

Alameda County SB823 Subcommittee Minutes

6.17.21

12:30pm - 2:30pm

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SB 823 Subcommittee Members in Attendance:

Marcus Dawal, ACPD

Matthew Golde, DA

Alphonso Mance, PD

Hon. Ursula Jones Dickson

Michelle Love, ACSS

Megan Low, Conflict Counsel

Monica Vaughan, ACOE

Vamsey Palagummi, JJDPC

Lynn Gardner, DPN

Hayden Renato, FOKC

Erin Palacios, District 3 Representative

Trevor Arceneaux, District 4 Representative

Kelly Thompson, District 5 Representative

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
 - a. Interim Chief Dawal at 12:30
 - b. Roll took by Adrienne Chambers, ACPD
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. 6.3.21
 - i. Unanimously Approved

New Business

3. Interim Phase A Plan Update - Discussion
 1. Brian Ford, ACPD
 1. BSCC awarded \$300,000 grant money for facility upgrades; ACPD has accepted the grant.
 1. Fresno, Sonoma, and Eldorado counties were the only counties to submit requests to be regional hubs; these counties will serve as regional hubs for sex offender treatments.



2. ACPD will be going into contract with a vendor who will provide consultation and recommendations on creating a therapeutic environment at JJC and developing appropriate space.
 3. By mid to early August, ACPD plans to have onboarded the following programs for all youth at JJC:
 1. Culturally-responsive CBT
 2. Gender-responsive CBT
 3. Credible messenger mentor & conflict managing
 4. Anger management groups
 5. Intensive substance abuse treatment
 6. Cultural-responsive groups that will utilize restorative practices for violence prevention and reduction
 7. Audio engineer and music program
 4. Jessica Fort will be the Superintendent for the SB 823 program, responsible for day-to-day operations, program implementation, and programming.
 5. Behavioral Health has hired a clinician.
 6. ACPD is looking to hire a recreational therapist from Sacramento State; the recreational therapists will coordinate with the consultant/vendor; Sacramento State has offered presentations to the subcommittee.
 7. Recruitment notice for the deputy probation officer assigned to SB 823 population has gone out; the plan is to have one probation officer assigned for one year; as the population grows, ACPD will hire more.
 8. ACPD has scheduled diversity, equity, and inclusion training and de-escalation training. ACPD is working with Behavioral Health to include training for vicarious trauma, generational trauma, cultural-responsive practice for the LGBTQ youth; preventing trauma, strategies to support Black and Brown families, suicide assessment and prevention, and understanding mindfulness
 9. ACPD is exploring Trauma Transformed Model
 10. ACPD has had meetings with the court and has provided copies of individualized rehabilitation plan and court report templets; making adjustment based on feedback from the court; will be sharing with justice partners soon
 11. Starting next Friday, ACPD will hold a weekly SB 823 implementation meeting with justice partners and county partners.
4. Subcommittee Processes - Discussion
1. Decision-making, voting, etc.
 1. Chief Dawal
 1. The subcommittee will operate on a consensus-based process; where this is conflict or disagreement, as Chair, Chief Dawal will decide the path forward.
 2. The SB 823 subcommittee will vote on the final plan
 2. Comments & Questions
 1. Al Mance: Does ACPD have final decision-making power?
 1. A: Only on matters that specifically impact probation



2. Erin Palacios: How will the subcommittee move through with consensus; who decides the subcommittee has reached consensus?
 1. A: The subcommittee's charge is to develop the plan; the chair holds the responsibility for the process.
3. Erin Palacios: Are we planning for JJC, or are we planning to move away from JJC?
 1. A: Law requires the use of a secure Juvenile Hall, Camp, or existing unit within a Juvenile Hall. At this time, the plan is to use JJC.
4. Erin Palacios: The law doesn't give probation decision-making power; the subcommittee needs clarification on the decision-making procession and how to agendize items.
5. Standing items for future agenda items will be added to the agenda.
3. Workgroups: Purpose & Function - Discussion
 1. Dani Soto, Impact Justice
 1. Impact Justice outlined three workgroups
 - a. Education, Vocational Training, & Reentry
 - b. Mental Health, Specialized Treatment, & Family Engagement
 - c. Core Programming & Facilities
 2. Comments & Questions
 - a. Erin Palacios: Can workgroups include additional people who are not part of the subcommittee?
 - i. A: Workgroups are not open to the public; links will not be posted publicly; there will be report-outs at each subcommittee meeting. Content experts may be needed based on the subcommittee's needs and requests; only the subcommittee member can draft language and make decisions in the workgroups.
 - b. County Council: Ad hoc committees are exempt from the Brown Act; parameters around the exemptions include a specific purpose and an end date, or once they serve their purpose, they are dissolved.
 - i. Request for the document to be sent to County Council for review.
 - c. Al Mance: Placing kids in JJC long-term should not be an option.
 - d. Honorable Judge Dickson: The secure track is very specific to the court; the court must have a secure facility to place youth.
 - e. ACPD recognizes that many subcommittee members desire the SB 823 program to be facilitated at a new facility.
 - f. Vamsey Palagummi: The law isn't very clear on what secure means.
 - i. Honorable Judge Dickson: The court has to decide what it's comfortable with and what is in place to meet the rehabilitative needs of the youth.
 - g. After discussion and comments, there were no significant objections to the three workgroups, which the subcommittee will move forward with.



5. Values Statement

1. It was tabled for the next subcommittee meeting to allow the public the opportunity to review the document.

6. Legislative Update

1. Trailer Bill 5 proposes to keep Pine Grove Conservation Camp open for SB 823 youth, likely be for low-level offenses.

7. Public Comment

1. Laura Ridolfi, Burns Institute & Free our Kids Coalition: We have to ensure that we are not investing resources or otherwise solidifying a harmful approach at the expense of a long-term vision that reimagines a healing-based approach, not juvenile hall.
2. Manuel La Fontaine, Burns Institute & Free our Kids Coalition: Cages should not be used to address our social problems; we have an opportunity to reimagine something different. We have to break out of the paradigm of punishing youth of color.
3. Yasmine Tager, East Bay Community Law Center & Free our Kids Coalition: Workgroups on thinking through a long-term vision and reimagining youth justice need to start with the Free Our Kids Coalition's proposal; this needs to be community-led.
4. Dieudonné Brou, Urban Peace Movement: Those with lived experience need to be centered in this process.

8. Next Steps

9. Meeting adjourned at 2:38