

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS AND SERVICES WORKGROUP MEETING MINUTES

WHEN: AUGUST 25, 2022, FROM 10:00AM – 12:00PM

WHERE: MICROSOFT TEAMS VIRTUAL MEETING

PRESENT:

Janene Grigsby (Chair)	Gonzalez, Rezsni	Rios-Reddick, Veronica	Young, Alexa
Anderson, Tonya	Holman, John	Rivera Avila, Zoila	Zatcoff, Tyler
Conner, Shauna	Jointer, Annette	Smith, Shadeequa	Additional Guests: 0
Draw Sand, Priscilla	Khan, Shereen	Temporal, Gina	
Forsythe, Linnea	Lee, Corrine	Turner, Charles	
French, Nancy	Mitchell, Alicia	Wilson, Jenica	

- I. **Introductions** – The meeting began with introductions and everyone sharing the first time they realized how important their credit score is
- II. **Determination of ongoing need for virtual meetings under AB-361, Filed 9/16/21** – Continuation of virtually held meetings for 30 days approved by the workgroup
- III. **Review and approval of the [June 23, 2022 Minutes](#)** – Reviewed and approved as written
- IV. **Life Skills Program – Logic Model Development**
 - A. What Are Some Challenges?
 1. Two types of housing programs were discussed: transitional housing (provide clients housing navigation and case management services to find permanent housing solutions and rapid rehousing (helps with subsidies, short-term rental assistance, and ongoing housing placement with clients); transitional housing providers also provide clients housing navigation and case management services to find permanent housing solutions
 2. Research and providers’ feedback indicates that life skills courses would help address some of the barriers to permanent housing for clients; the biggest struggles have been people ready to transition into permanent housing
 3. Some housing issues that have come up: (a) no savings or credit to transition into permanent housing; (b) landlords not wanting to rent to people with a criminal record; (c) not knowing how to take good care of property or be a good neighbor; (d) not trusting banks holding their money; (e) lack of financial literacy
 4. Negative attitudes and false beliefs around money and finances
 5. Lack of essential documents (driver’s license, social security card/ID, etc.)
 - B. Who Should Be Connected?
 1. All realignment eligible participants will be able to connect to this program
 - C. What is needed?
 1. Financial literacy
 2. Credit counseling
 3. Addressing housing issues (permanent housing, hoarding issues, neighbors/being a good neighbor, housekeeping and maintenance)
 4. Educate clients about current services they can also utilize

5. Knowledgeable and skilled providers/specialists, or “Train the Trainer” (fund a CBO to provide financial literacy/life skills training to all our current CBOs)
6. Utilize a program model where clients can use real money and matching funding like Individual Development Account programs; partner with a financial institution and utilize our funding (support services) to assist clients with opening bank accounts
7. Do we use one provider for all skills sets or use multiple providers knowledgeable in each area? Do we connect clients to providers already doing this training in some capacity (their area of expertise) and use the funding to pay for those services, or use the funding to pay one CBO to provide a specific program that encompasses everything? Perhaps also research the military model
8. Utilize those with lived experience who have been trained in life skills
9. Need to connect clients to all services that are foundational to their life skills learning, like addressing any mental health issues or learning disabilities

D. Goals

1. Examples of employment and housing outcomes: (a) Clients are able to sustain and maintain employment from gaining financial literacy; (b) More people will be able to transition to permanent housing and even homeownership
2. Examples of family reunification outcomes: (a) Financial obligations like child support are cleaned up; (b) Clients teaching/passing financial literacy to their children (generational literacy)
3. Perhaps utilize the Casey Life Skills assessment for goals (like knowing how to navigate a system)
4. Promote the client’s self-confidence, growth, family reunification, and motivation to contribute to their community and teach others; also uplift the community and instill pride in the community workforce

V. Announcements

A. Upcoming Realignment/Reentry Meetings – September 2022:

1. **Fiscal and Procurement Workgroup – Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 3 P.M.**
2. **Community Advisory Board (CAB) – Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 6:15 P.M.**
3. **Process and Evaluation Workgroup – Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 10 A.M.**
4. **Data and Information Management Workgroup – Thursday, Sept. 8 at 10 A.M.**
5. **Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee (CCPEC) – Monday, Sept. 19 at 5:30 P.M.**
6. **Programs and Services Workgroup – Thursday, September 22 at 10 A.M.**

B. CAB Vacancies:

1. District 2 has 2 vacancies
2. District 3 has 2 vacancies
3. District 4 has 1 vacancy
4. No vacancies in Districts 1 or 5

C. If you have items you would like to submit for distribution, please refer to the [Communication Protocol](#) document for details and email: REENTRYINFO@ACGOV.ORG

D. Public Comment

1. [Oakland Arena/RingCentral Coliseum](#) has about 25 jobs available; contact Ken Houston