

CoCo LEAD Plus Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Meeting

Meeting Notes

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

300 L Street, Community Room

Antioch Ca 94509

- Meeting Steward:** Bryan Forrester PhD (Behavioral Health Services)
- Committee Members Present:** Leonard Beckum (At-Large Representative), Chris Celio (Portia Hume Center), Lara Delaney (Office of Re-entry and Justice), Patrice Guillory (HealthRIGHT 360), Jeffrey Landau (Racial Justice Coalition), Ellen McDonnell (Public Defender's Office), Tirrell Muhammad (At-Large Representative), Michael Newton (Probation Dept.), Michael Pitts (AB 109 Community Advisory Board), Michael Newton (Probation Dept.), Marie Scannell (Behavioral Health), Tony Ucciferri (Contra Costa Housing Authority), Lauren Bledsoe (Proxy for John Vanderklugt) (Antioch Police Department), Tamisha Walker (At-Large Community Representative)
- Committee Members Excused:** Venus Johnson (District Attorney's Office)
- Committee Members Absent:** Jonathan Bean (At-Large Representative), Jose Beltran (Sherriff's Office), Lavonna Martin (Health, Housing and Homelessness Services), Christine Robbins (Sherriff's Office), Mary Rocha (At Large Representative)
- Attendees:** Sarah Bastomski (phone) (Urban Institute), Jose Beltran, Libby Doyle (phone) (Urban Institute), Kareem T. Ervin, Mark Goodwin, Lisa Gregory, Linsey Cramer (phone), Audrey Montana, Dee Myers, Alicia Nuchols, Jill Ray, Robert Weston, Dr. Matthew P. White

(1) Welcome, Call to Order, Introductions, Review Agenda, Announcements:

- Welcome, Call to Order and Introductions completed
- Reviewed Agenda
- Announcements
 - (Chris Celio) A Contra Costa County event regarding Mental Health and Substance Abuse and will be held this Friday, September 27th, at Brenden Theaters from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. There will be a panel of speakers – those who have gone through struggles and have experienced life in recovery. The goal is to bust stigma.
 - (Bryan Forrester) The minimum number of seats for the LAC Committee is 18. We are short one. Suggest later speak about outreach and engagement. If know of anyone who might be interested in becoming a member of LAC, please let Bryan Forrester know.
 - (Ellen McDonnell) The County received the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Award. Will receive a million dollars a year in federal funds over three years – to the Public Defender's Office, the Community, Housing, Mental Health, Re-entry. This County had one of the two Public Defender's Offices in the state to receive this funding Award.

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- (Tamisha Walker) At the El Pueblo Apartments in Pittsburg will have a community event on October 5th. Services provided. Dumpster to throw away items. Various organizations will be coming together to teach the community (i.e. fire safety). Will have food and a DJ. Will be doing outreach for the next two weeks in this community. Expungement services assistant will also be provided.

(2) Review and Approve Minutes (LAC 6/26/19):

- Reviewed Notes
 - Minor revisions noted
 - Tony Ucciferri moved to approve minutes as revised. Seconded by Marie Scannell
 - Vote
 - Vote 1 (Fully support the proposal): Leonard Beckum, Chris Celio, Lara Delaney, Patrice Guillory, Jeff Landau, Ellen McDonnell, Tirrell Mohammad, Michael Newton, Michael Pitts, Marie Scannell, Tony Ucciferri, Loren Bledsoe (Proxy for John Vanderklugt – Antioch Police Department), Tamisha Walker
 - Abstain: None
 - Approved

(3) Interim Report Q & A:

- Sarah Bastomski, Linsey Cramer and Libby Doyle from Urban Institute presented on the Interim Report
- Report available on the BSCC website
- Requested summary of the findings. Page 30 of the report has a summary of the findings.
- Patrice Guillory moved to adjust the Agenda to allow for a summary of the Report. Seconded by Ellen McDonnell.
 - Vote (To adjust Agenda to permit a summary of the findings of the Interim Report)
 - Vote 1 (Fully support the proposal): Leonard Beckum, Chris Celio, Lara Delaney, Patrice Guillory, Jeff Landau, Ellen McDonnell, Tirrell Mohammad, Michael Newton, Michael Pitts, Marie Scannell, Tony Ucciferri, Loren Bledsoe (Proxy for John Vanderklugt – Antioch Police Department)
 - Vote 2 - Tamisha Walker
 - Abstain: None
 - Approved
- Sarah Bastomski of Urban Institute provided a summary of the findings of the Interim Report commencing with summary of findings on page 30. Reviewed recommendations commencing on page 32. Highlighted areas to build on (i.e. Referrals, enrollment, transportation, criteria, etc.).

(4) Program Updates:

- Program Updates by Bryan Forrester
- Transportation (Van)
 - HealthRIGHT360 acquired a van in August. To date. completed forty trips.
 - Transported an individual to detox, now has housing at Nevin Center and states he will complete the program
- Housing
 - Have eight beds (Contra Costa Interfaith Housing) with six clients housed. Observed they are more actively participating in program now. By end of the month, the last two beds may be filled.
- Detox Units
 - Two clients used County affiliated Detox Units. County extremely accommodating to help with clients
- Referred several clients for services

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- For example, County clinics, substance abuse treatment, Pittsburg Health Center, Health Care for the Homeless, psychiatric and medical assistance, Miller Wellness, County Rehabilitation, County Financial Services, Social Security office, Employment and Human Development, rescue mission, Recovery International – integration with several County providers
- Eligibility Changes
 - Changed Eligibility Criteria from twelve months to eighteen months (resulting in two additional referrals)
- Meetings
 - Previously had 75 annual program meetings scheduled. Now have twelve annual meetings.
- Brown Act
 - All meetings now subject to the Brown Act. Members completed Brown Act training.
- Outreach Changes
 - Antioch Police Department began sending early Outreach emails
- Using HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) for Outreach
 - Several agencies share data and have had success using this system
- Referrals
 - 85 total referrals. Unable to locate thirty. Obtained eighteen through secondary review.
- Urban Institute responded to comments suggesting having the LAC Committee review the draft of the final evaluation report. Urban Institute can then be responsive to the LAC's feedback on the draft before the final evaluation report is completed.

(5) **Partner Updates:**

- Housing Authority
 - Committed fifty vouchers initially. Currently in shortfall. Due to funding, issuing vouchers more limited now. Had a wait list in April and received applications for these units.

(6) **Program Highlights:**

- New Email Procedure
 - Resulted in streamlining the process. In one instance, obtained a referral within twenty minutes.
- Referrals
 - For each person assisted, received at least four referrals and seven to eight meetings. Urban Institute called this a success.
- Individual Referral
 - Positive results assisting an individual who had a history of being at the hospital and keeping this individual out of the hospital. Provided treatment, detox, medication, phone and bed in shelter. Now has a case manager. Suggest we also rely on other County programs and case managers to assist and serve clients and help them navigate the system.
- Selected by LEAD National Support Bureau
 - Submitted an application and selected to attend the Learning Workshop. We can send a team of five and participate with teams from other jurisdictions who have LEAD programs.

(7) **Role of Advisory Committee:**

- LAC Charter page 3, section 2.2.4 – purpose of the LAC Committee. Communicates with the public and bring back input, information, needs and share this information with the Operations and Policy Committees.

(8) **Public Comment:** None

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(9) Adjourn

- Next meeting – December 11, 2019