

**Transitional Community Advisory Body
Meeting Minutes and Record of Action
March 9, 2026**

I. Roll Call and Introductions

Quorum at 5:38 PM

Present for quorum: Dr. Mariah Bruce, Rachel Corona, Loren Dalbert, Chair Edward Harris, Bianca LaChaux, Walter McMath, Willie Robinson, Kim Jones (alternate), Antwanisha Hicks (alternate)

Present (on-line, exercising Just Cause for voting purposes): Walter McMath, Vice Chair Dr. Jalaima Nichols, Patt Young (alternate)

Present post quorum: Leslie Brown, Angela Butler-Owens, Dr. Fredrick Lee, Nnedi Obembe

Absent: Dr. LéJon Payne

II. APPROVE February 9, 2026 TCAB Record of Action / Minutes

Motion by Member Dr. Mariah Bruce, second by Member Loren Dalbert to approve February 9, 2026 Record of Action / Minutes.

Ayes: Unanimous

Public comment: None

Group also agreed to continue current meeting process agreements.

III. REVIEW TCAB Scope of Work / Workplan

RFQ submitted for TCAB approval	03/09/26
RFQ Outreach strategy discussion	03/09/26
RFQ submitted for Equity committee approval	03/16/26
RFQ submitted for BOS approval	03/31/26

Public comment: None

Roll call for TCAB members who joined post quorum: Members Angela Butler-Owens, Nnedi Obembe, Dr. Fredrick Lee and Leslie Brown.

IV. REVIEW and APPROVE Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Wellness Network Lead Entity

Motion by Member Willie Robinson, second by Member Dr. Mariah Bruce to move approval of RFQ for Wellness Network Lead Entity.

Public comment: None

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Roll call vote in favor: Leslie Brown, Dr. Mariah Bruce, Angela Butler-Owens, Rachel Corona, Loren Dalbert, Pastor Ed Harris, Bianca LaChaux, Dr. Fredrick Lee, Walter McMath, Dr. Jalaima Nichols, Nnedi Obembe, Willie Robinson

Opposed: None

Motion passes.

Discussed RFQ awareness outreach strategy to broaden public awareness of RFQ availability.

List includes:

- Black led nonprofits
- Community-rooted providers
- Healing, Reentry, Housing and Health Networks
- Organizations in East, Central, and West County
- All leaders known to the network, including former Steering Committee

Discussion ensued about media outreach. Director Carr suggested a press release can be disseminated. Vice Chair Nichols asked if TCAB could see existing distribution list. Director Kim indicated that over 5,000 emails are in ORESJ distribution lists. Director Carr asked that TCAB members would assist by advertising to their networks.

Outreach channels include community networks, faith and cultural organizations provider coalitions, county and philanthropy partners, direct outreach of TCAB.

Outreach channels to reach audiences include:

- Community networks
- Faith and cultural organizations
- Provider coalitions
- County and philanthropy partners
- Direct outreach by TCAB members

Member Walter McMath suggested social media outreach including TikTok. Also utilize BOS social media pages. Member Butler-Owens suggested development of a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document to also help increase clarity and understanding.

Target audience for RFQ includes:

- Black-led non-profit agencies
- Community-rooted providers
- Healing, reentry, housing, and health networks
- Organizations in East, Central and West County
- All leaders known to the network, former steering committee

Chair Ed Harris asked if other target audiences should be reached. Member Willie Robinson suggested outreach to Black news outlets in the Bay Area. He will share the information with Staff Jessica Travenia.

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Public comment: None

V. RECEIVE Data Presentation

Staff Jessica Travenia introduced Staff Emaan Ahmed who assisted in developing the Data Presentation. Delivered slide presentation (included in 03/09/26 meeting agenda packet).

Data presentation introductory statement:

1. The feasibility study and data show that African American harm, disinvestment, and unmet need are concentrated in specific places and driven by specific systems - policing, housing, healthcare, and economic exclusion. Because of that, the County is not just funding programs. It is building a new, Black-led safety net network with shared governance.
2. The feasibility study and data show that Black residents in Contra Costa County are facing overlapping crises in health, housing, reentry, and safety - concentrated in specific neighborhoods and shaped by systemic inequities. This means the people chosen to lead this initiative must be capable of addressing trauma, distrust, and structural barriers, not just managing programs.

Data presentation concluding statement:

This data requires leaders who:

- Are trusted by Black communities in Antioch, Pittsburg, Richmond, and North Richmond
- Have lived or deeply embedded experience navigating systems that have harmed Black families
- Can bridge community wisdom with public systems
- Can lead healing, not just service delivery

TCAB's role is to ensure leadership eligibility criteria reflect these realities - not just professional credentials. It is to ensure that the people and organizations chosen to run this system actually reflect the communities, the trauma, and the solutions described in this data. Further, TCAB's role is to shape eligibility and selection criteria for RFQ and RFP processes so governance is in congruence with data in terms of geography (East, Central and West County), lived experience, community trust, equity and accountability.

Public comment: None

Member Willie Robinson noted that census tract of North Richmond has changed drastically. Director Kim stated that services are targeted for African American/Black residents but open to all. Robinson asked, if you design a program to focus on Blacks in community who are most harmed, how do we contend with the changing demographics in a community to ensure that the target population is served? Staff Jessica Travenia noted that even if there are population changes the most harmed population, which historically has been Black residents, will be served. Director Kim added that this initiative has always, and will continue to, prioritize the Black community.

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Director Kim stated that the Request for Proposals (RFP) questions should explore how applicants demonstrate competency, experience and accessibility in effectively engaging the target population.

RFP will be for community-based Service Providers. In addition, existing County services will also be provided through the network.

Staff Jessica Travenia shared priority areas as identified in data studies and community input:

1. Behavioral Health Services
2. Housing Navigation
3. Preventative Health Care
4. Infant and Maternal Health
5. Resource Navigation
6. Reentry Support and Restorative Alternatives

RFP will be discussed at the April meeting along with presentations being made by County providers. The Network will include providers identified via the RFP as well as County providers.

Member Loren Dalbert asked if homeless services include black-led providers. County homeless program will make a presentation at a future TCAB meeting.

Alternate Member Antwanisha Hicks noted that Healthy Places Index (HPI) spoke to education deficits that does not seem to be captured in this initiative. Director Carr shared Phase One does not cover education needs but future phases may do so.

Chair Ed Harris suggested a TCAB running “parking lot” to capture these ideas.

Member Dr. Mariah Bruce stated that her purpose in joining TCAB was to assist this endeavor to partner with education, particularly Contra Costa Community College district.

Chair Ed Harris asked if there could be ORESJ office hours to help provide clarity on TCAB subjects. Staff Jessica Travenia stated yes.

Chair Harris asked for an additional ten (10) minutes added to meeting to cover final agenda items. Member Walter McMath made motion to extend meeting by ten (10) minutes, second by Member Angela Butler-Owens. Motion passes unanimously.

VI. RECEIVE TCAB Updates and Announcements

1. TCAB approved RFQ at tonight’s meeting.
2. TCAB discussed RFQ outreach strategy at tonight’s meeting.
3. TCAB received data presentation at tonight’s meeting.
4. TCAB will receive the draft RFP for review and discussion at the April meeting.
5. TCAB will receive presentations from African American focused specialized programs in Contra Costa County at the April meeting.

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VII. DISCUSS Next Steps

Chair Ed Harris asked each person to share one word that describes how each person feels about tonight's meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Member Dr. Mariah Bruce, second by Member Angela Owens-Butler. Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM

The next meeting is currently scheduled for April 13, 2026 at 1025 Escobar Street, Room 110, Martinez, CA 94553.