



## Care First, Jails Last Taskforce

### UNAPPROVED Minutes

Thursday, May 25, 2023 | 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

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**Webinar via Zoom:** [Care First, Jails Last Task Force \(May 25, 2023\)](#)

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tribble at 1:05 p.m.

#### **Roll Call & Introductions**

Members Present: Abbott; Bedrossian; Bloom; Buchanan; Dasheill; Ford; Graves; Lee; O'Neill; Romero; Sheehan-Rahman; Starratt; Toro; Chair Tribble

Excused: Neff

Absent: Danao; Dixon; Penn; Souza; Syren

#### **Next Month's Meeting Location**

It was announced that next month's CFJL meeting will be held at 1100 San Leandro Boulevard, Redwood Conference Room.

#### **Review and Approve Prior Meeting's Minutes**

Member Bloom made a motion that the last month's minutes be approved; seconded by Member Dasheill. Motion carried; minutes are approved with one abstention.

#### **Public Comment (Agenda Items)**

1. A comment for the Data Ad Hoc Committee to precede the decisions on some of the recommendations was raised.
2. Include the whole scope of the diversion programs and diversion courts to be included in the data request. Also, RDA should be represented on the ad hoc committees.
3. Another death at the Santa Rita jail was brought up.
4. The Taskforce could benefit from the data gathered by Wendy Still. Additionally, the jail extension letter should come from the Taskforce as a whole so that recipients will not think it is only individuals submitting the letter.

#### **Discussion Items**

##### **Data Review and Brainstorming**

RDA continued the discussion of Recommendations for Cross-Cutting & Intercept -2. A presentation was given to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) Health Committee regarding CFJL Taskforce's progress and plans moving forward. Member Bloom also stated that the BOS asked if the number of 178 recommendations could be decreased, and that the Taskforce focus on the primary recommendations. RDA stated that in the future, the Taskforce will work on how to collapse and review the



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recommendations in such a way as to not overlap. The recommendations will be grouped by similarity so that the Taskforce can have the information prior to the meeting and hopefully speed up the process. Chair Tribble stated that one of the requests from the BOS is the hope that the recommendations become operational. Efforts will be made to ensure that the work of the Taskforce is not repetitive or replicating efforts, thus making the work distinct, unique and purposeful.

### Ad Hoc Committee Report

Ad hoc committees were established for flexibility in meeting. Any questions would be collected during this meeting to be addressed during the following meetings. The ad hoc committees included:

- **Data Ad Hoc Committee:** Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, at 12:45 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting is open to all who would like to attend. Three items were discussed at the last meeting:
  - 1) Data request that has been written by the Data ad hoc committee to ask ACBH to make a formal request to the District Attorney. The Taskforce is being asked to endorse the request, with the request coming from ACBH. A summary of the request involves bringing together data on persons who are in both the justice system and the behavioral health system and produce information that can be shared. The recommended items and elements are:
    - a) Request from the Data Ad Hoc Committee that the District Attorney's Office provide to ACBH within 30 days, by February 28, 2023, a dataset of persons age 18 and over charged by the DA since January 1, 2015, with the following information preferably in Excel or another format between the years 2015 and 2022.
    - b) We will also request that ACSO supply to ACBH a dataset of all persons charged by the DAO since January 1, 2015, between 2015 and 2022 with certain demographic information listed.
    - c) Request that ACBH match the data on adults with the data from the ACSO and the DAO and provide the identified numbers of each of the following, preferably by spreadsheet, since January 1, 2015, including persons who were ACBH clients with serious mental illness.
  - 2) Data that supports the recommendations surrounding Intercept -2
  - 3) The BOS recently adopted a resolution to spend \$26.6M to build a new building in the jail. The State will match with an additional \$50M. However, the project has been put on hold by a letter from Nancy Skinner. Brian Bloom recommends that the Taskforce approach the BOS and ask them to back off from this move. A motion was made by Brian Bloom and seconded by Peggy Rahman that the CFJL Taskforce



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ask the BOS not to proceed with this matter until the mandate received by CFJL has ended in 2024. The motion vote was conducted by roll call, with the outcome being 8 in support and 5 abstentions. Therefore, the motion passed. In addition, Dr. Taylor stated that the Taskforce has RDA's support regarding this issue.

- **Finance Ad Hoc Committee:** Met on May 12 and will continue to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. It was requested that the meeting notice be posted online. Discussion took place on how money is allocated in Alameda County to agencies, and how sometimes that is bounded to specific projects or specific items. So money sometimes is not as easy to move around as we might think. New funding was also discussed – startup programs vs. expanding existing programs and looking into how effective these programs are. Discussion also took place regarding desiring clarity between the Agency plans and the community or the County-wide plans. Some of the plans have not been represented in previous conversations. Also, oftentimes agencies cannot bring up the project unless funding has been identified. Also mentioned was the AB109 funds and that these are realignment funds from the State. As such people re being brought back from State prison in the local counties, and some of these funds were distributed directly to the Sheriff or other County agencies. A request was made to receive more transparency on how the Sheriff and other County agencies are using the direct allocation of AB109 funds, and if any of these monies are available for Intercept 1 and 2. Lastly, comments and recommendations were made in regard to some possible revisions and/or changes to some of the information in the binder.

### Cross Cutting Recommendations by Intercept

RDA stated that some amendments would be made to the recommendations. There were six recommendations that were finalized. It was requested that everyone should take a look at Recommendations 7-13 (both the PowerPoint and the extended versions), and prepare for discussion if they should be finalized, or are in need of changes.

Member Lee clarified information for the government partner allocations. She stated that \$1,250,000 is going to the District Attorney, \$2,113,988 is going to the Public Defenders, \$3,250,000 going to Probation, and \$19,623,660 is going to the Sheriff's Office. \$26,237,638 is going to community partners.



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#### **Recap, Close & Next Steps:**

1. Data request is approved with future date to have extensive discussion
2. Letter from the Ad Hoc Committee will be supported by this body's recommendations
3. Look at Tab 4 (Items 7-13) and prepare to discuss along with Intercept -2

**Meeting adjourned at 2:58 PM**

#### **Next meeting, June 22, 2023 at 1:00 pm**

1100 San Leandro Boulevard (Redwood Conference Room), San Leandro CA

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