



## Care First, Jails Last Taskforce

### UNAPPROVED Minutes

Thursday, September 28, 2023 | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

*This meeting was conducted exclusively through videoconference and teleconference*



**Webinar via Zoom, Link:** [Care First, Jails Last Taskforce \(September 28, 2023\)](#)

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Care First, Jails Last (CFJL) Taskforce Chair, Karyn Tribble at 1:09 p.m.

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

**Present:** Buchanan; Abbott; Dasheill; Dixon; Kahn; Lee; Penn; Sheehan-Rahman (online); Romero; Starratt; Chair Tribble

**Excused:** Bedrossian; Bloom; O'Neill

**Absent:** Ford; Graves; Rodriguez; Schwartz; Syren; Toro

There are currently seven vacant seats on the Task Force. Four are from the police agencies, one seat is available for a Program Director, one seat is available for representation from the Superior Court, and one seat is available for representation from the District Attorney's office.

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

A motion was made and seconded to approve the July 2023 meeting minutes. The motion passed with no oppositions or abstentions.

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

Public comments were given.

#### **CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Update**

##### **A. Finance Ad Hoc Committee Report**

The Finance Ad Hoc Committee met twice since the last Task Force meeting. The September meeting was ended after 15 minutes due to low attendance. The committee meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 3:30 p.m. and will be focusing on reimagining the adult justice report that included fiscal recommendations.

##### **B. Data Ad Hoc Committee Report**

The Data Ad Hoc Committee stated that more data is needed and requested for an Alameda County Behavioral Health (ACBH) representative during their meetings. In addition, upon recommendation from the Task Force, approval has been granted to send out requests to the Alameda County Sheriff's Department and to the District Attorney's office for additional data. A third request will also be sent to ACBH for clarifying any questions or information.

There was also an inquiry regarding whether the individual from the Social Health Information Exchange who volunteered to be a part of the Data Ad Hoc Committee had been contacted.



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#### **Discussion & Action Items**

##### **A. Proposed Holiday Meeting Schedule**

The following dates were asked to be considered going forward:

1. November 16, 2023
2. December 14, 2023
3. February 15, 2024
4. February 22, 2024
5. March 14, 2024
6. March 28, 2024

It was also proposed that an additional meeting be tentatively calendared for January 11, 2024. A motion regarding the proposed meeting dates was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

##### **B. Creation of an Additional Ad Hoc Committee (Intercept Review)**

It was stated that it would be advantageous to have a Recommendations Ad Hoc Committee to work with the Resource Development Associates (RDA). This was moved and seconded. Motion passed.

Secondly, a motion was made and seconded to approve the ability of RDA to combine and produce what has been given and confirm the direction that will be taken. Motion passed.

##### **C. Alameda County Sheriff's Office Report**

Lieutenant Charles Joe from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) made a presentation regarding the Santa Rita Jail Expansion Project and the Babu settlement funds. The funding from the State per SB 863 must be used to create a Mental Health Treatment Space at Santa Rita Jail. New jail construction will not take place with these funds. Also, the clinicians providing services will be Behavioral Health employees and Community Based Organizations (CBOs) - Providers. ACSO employees will not be utilized as mental health providers. It was suggested that a representative from the Alameda County General Services Agency (GSA) attend a future Task Force meeting and make a formal informational presentation concerning this project.

##### **D. Review and Finalize Recommendations by Thematic Group**

RDA, the Facilitator, continued the discussion regarding the Recommendations.

The paired-down recommendations were presented in a PowerPoint presentation. Discussion ensued on the various items, and recommendations were made. It was stated that the recommendations should state what services will be available for family members as well as the community. The Board of Supervisors (BOS) has approved the procurement of a building



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that will be inter-agency. It may house and include multiple county agencies. The prospective location for this project is to be determined.

Other recommendations discussed included:

- Crisis Services/5150s & Treatment Beds (1-: Early Intervention)
- Collaboration/Whole Person Care/Case Management (Cross Cutting). This item was omitted per agreement of the Task Force.
- Community Based Support/Outreach/Education (5: Community Supports) It was recommended that the development of a Civil Service classification, i.e., Peer Specialist for that will have hiring capabilities.
- Crisis Services/5150s & Treatment Beds (56: Prioritize identifying and serving folds at their first mental health crisis (Include outreach and engagement and assign new families for psychiatric support)
- Housing (Cross Cutting [B]): Include others who are chronically homeless in addition to those who are suffering from mental illness and substance use disorder.
- Housing (Reentry): Should read “Provide 90-, 60- and 30-day pre-release housing planning and navigation.” Also, should read “Assure appropriate transitional housing for SUD/co-occurring populations, including chronically homeless or others with no housing location to exit to.”
- Housing (Cross Cutting [A]): “Ensure that county-funded affordable housing projects allow families with formerly incarcerated, criminalized family members access to the unit. Advocate and encourage cities to adopt similar policies.
- Housing (Reentry): Create an alternative program that provides housing subsidy to said families and households.”

### Discussion and Q&A

A request was made of the Task Force to give attention to the recommendations the Task Force may make for individuals who are currently in custody, and what the County can be asked to do for this population. This item is something that may eventually be placed on a future agenda.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:12 PM**

**Next meeting, October 26, 2023, at 1:00 pm**

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

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