



Care First, Jails Last Task Force

UNAPPROVED Minutes

Thursday, December 14, 2023 | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

This meeting was conducted exclusively through videoconference and teleconference



Webinar via Zoom, Link: [Care First, Jails Last Task Force \(December 14, 2023\)](#)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Care First, Jails Last (CFJL) Task Force Chair, Dr. Karyn Tribble at 1:07 p.m.

Roll Call & Introductions

Present: Rodriguez; Bedrossian; Bloom; Buchanan; Dasheill; Graves; Kahn; Lee; Penn; Perez; Romero; Sheehan-Rahman; Starratt; Chair Tribble

Excused: Ra

Absent: Dixon; Ford; Landry; Toro

Review and Approve Prior Meeting's Minutes

A motion was made by member Michelle Starratt and seconded by member Brian Bloom to approve the October 2023 meeting minutes. The motion passed as noted and recorded. There were no abstentions and no objections.

Public Comments Opened and Closed

Public comments were given online.

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Update

A. Finance Ad Hoc Committee Report

Member Corinne Lee made the report regarding the Finance Ad Hoc Committee which briefly met this week with seven attendees. There were not enough members present to hear the presentation from the Alameda County Behavioral Health (ACBH) Finance Team. It was decided that the presentation will be tabled until next year. It was stated that it would be helpful to have an ACBH programs-representative present at their meetings. They were made aware of the fact that ACBH manages all Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds and allocates the funds to the Alameda County Office of The Agency Director (OAD) and other relevant programs from the Office of Homeless Care and Coordination (OHCC).

B. Data Ad Hoc Committee Report

The Data Ad Hoc Committee met on December 11, 2023. There was also a meeting with the Alameda County Information Technology Department (ITD) and the District Attorney's (DA) regarding details and procedures on obtaining and receiving data regarding Santa Rita Jail. The next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2024. The Data Ad Hoc Committee requested to be on the agenda for the January Care First, Jails Last (CFJL) meeting. Captain Oscar Perez from Santa Rita Jail confirmed that the current jail population totals 1,637 and five pending state hospital commitments.



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C. Recommendations Ad Hoc Committee Report

The Recommendations Ad Hoc Committee met several weeks ago. Due to the lack of attendance, the recommendations were separated into three groups and assigned to various individuals. Additional meetings are being scheduled so that the committee will be able to provide an update at the CFJL Taskforce January 11, 2024 meeting. A possibility of bringing in expertise from outside of the committee was also discussed to assist in refining recommendations to help understand them better. Non-committee members will be able to voice their feedback and concerns about the contents of the recommendations.

Discussion & Action Items

A. Data Sharing Request

Task Force member Bloom requested data to be shared from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office (ACSO). A motion was made by member Michelle Starratt and seconded by OHCC Representative Jeanette Rodriguez. The motion unanimously passed, with no objections or abstentions.

B. Review and Finalize Recommendations by Thematic Group

Facilitator Dr. Taylor of the RDA continued the discussion regarding the Recommendations and wanting to discuss what actions will be taken. The template to be used was previously voted on and examples were provided from last meeting. The ultimate result will be creating recommendations that will be broken up, concluding with one set of cross-fitting recommendations, and another set by intercepts.

Discussion was opened for ideas the Taskforce members might have for collaborative recommendations. The example of "baking a cake" was used for discussion that included the Recommendation, Partner(s), Problem that it Solves, Data Needed/Budget Request and Progress/Outcome measures. The question was asked if the template captured the racial equity or reflect all the recommendations made regarding the racial disparities of incarceration and hospitalization. It was stated that there was a commitment made to dispel racial disparities. It was also suggested that the key partner be placed at the top of the column, listing the roles of each partner. Additionally, it might be beneficial to add timeframes to reflect the length of time anticipated for implementation.

Another example used and discussed was the problem that grades and achievement test scores for students continue to drop. The committee has been asked for recommendations on how to improve those. Discussion ensued on the topic of Juveniles in grades K-12 attending school on a year-round schedule.

The following was inserted in each column:



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Recommendation: **Juveniles in grades K-12 will attend school on a year-round schedule**

Partner(s):

- State (funding)
- Families
- PTA
- Teachers/Union
- School districts (city and local)
- Superintendents

Problem that it solves:

- Drop in test scores
- