

**ALAMEDA COUNTY  
 JJCC SB 823 SUBCOMMITTEE  
 QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES  
 May 18, 2023, 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
 1111 Jackson Street, Oakland, Rooms 226-228  
 Microsoft Teams Teleconference Option Provided**

**JJCC Subcommittee Members or Designees Present:**

Marcus Dawal, ACPD	Alan Yu, OPD
Al Mance, PD	Erickson Amaya, FOK
Christine Gerchow, ACBH	Nicole Berrow, D2 Representative
Monica Vaughan, ACOE	Hugo Amaya, D3 Representative
Royl Robers, DA	Erin Palacios, D5 Representative
Emily Young, DPN	Jesus Cortez, Youth Representative

**Meeting Participants:**

Louise Anderson, JJDCP	Shahidah Lacy, BOS D5
Dieudonné Brou, Urban Peace Movement	Raymond Landry, DA
Ashley Mendoza, EBCLC	Raymond Lara, County Counsel
Yasmin Burke, ACPD	Carissa Pappas, ACPD
Dante Cercone, ACPD	Charles Pattillo, ACPD
Shauna Conner, ACPD	Danielle Soto, Impact Justice
Alex Garcia, ACPD	Anna Kane, ACPD (recorder)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Needed
1. Welcome and Roll Call		
2. Approval of minutes	A motion was made by Al Mance to approve the March 30, 2023 minutes. Christine Gerchow seconded the motion. Motion passed.	<i>Include Feb. 15, 2023 meeting minutes at next meeting</i>
3. Welcome New Subcommittee Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New subcommittee members were welcomed</li> </ul> No public comment	
4. Background of SB 823 and the Development of the Alameda County Realignment Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SB 823 Subcommittee Timeline and Statute Review was presented. (PowerPoint attached to the meeting invite)</li> <li>• County Counsel Ray Lara discussed the Subcommittee legal considerations and committee authority               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SB 823 is a realignment plan that sends the DJJ population back to the counties</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<p>5. Status of the SB 823 Realignment Plan and Discussion on Future Plan Updates and Deadlines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It gives a block grant but to receive the funds the counties must do certain things such as create the subcommittee and make a plan</li> <li>○ Oversight is provided by OYCR. Their job is to review the plan to make sure the required elements are included. OYCR can accept the plan or return it back to the counties for edits</li> <li>○ The AC BOS did not “accept” the plan. The Board “received” the plan on November 16, 2021. The Board could not make any changes to the plan.</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions:</b> Is the Subcommittee advisory? Do they have any powers? <i>The Subcommittee’s duty is to develop the plan and update it as needed.</i></p> <p>Is the plan created by the Subcommittee binding? <i>The Board considers the plan when allocating funds.</i></p> <p>Is the Subcommittee’s role advisory or is Probation bound to follow the plan? <i>The Board budgets funding toward elements of the plan. Probation has to use that funding towards what it was allocated for.</i></p> <p><i>The plan includes language that if Probation cannot implement parts of the plan, it would inform the Subcommittee. Probation’s intent is to implement the plan as written.</i></p> <p>No public comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● March 30, 2023, the Subcommittee approved the final version of the plan with addendums. The due date to submit the plan to OYCR was May 1, 2023. Probation submitted the plan with addendums on April 26. OYCR acknowledged the receipt of the plan but has not provided feedback. The Subcommittee will be notified if OYCR has any comments or requests for edits</li> <li>● Next plan needs to be submitted by May 1, 2024</li> <li>● This body will meet quarterly in August, November, February, and May</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions:</b> Where can we find a copy of the plan and the addendums? <i>A link will be sent to the new members.</i></p> <p>What are our tasks between now and November? <i>First, we need to know if OYCR will require any modifications.</i></p> <p>No public comment.</p>	<p><i>Probation to send a link to the new members</i></p>
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6. Standing Item: SB  
823 Implementation

- Presentation by Dani Soto of Impact Justice (IJ)
  - Written implementation update provided (spreadsheet)
  - Impact Justice site visit report provided and discussed

**Questions:**

Did IJ do any interviews with the youth or their families to verify any of your information?

*IJ reviews contracts, policies, and reports to verify Probation's compliance with the Subcommittee's recommendations. Some items were verified by IJ's site visit. Additionally, IJ conducted focus groups with youth in units 1 and 3. Please see the site visit document for details.*

Some items are continuous and cannot be completed, such as item 2 on the spreadsheet.

*The evaluation is a snapshot in time. Continuous quality assurance should be a part of any implementation.*

*Probation is continuously evaluating the programming, checking in with the youth, and checking the environment.*

What is the difference between the documents provided by IJ and Probation?

