

Care First Jails Last Task Force

Ad Hoc Data Committee meeting – October 16, 2023

Unreviewed notes

Present: Brian Bloom (chair), Kimberly Graves, Peggy Rahman, Corrine Lee, Mia Cooper Kahn; Jamon Franklin (RDA); Sarah Garmisa (HCSA SHIE); Lorenza Hall (ACBH); Shahidah Williams (Supervisor Carson). Myrna Schwartz, Lindsay Schachinger, Alison Monroe, John Lindsay-Poland.

1. Review of Task Force data request to Sheriff and District Attorney's offices and to ACBH. John Lindsay-Poland reviewed the data request that Task Force co-chair Kimberly Graves submitted to the two agencies on September 28. Ms. Graves said that the District Attorney responded via email on October 6, stating that her team was studying the request, and that the DA Office new representative on the Task Force, Dr. Raymond Landry, would reach out soon. The Sheriff's Office responded via email on October 11 and requested a meeting to discuss the request.

ACBH has not been able to leverage charging information, but the analysis requested of ACBH appears doable. Some housing data is not solid, and ACBH does not have waiting list information. If a provider is linked to HMIS data, then that data will be in the SHIE; but if it is external to HMIS, it might not be in SHIE.

Regarding a data sharing agreement, if the flow of information is to ACBH and then back to the DA or ACSO, a data sharing agreement would be needed. But if the sharing is with this group, since the Board authorized the sharing, it can be done without such an agreement. Dr. Hall will ask ACBH leadership, however.

2. Data sharing for care coordination. There are other data initiatives to expand access and better coordination between agencies. The Community Health Record (CHR) is a strong option. Sarah Garmisa said she would share with this group information on the types of data that are in the SHIE and CHR. SHIE gets ACBH data, but everything in the CHR is based on regulations and requirements governing different components of data.

The Probation Department is trying to access data for care coordination, and expect a data sharing agreement soon. The information from ACBH fed into the CHR is limited.

The Reimagining Adult Justice (RAJ) effort was able to access arrest records from Cal DOJ, showing 68,000 or more arrests for crimes in the county each year. The DA's Office would have the most information, but it will be a large dataset for ACBH to process. The Sheriff's office reportedly does not keep arrest information since 2015.

The Public Defender gets between 50% and 80% of criminal cases, and may have more data as well – especially related to cases eligible for diversion.

It was suggested that the Task Force develop two additional recommendations:

1. A recommendation specific to the data sharing between agencies needed for better coordination and collaboration between agencies serving impacted persons. This recommendation could draw upon the knowledge of persons working with the SHIE and ACBH data.
2. A request for current data to support diversion (pre-arrest or in collaborative courts). This could be a request for data on persons currently at Santa Rita who meet criteria for diversion (under Penal Code 1001.36) – persons who have a mental illness and have not committed a serious crime. Such a request may go to Superior Court and/or to the Public Defender. This request should also include both quantitative data and an inquiry for qualitative data to identify obstacles to diversion (e.g. interviews with Judge Syren and families).

The next meeting will be on Monday, November 13, at 12:30 pm, via zoom.

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