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# Community Dialogue Session

Topic: Probation Oversight Commission - Mission and Community Engagement

September 25, 2018





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## Comment Card Activity

Answer the following question as it relates to the Probation Department:

- ***What does public accountability and transparency mean to you?***

Answer the following question as it relates to the function of the Probation Oversight Commission (POC):

- ***How would meaningful community engagement between you and the POC feel?***



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FALL DATES	TOPICS	LOCATION/TIME
Tuesday September 25, 2018	Mission and Community Engagement Mandate of the POC	Exposition Park <b>6pm-8:30pm</b>
Wednesday October 17, 2018	Mission and Organizational Structure of the Probation Department	Hall of Administration <b>2pm-4:30pm</b>
Thursday October 25, 2018	Powers of the POC and Criteria for Staff/Commissioners	Hall of Administration <b>2pm-4:30pm</b>
Wednesday November 14, 2018	Structured Decision Making and Pre-Trial Services	TBD <b>2pm-4:30pm</b>
Wednesday November 28, 2018	Presentation of Draft Recommendations for the POC Structure	Hall of Administration <b>2pm-4:30pm</b>



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WINTER DATES	TOPICS	LOCATION/TIME
Wednesday January 16, 2019	Staffing, Hiring, and Training and Data/IT Support in Probation Department	Hall of Administration <b>2pm-4:30pm</b>
TBD	Juvenile Facilities	TBD <b>10am-12:30pm</b>
Wednesday February 13, 2019	Community Partnerships/Service Delivery	TBD <b>6pm-8:30pm</b>
Wednesday February 27, 2019	Presentation of Draft Recommendations for Probation Reform	TBD <b>2pm-4:30pm</b>

