

## **Alameda County SB823 Subcommittee Minutes**

7.1.21

12:30pm - 2:30pm

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### **SB 823 Subcommittee Members in Attendance:**

Interim Chief Marcus Dawal, ACPD

Matthew Golde, DA

Alphonso Mance, PD

Hon. Ursula Jones Dickson

Michelle Love, ACSS

Juan Taizan, ACBH

Megan Low, Conflict Counsel

Monica Vaughan, ACOE

Vamsey Palagummi, JJDPD

Emily Young, DPN

Hayden Renato, FOKC

Caryn Quezada, District 1 Representative

Erin Palacios, District 3 Representative

Trevor Arceneaux, District 4 Representative

Kelly Thompson, District 5 Representative

- A. Call to Order & Roll Call
  - a. Call to Order at 12:30
  - b. Roll take by Adrienne Chambers
- B. Approval of Minutes
  - a. 6.17.21
    - i. Approved
    - ii. Juan Taizan, Emily Young, & Caryn Quezada Abstained

### **New Business**

- C. Workgroups & Subcommittee Process - Discussion
  - a. Interim Chief Dawal, ACPD: After reflection, I have decided we will be making decisions on items on the agenda for action by taking a vote. This will provide clarity about exactly what has been decided and our minutes will reflect this. Items in the agenda identified as discussion and action will be voted on.



- b. Brian Ford, ACPD: Impact Justice will work with the workgroup to identify what the workgroup priorities are; based on discussions in the workgroup Impact Justice will draft language for the workgroup to react to, change, or modify. In situations when there are disagreements among the workgroup, issues can be voted on and Impact Justice will record the dissent; these should be included in the readout to the Subcommittee.
  - c. Erin Palacios, District 3 Representative: Thank you for your reflection; it needs to be clear to the public how we arrived at the decisions we arrive at; this process will make that possible.
  - d. Vamsey Palagummi, JJDP: I appreciate the transparency; we are much closer aligned to where we want to be and where we want to see our youth.
  - e. Erin Palacios District 3 Representative: When it's easier to see how the decision was made and how the process works hopefully we will see that we have more agreement on the substance.
  - f. Interim Chief Dawal, ACPD: I encourage all of us as subcommittee members to a voice in this process.
  - g. Emily Young, DPN: Will the workgroups make decisions on behalf of the subcommittee or will they make recommendations to the subcommittee?
  - h. Dr. Dani Soto, Impact Justice: The workgroups will make recommendations to the subcommittee.
  - i. Interim Chief Dawal, ACPD: Workgroup readouts will be a standing agenda item.
- D. Values Statement- Action
- a. Voted on as amended
    - i. Unanimously approved
    - ii. See amended Values Statement
- E. Workgroup Readouts - Discussion
- i. Education, Vocational Training, & Reentry
    - 1. Lead: Monica Vaughan, ACOE
      - a. The workgroup had two subcommittee members in attendance.
      - b. The workgroup is looking for a Co-lead
      - c. Those in attendance were in agreement with the scope of the workgroup; the scope of the workgroup will be revisited at the next meeting to allow for more member's input.
      - d. Those in attendance recognize reentry is should be a component of each workgroup; are comfortable with keeping reentry within the scope of the workgroup
        - i. Interest in opportunities to intersect with other workgroups on reentry-related issues.
      - e. The workgroup is seeking a shared understanding of the specificity of the plan
        - i. Recognizes the need for broad revisionary statements with specifics for immediate plans; with a caveat about how specific things might change over time.

