SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Supervisor Chan called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and Committee members introduced themselves.

II. Recap of Last Meeting on Data Sharing

Melanie Moore, Director ALL IN Alameda County, gave a brief recap of the last meeting on data sharing. There were presentations by various agencies participating in some form of data sharing, including, First 5, Probation Department, Health Care Services Agency and Interagency Children’s Policy Council.

Issues/topics raised included:
- Concerns about privacy issues
- Use of information
- Opportunities for data sharing were identified, such as Whole Person Care, First 5’s Results Based Accountability, and the Violence Prevention Institute.

Information Technology and County Counsel will provide more information on these topics.

III. Panel Presentation on Issues Involved in Data Sharing

Tim Dupuis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology, and Sybil Gurney Assistant Director, Information Technology Department reported on various data sharing initiatives within the County.

Mr. Dupuis reported on the role of ITD and how it impacts data sharing. ITD has an Application Services Team which handles enterprise applications, such as payroll, criminal justice and property systems. Applications services employs data base administrators and support services.

ITD also Infrastructure Services Team, which handles equipment such as radios, telephones and other physical devices.

The Data Sharing Initiative was created by the Board of Supervisors in 2011 and is headed by the Data Sharing Committee and chaired by Mr. Dupuis and the County Administrator’s Office. This initiative brings together county agencies to determine how to host public data to give the best public service. The centerpiece of the Data Sharing Initiative is a newly updated Alameda County online data portal, available at http://data.acgov.org, which offers easy-to-access links to public information about County operations. Available information includes complete records of 2012 crime reports taken by the Alameda County Sheriff’s Office, data about restaurant inspections and information about local parks and transit districts.

ITD has also developed and put on Hackathons to expose public data to the community, there have been five (5) Hackathons and the last one was in 2016.
Alameda County has also held a series of hackathons, the Alameda County Apps Challenges, to encourage residents to harness the power of technology and open government to create web and mobile applications that benefit the community.

ReThink AC as an internal group that ITD supports to improve operational efficiency.

ITD and other county partners develop a HUB strategy that looks internally at data sharing and the tools people use to analyze data.

Scott Dickey, County Counsel, reported that there are privacy and confidentiality concerns and significant restrictions on data sharing unless a person gives you consent. It depends on what you want to share and who you are trying to share it with; educational component; access to information is confidential.

There is a movement in data sharing nationally, however under the current law, data sharing is very challenging.

The County Counsel’s Office is available to assist with data sharing legal concerns.

Mr. Dickey talked about the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) law that gives parents certain rights with respect to their children’s education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are “eligible students.”

Certain kinds of information can be shared, for example some county agencies share information with respect to formerly incarcerated persons for medical enrollment.

The ALL IN Steering Committee will follow up on the Open Data Source.

IV. Planning for Census 2020

Supervisor Chan reported that the Board of Supervisors has allocated $1.5 million for planning for the 2020 Census. The County will need to rely on trusted members of the community to ensure that everyone is counted. It has not yet been determined what role the ALL IN Steering Committee will have in Census 2020. Updates will continue to be brought to this committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned to September 19, 2018.