

Community Corrections Partnership

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES WORKGROUP MEETING MINUTES

WHEN: JULY 27, 2023, FROM 10:00AM – 12:00PM

WHERE: 1111 JACKSON STREET, 2ND FLOOR, ROOMS 226-228, OAKLAND, CA

PRESENT:

Janene Grigsby (Chair)	Jacobs, Earl	Richardson, Rebecca	Young, Alexa
Collins, Adam	Johnson, Anika	Rosenberg, Jessica	Zatcoff, Tyler
Eddy, Charles	Lee, Corrine	Satterfield, William	Additional Guests: 1
French, Nancy	McKinney, Mildred	Sjöberg, Jason	
Green, Debbie	Muhammad, Derrick	Smith, Shadeequa	
Holman, John	Richardson, Denise	Temporal, Gina	

- I. **Introductions** – Meeting participants introduced themselves and shared how education impacted their life or can impact those in the reentry community
- II. **Review and Approve Meeting Minutes From [June 22, 2023](#)** – Minutes approved as written
- III. **[Open Gate Re-Entry Program](#) – Denise Richards & Mildred McKinney**
 - A. [Participants](#) shared their stories and experiences working with [Open Gate](#), an evidence-based program that assists and supports those exiting Santa Rita Jail with achieving their educational goals, including obtaining a GED and technical training; the program also supports other client needs such as substance abuse, homelessness, and learning disabilities

Discussion:

- (1) ***You mentioned that you want to expand the program. What is this money going to help you do that you're not able to do now?*** Response: What we want to do is take our guys inside the jail to do these classes and we want to pay them to do it. They are college readiness classes to prepare them for all the different aspects of college. And then we want to have the same classes in the community (a pipeline to college classes).
- (2) ***Not everyone in Santa Rita Jail is eligible for AB109 funding. How would we approach that? Even if you started inside and then moved outside, it can only be for individuals who are AB 109 eligible.*** Response: Inmate Services will let us know. When we started, they would handpick the people, and we have a good relationship with them. But anything you can do to help out would be great as well.
- (3) ***Probation currently funds higher education. We have contracts with Bay Area Community Resources (BACR) who connect to College of Alameda as well as Merritt College. We also have contracts with Laney and Chabot, and part of their contract includes doing outreach and getting students enrolled, so how is this going to be different from what we currently fund?*** Response: The huge difference is that we are college readiness classes. We prepare them for college, and we have students in every college in the Bay Area. We're also preparing them for more than just college; we're preparing them for life. This program is personalized and student led.

- (4) ***Does the college readiness program also address those who do not have their GED? And if it does, what does that look like?*** Response: Yes, it does. Forty-six percent of our students need to complete their GED. We have two pathways and one of them is that you can come to college without a GED.
- (5) ***I would like more clarity on what you intend to do with the money. Are you talking about funding salaries or are you talking about us paying you for services that are rendered to our clients? I ask because in the past, we have funded salaries and had no way of knowing that our clients are actually benefiting from the services being rendered.*** Response: Thank you, that's an excellent question. We have been collecting data since 2013 and every semester we report our data back to whomever we are working with. The data we collect is who shows up, how we are with the clients, how they're doing, did they finish their program, how long did they stay, what else do they need, etc. it would be focused on the client, and you would receive data from us every semester or as often as you require.
- (6) ***Oakland and Hayward are often mentioned, but there are eligible students and colleges all over Alameda County that can use Open Gate. I hope this is a downpayment on more to come and expanding services all over the County.*** Response: Some of the colleges have told us they do not want our students. Maybe it's a timing issue. We will go back to them, but they have told us no.
**(Probation requested a budget breakdown for the Fiscal and Procurement meeting if this item is moved forward.)*

IV. **Program and Services Workgroup Discussion Updates:**

V. **Announcements**

A. **Upcoming Realignment/Reentry Meetings – August 2023:**

1. Fiscal and Procurement Workgroup – Tuesday, August 1 at 3 PM
2. Community Advisory Board (CAB) – Tuesday, August 1 at 6:15 PM
3. Process & Evaluation Workgroup – Wednesday, August 2 at 10 AM
4. Data & Information Management Workgroup – Friday, August 11 at 10 AM
5. Programs and Services Workgroup – Thursday, August 24 at 10 AM

B. **CAB Vacancies:**

1. District 1 has 3 Vacancies
2. District 2 has 2 Vacancies
3. District 3 has 2 Vacancies
4. District 4 has 1 Vacancy
5. District 5 has 1 Vacancy

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

D. **Public Comment**