- f. The workgroup wants to create space for all subcommittee members to have input.
      - ii. Mental Health, Specialized Treatment, & Family Engagement
        - 1. Lead: Al Mance, PD
          - a. The workgroup had three members in attendance
          - b. The workgroup discussed the scope of the workgroup; Impact Justice drafted language based on the workgroups feedback
          - c. Workgroup Priorities
            - i. What do youth need to succeed
              - 1. Would like a subject matter expert to present to the workgroup.
            - ii. Whose most suitable to provide mental health services
            - iii. Including the voice of youth in this process.
          - d. The workgroup is looking for a Co-lead
    - iii. Core Programming & Facilities
      - 1. Lead: Vamsey Palagummi, JJDPC
        - a. The workgroup had six members in attendance
        - b. Spent the majority of the time talking about the process.
          - i. What the make-up of the workgroup should be
          - ii. How to include experts from outside the workgroup
          - iii. The process will include a majority vote process
            - 1. Dissenting opinions will be shared with the subcommittee
        - c. The workgroup wants to emphasize the facility in the scope of work
        - d. Workgroup Priorities
          - i. Look at Camp Sweeny as a viable option for secure track
          - ii. The redesign of the unit
            - 1. Request current pictures of the unit
          - iii. Staffing ratio & training
- b. Dr. Dani Soto, Impact Justice: Is quorum needed for workgroups to proceed?
- c. Raymond Lara, ACCC: If there is an action taken in the workgroup there needs to be a quorum; discussion can proceed without a quorum.
- d. Vamsey Palagummi, JJDPC: Does the Brown Act prohibit public participation in ad hoc workgroups?
- e. Raymond Lara, ACCC: These workgroups are not subject to the Brown Act.
- f. Interim Chief Dawal, ACPD: When the leads and co-leads identify a need for a subject matter expert that person can be brought in; not as a standing participant in the meetings. Probation gets one vote in the workgroup.
- F. SB 823 Implementation & Legislation Updates - Discussion
  - a. Adrienne Chamber, ACPD
    - i. Consideration for Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp to remain open was originally introduced in a budget bill; has now been absorbed into a public safety bill; if it is passed it will be located in Senate Bill 145 or Assembly Bill 145.



- ii. One county has pulled out of consideration to serve as a hub for sexual offender treatment; two counties remain as possible hubs.
  - b. Brian Ford, ACPD
    - i. The implementation of SB 823 begins today; probation has no updates on any cases.
    - ii. ACPD has developed eternal protocols for meet and confer; has met with the four unions and is still in conversation with one.
    - iii. ACPD has had meetings with the court to review individualized rehabilitation plans, court reports, and other court processes.
    - iv. ACPD has started to have weekly meetings with justice partners to touch base on SB 823.
- G. Next Meeting Agenda Request
  - a. Dr. Dani Soto, Impact Justice: Dr. Khumalo
  - b. Interim Chief Dawal, ACPD: Data Request Discussion
  - c. Al Mance, PD: Viability of using Camp Sweeny as a secure facility
    - i. Erin Palacios, District 3 Representative: Can probation facilitate a tour of Camp Sweeny
  - d. Al Mance, PD: What is the role of the subcommittee after the plan is submitted to the State?
  - e. Vamsey Palagummi, JJDP: Forming another working group to discuss step-down options
- H. Public Comments
  - a. Manuel La Fontaine, Burns Institute & Free Our Kids Coalition: We see SB 823 as an opportunity to reimagine how the youth justice system can invest in true public safety for all Alameda County residents. We appreciate the thoughts, time, and energy placed in this expanded value statement.
  - b. Natasha Mejia, National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform & Free Our Kids Coalition: I appreciate the expanded value statement; I hope the subcommittee will consider additional feedback as proposed by the Free Our Kids Coalition letter. Emphasize community-based service and healing outside of probation.
  - c. Nicole Lee, Urban Peace Movement & Free Our Kids Coalition: We believe we should move away from a system that focuses on punishment and incarceration and instead invest funds into healing, education, and the well-being of young people from under-resourced communities. Any form of out-of-home placement should prompt healing in a therapeutic environment; the staffing of that facility should prioritize staff with lived experience, and background in social work, healing, restorative, and transformative justice. This process should allow space for the communities input.
  - d. Kelvin Potts, Positive Communication Practices: My organization does Rights of Passage programs; we work in units 2 & 4 at JJC, we also have programs in DJJ. Relationships need to be built with the youth to have real input from them; my organization can facilitate relationship building with these youth.
  - e. Laura Ridolfi, Burns Institute & Free Our Kids Coalition: Nothing in the law precludes additional participation from community members in the workgroups. If additional public participation is precluded from participation in the workgroups additional probation staff



should be precluded as well. The subcommittee should reach out to the state-level committee for guidance on issues like these. The subcommittee should prioritize the establishment of local options that will allow youth to step down from the secure track facilities.

- I. Next Steps
  - a. Subcommittee members will receive a Doodle Poll to establish workgroup meetings dates and times.
- J. Meeting Adjournment - 2:13