the opportunity to save money and ultimately become self-sufficient.
- g. Question presented: how impacted are the various BOSS programs?
 - i. One bed is currently available at the New Hope Reentry Campus and eight beds at the Women's and Children's Campus. Ms. Moody indicated a drop off occurs during the summer, but that the overall success rates for clients who are permanently housed through the program has been very good. Mr. Davis noted that the Hope House is often full, but periodically has two to three vacancies that are quickly filled.
- 7. Rick Wood's presented on Rubicon's Hire Grant, an employment program designed to provide linkage to employment within the community. The program provides 95 persons with stipends of \$900 a month. Half of the persons are AB109 eligible and half are eligible for linkage to services while at Santa Rita Jail. The program would like to be engaged with the Reception

Center, but some concern was expressed over whether a person who wants to participate would have to be referred to the Five Keys program first.

8. Joe Rose, Executive Director of NAMI, which focuses on supporting people with mental illness and their caregivers, explained that he is concerned with the myriad of communication and data issues that have been discussed in the Data and Information Workgroup. He suggests that the group revisit working with students in the Industrial Engineering Program and the University of California at Berkeley and suggests that the Workgroup invite Candi Yano, a professor at the program to speak to the Workgroup again. Further discussion of the issue was tabled to a later meeting.
9. Public Comment – none provided.
10. Next meeting, September 13, 2024.