



## Care First, Jails Last Taskforce **UNAPPROVED** Minutes

Thursday, July 27, 2023| 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

*This meeting was conducted exclusively through  
videoconference and teleconference*



Webinar via Zoom: [Care First, Jails Last Taskforce \(July 27, 2023\)](#)

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Care First, Jails Last (CFJL) Taskforce Chair, Dr. Karyn Tribble at 1:10 p.m.

### **Roll Call & Introductions**

Present: Abbott; Dasheill; Dixon; Ford; Graves; Lee; Penn; Schwartz; Sheehan Rahman; Syren; Toro; Chair Tribble

Excused: Bedrossian; Bloom; O'Neill

Absent: Buchanan

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

A motion was made to approve the May minutes with two (2) abstentions. In addition, a motion was made to approve the June 21, 2023, minutes. The motion passed with 6 abstentions.

### **Public Comments Opened and Closed**

Public comments given.

### **Discussion & Action Items**

#### **A. Review and Finalize Data Ad Hoc Committee's Proposed Data Requests to Alameda County Agencies**

A motion to adopt the framework recommendations, or to allow the ad hoc subcommittee to begin its work as a taskforce was moved and seconded. The motion was unanimously approved, and this will be forwarded to the Data Ad Hoc Committee.

#### **B. Review and Finalize Care First, Jails First (CFJL) Letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding Opposition to the Santa Rita Jail Expansion Project**

A motion was made and seconded regarding the proposed data request letter concerning Santa Rita Jail being forwarded to the Board of Supervisors (BOS). During the vote, there were six (6) abstentions. There are 9 affirmative votes, and the motion was approved.

#### **C. Review and Finalize Recommendations for Cross-Cutting, Intercept -2 (Prevention) and Intercept -1 (Early Intervention)**

Dr. Charlene Taylor, ACBH Resource Development Associates (RDA) Facilitator discussed the slide presentation entitled TABLE of Thematic Groupings. Each column represents an intercept, and each row represents the different thematic groupings.



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Discussion and Q&A ensued related to the following specific recommendations:

### *Collaboration/Whole Person Care/Case Management (Items):*

(13): Double the number of people served by Full-Service Partnerships (FSPs), which are wrap-around services for people with severe mental illness and/or substance use disorders, with a plan to further expand FSPs to meet the need. One concern was that the FSPs are not always adequately trained to address the needs of the people with illnesses and disorders. Specialized cross-training should be implemented. It was stated that some of these issues are already listed in other recommendations.

### *Funding & Accounting Transparency (Items):*

(7): Create a public accounting of unspent funds in Santa Rita Jail.

(8): Create a budget report on how the funds mandated by the Babu-settlement have been allocated and spent, and the status of implementation of the settlement's terms. It was suggested that Item Nos. 7 and 8 be combined to address the budget accounting and oversight and sharing of the information.

Captain Oscar Perez of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) would return to a future Taskforce meeting to provide additional answers and information related to the Recommendations.

(9): Fully fund the Alameda County Behavioral Health Department's countywide Forensic Plan. It was suggested that Items 9 and 152 be combined as well.

(84): It was stated that the language preference would be to take out diverting funds from the hospital and speak to diverting funding from the jails, because our goal is to treat those with severe mental illnesses in the community with hospitalization, as well as supportive housing. It was also suggested that the language specify not using funds or increasing dollars to increase mental health services within the jail. The jails should not be used as mental illness treatment centers.

(142): CalAIM – focus on the justice population. Social Services is working with the ASCO to address this matter.



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### **Subcommittees**

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

#### **Finance:**

This committee met on June 9, 2023, and July 14, 2023. There was a presentation in June from Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice Courage, which focuses on violence prevention. Many of the current programs are funded by the City and not the County, except for those in the unincorporated areas. The Fiscal Taskforces will be looking into how the two can work together.

#### **Data:**

It was stated and acknowledged that Brian Bloom is unable to function because of health reasons. Volunteers were solicited to move forward with the Data Ad Hoc Committee, including stepping in as the Interim Chair.

Member Sheehan-Rahman volunteered to serve as Interim Chair. A motion was made and seconded to accept Ms. Sheehan-Rahman as Interim Chair. Motion approved. Member Abbott offered additional staff support and help from HCSA for this committee.

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

There are links on the website for the community to obtain information discussed during the meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:59 PM.**

**Next meeting, August 24, 2023 at 1:00 pm**

1100 San Leandro Boulevard, Redwood Conference Room  
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