*The IJ document provides updates on the implementation of the Subcommittee's plan, whereas the Probation document lists which programs are available at the juvenile hall and camp and how many youth are participating in each.*

It was requested that Probation update at the next meeting provide the number of hours the youth spend in the programs.

*Add the number of hours youth spend in programs to the next update*

How long has there not been a contract with credible messengers?

*There are already providers that can be considered credible messengers because they have lived experience. The new contract is with RJOY and they will be the new provider. Their training begins in June.*

What is happening with item 23, the restorative justice practices?

*The credible messengers will assist with implanting this item.*

Has #51 (a clinician on site) been implemented?

*There is a clinician on unit 1 and Behavioral Health is interviewing for a clinician for unit 3. There are currently 5 clinicians that are covering all units. The unit 1 clinician is there 60% of her time. She does milieu, family, and individual work. The other clinicians spend less time in unit 3 since they are in and out and they also triage for crisis.*

Please discuss #6, the decision to not rehire the re-entry case manager.

*Probation has a re-entry DPO, who is assigned six months prior to the youth's release. This DPO attends the MDTs, engages the youth, and identifies services and housing. Probation is planning to hire a re-entry coordinator. Interviews will be held soon.*

Is there just one DPO that provides re-entry services?  
*Right now there is one DPO but she works with DPOs that are assigned to the units as well as with a team of providers who provide services to the youth while in custody. She also coordinates services in the community upon re-entry.*

#47 regarding progress review hearings. What does that mean?  
*Youth have MDTs prior to their 6-month reviews. They are prepped on what to expect at the court hearings.*

There was a request to revisit this issue and find out why the youth feel discouraged after the court hearings.  
*Public Defenders can better explain the process to the youth. ACBH can also assist to reinforce coping skills and roleplay.*

*Revisit this issue*

It was requested to get the update packet earlier and have an opportunity to send questions to Probation prior to the next meeting.  
*It was agreed that the members can email questions prior to the next meeting so Probation can be ready to have a discussion.*

#83 & 85 – What components have been implemented?  
*Probation is working with GSA for a long-term strategic plan. Probation has taken some recommendations from Dr. Khumalo. The units have been repainted. There are rugs and the furniture is more home-like. We are working on putting more art on the walls. Youth have comforters, blankets, and pillows. The youth can have as many pictures as they like. They are allowed to have books in their room. They have tablets for virtual visits and reading lights. The care coordination team used to have many referrals for sleep disturbances. Probation has been providing sleep masks and there have not been any further referrals.*

*C. Gerchow to follow up regarding sleep disturbances*

- IJ toured the facilities
- They conducted focus groups with all youth in secure track. Surveys were administered
- The findings and the youths' recommendations are included in the report

Questions:

On page 6, the report mentions non-probation program staff. Who does that refer to?

	<p><i>This includes vendors, teaching staff, programming staff.</i></p> <p>Please provide an overview of your site visit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation is a work in process</li> <li>• Programming is impacted by staffing shortages</li> <li>• Concerns include quality/quantity of food; lack of hot water in showers.</li> <li>• Youth do report feeling of connection and feeling of being respected by other youth and staff. For the most part youth feel safe.</li> </ul> <p>Is programming optional? <i>Some programs are required by the court. Not all programs are mandatory. It depends on court orders and the IRP.</i></p> <p>What happens if a young person refuses to go to a program? <i>There are options. The youth can sit down and read a book, journal, or they can sit and talk to staff. The staff tries to motivate them to return to program.</i></p> <p>Has any youth completed the GSA building maintenance or the construction program and received employment? <i>That has not happened in the juvenile side yet. But we have seen this happen on the adult side.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subcommittee members were encouraged to review the documents in between meetings and come up with some questions</li> <li>• Probation can offer a tour of the facilities prior to the next meeting</li> </ul> <p>There were additional requests in regards to the spreadsheet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional information/discussion regarding items #144, 193-196, 204, 209</li> <li>• To see a youth handbook before the next meeting</li> <li>• To see policies regarding titles 15 and 24 and suggested they should be available online</li> <li>• More info re 248, 249 (pepper spray). Would like to know how many times it's been used in the last six months.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Offer SB 823 Subcommittee members a tour of the facilities</i></p> <p><i>Include on the next meeting agenda a discussion of the meeting times</i></p>
7. Public Comment	None	
8. Future Meeting	Next SB 823 Subcommittee Quarterly meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2023 at 6 p.m. at 1111 Jackson Street in Oakland	
9. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.	