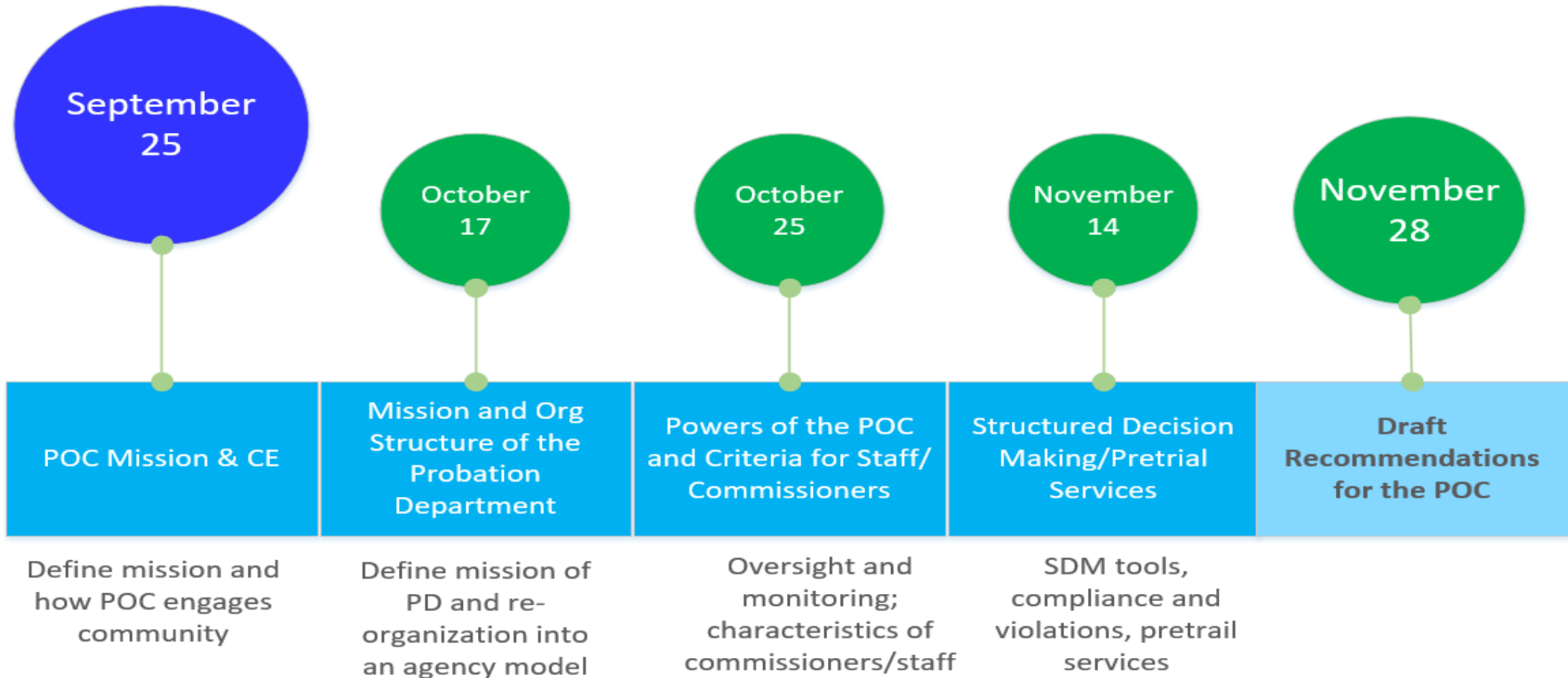


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## Where We Are

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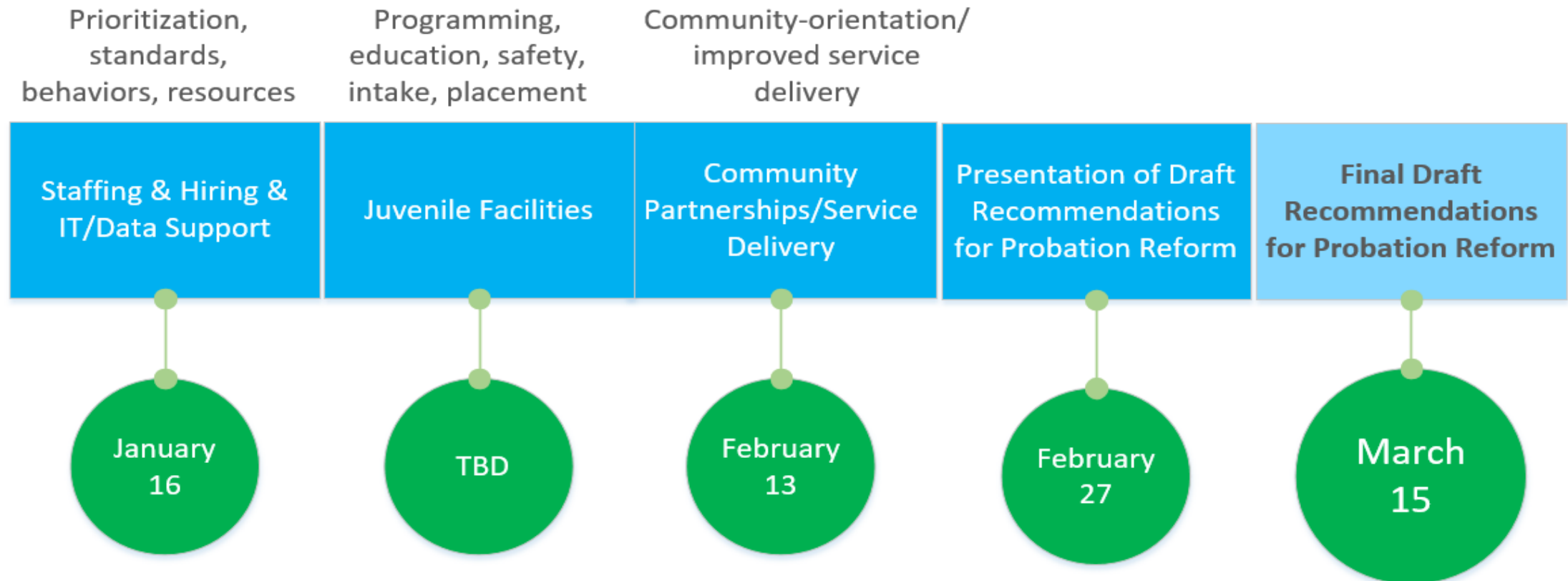


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### Where We Are Going

2019





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## What is a Mission Statement?

A Mission Statement is a brief description of why an agency, department or company exists. The Probation Oversight Commission Mission Statement will:

- ✓ **Explain what the Commission will do**
- ✓ **Provide focus, direction and inspiration to the employees**
- ✓ **Tell the community who it will be to its clients and stakeholders**
- ✓ **Name the expected results from the Commission's work**



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## Sample Mission Statement:

### Civilian Oversight Commission:

*The mission of the Civilian Oversight Commission is to **improve public transparency and accountability** with respect to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. The Commission shall **provide robust opportunities for community engagement** and ongoing **analysis and oversight** of Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department policies, practices and procedures, and **advice to the Sheriff, Board of Supervisors and the Public.***





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## Sample Mission Statement:

*Oversight and Government Reform Committee:*

*We exist to **secure two fundamental principles**. First, Americans have a right to know that the money Washington takes from them is well spent. And second, Americans deserve an efficient, effective government that works for them. **Our duty on the Oversight and Government Reform Committee is to protect these rights.***

*Our solemn responsibility is to **hold government accountable** to taxpayers, because taxpayers have a right to know what they get from their government. We will work tirelessly, in partnership with citizen-watchdogs, to **deliver the facts to the American people and bring genuine reform to the federal bureaucracy.***

*This is the mission of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee.*



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***What do better outcomes for juveniles mean to you?***

Think: Education outcomes/standards, services and supports, etc.

***What do better outcomes for adults mean to you?***

Think: Work opportunities, training, education/advanced education, etc.



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*Oversight:*

***What does the Probation Oversight Commission need to monitor the Probation Department?***

*Systemic Reform:*

***What must change?***

Think: Training, resource needs, outcomes, family voice and choice in service delivery, etc.



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## What is the Community Engagement mandate for the POC?

It is important that the POC be a Brown Act body committed to **proactive, robust community engagement** and communication to enhance transparency of the Department.

For public accountability, it is important that the POC accurately address the concerns of the public and the **agenda of the POC be community - driven.**



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## What is Robust Community Engagement?

Engagement and communication includes, but is not limited to:

- ✓ Ensuring **public access to information** by hosting periodic community forums or town halls to address issues, concerns, and incidents of a sensitive nature or to simply provide updates and other information regarding the Department.
- ✓ Serving as **liaison and mediator** between the Department and residents, and/or community-based stakeholder organizations to address issues impacting Departmental policy/practice or the impacts of those policies/practices on the community
- ✓ Providing a forum for community residents and stakeholders to **present complaints suggesting systemic issues** driven by Departmental policy or practice.
- ✓ Periodically reporting to the Board regarding **progress on reform efforts**, recommendations, and/or other areas of interest to the Board.



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***What kind of community engagement gives everyday residents and stakeholders the power to address issues impacting Departmental policy/practice or the impacts of those policies/practices on the community?***

Think: Overcoming barriers, speaking truth to power, etc.



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***What kind of principles or values should the POC embrace to ensure robust community engagement is more than a list of recommendations?***

Think: collaboration, process transparency, accessibility, etc.



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## CLOSING SLIDE

- Contains meeting info for October 17 & 24
- **Contains Contact info for PRIT Staff**
- **Contains address for PRIT site**