



COLLEEN CHAWLA, Director

Prop 47 Local Advisory Committee Minutes

January 24, 2022 at 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Via GoToMeeting

Attendance: Call to order 5:32 pm

Local Advisory Committee Members:

- *Marcus Dawal, Alameda County Probation Department (Chair)*
- *Dr. Karyn Tribble Alameda County Behavioral Health Services Director (Co-Chair)*
- *Gordon Reed, Community Representative*
- *Danielle Guerry, Alameda County Collaborative Courts*
- *L.D. Louis, Alameda County District Attorney's Office*

Other Attendees:

- *Katie Lampi, Alameda County Behavioral Health Program Specialist*
- *Yvonne Jones, Alameda County Behavioral Health Associate Director*
- *Tina Rodriguez, Alameda County Behavioral Health*
- *Kathy Roberts, Reentry Treatment Team La Familia*
- *Rodney Brooks, Public Defender*
- *Corrine Lee, Probation*
- *Sonia Urquidi, Resource Development Associates, Consultant Justice Practices*
- *Dr. Clyde Lewis, Interim Director of SUD*
- *Debbie Meyer, Resource Development Associates*
- *Emily Kaplan, OAD*
- *Charlene Taylor, Resource Development Associates*
- *Shauna Conner*
- *Jaimee Almanza, executive director of BACS*

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Review and Adoption of Agenda

Danielle Guerry, Alameda County Collaborative Courts motioned to approve the agenda without revision; Gordon Reed, Community Representative, seconded. All voted in favor, and the agenda was approved.

3. Review and Adoption of Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2021

Danielle Guerry, Alameda County Collaborative Courts motioned to approve the minutes; Gordon Reed, Community Representative, seconded. All voted in favor, and the minutes were approved.

4. Program Update for Cohort II – Discussion



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Alameda County Behavioral Health: *Yvonne Jones: Currently the BACS Cohort II program is experiencing staff shortages at this time. Program is actively interviewing to fill their vacancies. BACS has also had staffing shortages with their Administrative staff, which makes their reporting challenging. ACBH has been working with them closely to assist to ensure they are able to submit reports in a timely manner.*

Prop 47 Housing: The housing program is in the process of transitioning to the ACBH Forensic System of care program for oversight. . ACBH is exploring a plan to move any unexpended funds from Prop 47 Cohort with RTT into some of the Prop 47 programs.

5. Cohort III RFP Update– Discussion

Alameda County Health Care: *Emily Kaplan: Presenting update regarding Cohort III RFP update. Eligible for \$6 million, which breaks down to \$2 million each year for 3 years. Tentative draft timeline for RFP to be released on February 14th and proposal will be due on May 2nd. Project will begin in the first week of September in terms of planning and services will begin 6 months after that.*

Primary services are Mental Health, Substance Use disorder and Diversion Program. Other services offered and Housing assistance and Community Support services.

Local Advisory Committee has been meeting the last 5 years and plans to provide some data at the next LAC meeting to share regarding the grant as well as discuss what each agency is thinking about in terms of what they would like to fund.

Next steps are to determine funding priorities, Emily plans to attend a bidder conference the first week of March, hope to finalize program services and Emily will submit non-binding letter of intent on 4/4/22.

Question: Previously a meeting with leadership and direct services regarding funding and then the data is brought back to the LAC. Is this still the ongoing practice?

Response: ACBH plans to continue discussions and to present that to leadership for further guidance.

Infrastructure, transportation, staffing are the main areas where funding is needed.

6. Final Evaluation Update for Cohort I

RDA Presentation and Discussion: *Debbie, Sonia and Charleen: Presenting on Cohort I evaluation update. Report is attached to calendar invite. If interested in a hard copy of the report, please email Katie Lampi (Catherine.Lampi@acgov.org) and that can be provided.*

RTT's are led by community-based organizations. Working with justice involved individuals with serious mental illness, providing services such as psychiatric treatment, case management, housing and employment support and linkages to other community resources.

In Cohort I, 504 clients were served. The vast majority had a mood disorder at 52% and 28% had a cooccurring SUD. Final outcomes included that 51% of clients that exited reached or partially reached their treatment goals. Adult needs and strength assessment (ANSA) showed that 40% improved connections, personal skills and interest and 36% improved in physical health, family relationships, social functioning and residential stability.



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Challenges included staffing shortages and staff turnover. Clients faced increased transportation barriers and social isolation due to Covid-19.

Substance Use Disorder Program strengths include: improvement in the referral process and communication between CenterPoint and recovery residences. Residence felt treated with warmth and respect and having the structure of the program allows them to focus on maintaining a sober living lifestyle.

Challenges the program faced include: Wait times to enroll in recovery residences fluctuate from either a few weeks to a few months. Clients had less freedom in program due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Housing Grant – Housing assistance was distributed to 633 clients. 93% were homeless at the time of receiving their first disbursement. \$2.1 million was distributed total. 63% of spending went to rental assistance, 14% went to security deposits.

Challenges the housing program is experiencing included: Finding affordable and available housing in the bay area was very challenging especially for those with a criminal record and/or recovery. Finding long term housing is a challenge due to the housing max of \$5,000 and the high cost of living in the bay area.

Question: Did you see where clients had to see a higher level of care?

Response: Not something that was looked into as of yet, but definitely something that can be looked into for Cohort II.

Question: Did you have any suggestions related to the housing shortage due to the high bay area housing costs?

Response: A few ideas that have been suggested were to increase the housing grant amount, desire of purchasing housing rather than working with external landlords, paying part of their rent with the Prop 47 funding and then pay part of it themselves extending the funding assistance across more months or possibly finding housing with a relative at a more affordable cost and using the housing assistance that way.

7. Future Meetings

The LAC's future meetings are as follows:

- *Monday, April 25, 2022, 5:30pm – 7:00pm*
- *Monday, July 25, 2022, 5:30pm – 7:00pm*
- *Monday, October 24, 2022, 5:30pm – 7:00pm*

8. Public Comment

Jaimee Almanza (BACS) spoke in agreeance with the Final Evaluation Cohort I report presented.

9. Adjournment: 6:38 pm

Danielle Guerry motioned to adjourn, and Gordon Reed seconded; all voted in favor.