

Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)
Community Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 13th, 2020
Taken by Chala Bonner, CAB Secretary

CAB Members Present: Michael Pitts, Chala Bonner, Hisham Alibob, Henrissa Bassey, Lila Blanchard, Tara Cantu-Nishimoto, Jeri Cohen, Jonta Davenport

CAB Members Absent: DeVonn Powers, Lisa Gregory, Frank Hancock

Public Members Present: Monica Carlisle, Crawford Carpenter, Azi Carter, Tiffany Anaya, Lara DeLaney, Scott Konopasek, Jill Ray, Darryl Coachman, Chrystine Robbins, Susan Woodhouse, Jody Sicheneder, Chris Wikler, Mica Herrera, Gloribel Pastrana, Marvin Galdamez, Donte Blue, Alicia Nuchols, Angelene Musawwir

Meeting called to order at 10:02AM

Announcements: Reentry Success Center Alfa Program will be resuming virtually on Aug 24th

Public comment: none.

Approve CAB Minutes:

Motion to approve by Lila

Second by Chala

Motion carried unanimously

Presentation from Scott Konopasek with the Elections Department

What's new in the upcoming election

- Gov issued an order to send everyone a mail-in ballot due to COVID-19
- There will be in-person polling. Generally, the same polling sites that were used in the primary elections.
- There will be 10 outdoor voting polls and 6 indoor voting polls
- Timelines:
 - Early voting beginning 10/29
 - Sept 24th voter guides will be sent out
 - Oct 5th all ballots will be mailed to all voters
 - If voters have not received their ballot by Oct. 19th, they should call the elections office
 - 16 early voting sites will open Oct. 29th
- Social Justice Props on the ballot
 - Prop 17- changes the disqualification rules for folks that have been convicted of a felony
 - Prop 20- Has restriction on who is eligible for parole
 - Prop 25- eliminate cash bail
 - Prop 16- repeals ban

- Questions:
 - Does your department provide any voter education?
 - Elections department works with groups that service the public. Elections Department staff speak to those groups and are more than happy to step in and do whatever they can to help communicate to folks.
 - What are the deadlines for people to register to vote?
 - Oct 19th is the official date
 - However, in-person registration is allowed up to and including Election Day
 - Can new voters who are turning 18 by election day still turn in their mail-in ballot?
 - Yes, they will receive their mail-in ballot and be able to cast their vote.
 - Are there any polling sites in the jails?
 - 75% of those incarcerated are registered voters. They will receive a mail-in ballot at their home address, and the family members can send them their ballot
 - There is a liaison in the sheriff's office that work with Elections Dept who will obtain voter registration forms from individuals that are in custody and can deliver Vote by Mail ballots. Ballots can be picked up by deputy liaison and deliver to Elections.
 - Do you have anything in writing for folks that are eligible to vote?
 - ACLU developed a written document that includes the detailed information on voting eligibility.
 - Can we get something for Reentry Success Center and the Office of Ed?
 - Worked with Rubicon and previously presented info to them.
 - Can you speak about the importance of having younger folks at the poll?
 - The traditional pool of poll workers are generally older folks. Since we are moving more into virtual times now, it would be great to have younger people at the poll. Encourage everyone to ask young people to work at the polls.
 - If folks have been removed from the mailing list
 - Usually, felonies and notifications of death trigger the removal of someone from the list, but occasionally errors are made. There is a perfect safety net for those people and it's called a provisional ballot.
- Lara DeLaney presentation on BOS positions on the Nov. 3rd ballot measures
 - 12 measures qualify for the ballot
 - Prop14 support
 - Prop15 support
 - Prop16 support
 - Prop 17 support
 - Prop 18 support
 - Prop 19 no position
 - Pro 20 no recommendation but will bring it back to the Sept 14th meeting for reconsideration

- Pro 21 no recommendation but will bring it back to the Sept 14th meeting for reconsideration
- Prop 22 no position
- Prop 23 no recommendation but will bring it back to the Sept 14th meeting for reconsideration
- Prop 24 no position
- Prop 25 support
- Questions:
 - What is the process of getting the board to adopt a position?
 - The legislation committee reviews and recommends positions to the BOS
 - Public members can advocate for a position during the legislation committee meeting and during the BOS meeting
 - Can you describe how the legislative platform process works?
 - In Jan. of each year, the BOS adopts both a federal and a state legislative platform.
 - Now moving to a 2-year platform schedule which is in sync with the legislature schedule cycle.
 - The development of the platform consists of reaching out to department heads and advisory bodies for recommendations to be considered by the legislation committee and then to the BOS for taking positions.
- Consider recommending CCP approval of new CAB members
 - July 28th - Crawford Carpenter and Azi Carter were interviewed by the OCEC
 - OCEC recommends appointing Ms. Carter as a voting member and Mr. Carpenter an alternate member.
 - Questions/Public Comment:
 - Will you be available to attend all meetings and subcommittee meetings?
 - Both are committed to making themselves available
 - We haven't had a full body of CAB in most monthly meetings, so Mr. Carpenter will essentially be participating as a voting member
 - Michael made a motion to recommend CCP's approval of appointing Ms. Carter as a voting member and Mr. Carpenter as an alternate member
 - Second by Henrissa
 - Motion carried unanimously
- CAB Member Meeting Updates
 - BOS Meeting report out by Michael
 - PPC Meeting report out by Monica
 - Programs and Services Committee report out by Lila
 - In terms of the survey, who will be surveyed?
 - That will be discussed at the next committee meeting but there has been talk about sending the survey to service providers and focus on non-profit organizations
 - Policy and Budget Committee report out by Henrissa

- Amendments: 1A strike detention facility and put in state prison
 - 5D. If it can state stand together pilot and strike “currently”
 - Outreach and Community Engagement Committee Report
- Approve 2020 CAB Ambassadors Program Assignments
 - By September 10th we should have updated talking points
 - We understand that this assignment is contingent on the approval of Mr. Carpenter and Ms. Carter as CAB Members
 - Will there be a contact list? Is there a training process? How do we introduce ourselves?
 - There is a contact list. There is no formal training. There will be talking points that you can go over and use to guide your discussion with elected officials and department heads. You would introduce yourself as a CAB member with the CAB Ambassador program.
 - Both the lead and the 2nd ambassadors would participate in the meetings
 - Michael made a motion to approve the CAB Ambassador Assignment list with the provisional approval of Mr. Carpenter and Ms. Carter’s memberships
 - Second by Lila Blanchard
 - Motion carried unanimously
- Next CAB monthly meeting: September 10, 2020, 10am-12pm
- Meeting adjourned at 11:56am