

# **Purpose and Functions of Coco Community Advisory Board (CAB)**

## **Developed at CAB Retreat, 2/4/17**

1. **ADDRESS THE BIG PICTURE**
  - a. Advance county's consideration of the role, scope, and impact of the criminal justice system on individuals, families, and our local community
2. **ADVANCE JUSTICE REINVESTMENT**
  - b. Ensure Contra Costa is working to reinvest its criminal justice resources to support community/ corrections programs and evidence-based practices
  - c. Hold CCP and BOS accountable for "justice reinvestment"
3. **PROVIDE POLICY AND BUDGET ADVOCACY**
  - a. Advance policy recommendations to foster best practices and innovations
  - b. Advance policy recommendations to foster restorative practices
  - c. Advance ways to reduce use of incarceration locally
  - d. Foster expansion of services
  - e. Foster compliance and fidelity in program implementation
4. **SERVE AS A WATCHDOG/SPOTLIGHT**
  - a. Protect/safeguard AB109 revenues and investments
  - b. Serve as a watchdog (e.g. creating scorecard of CCP/AB109 implementation)
  - c. Question/examine/challenge the budgets (both as proposed and as spent/reported)
  - d. Advocate for better research and evaluation than we're getting
5. **PROTECT COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS**
  - a. Advocate for increased investment in CBOs
  - b. Protect AB109 investments in the community
  - c. Amplify community needs, interests, desires, goals
6. **GATHER/PROVIDE INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION**
  - a. Build stronger relationships with the community to educate them on what's happening with AB109, receive input
  - b. Improve public access to info on AB109 (e.g. easier access to documents)
  - c. Influence decision-makers to increase transparency of AB109 budgets, activities, and data
  - d. Influence decision-makers to reflect community priorities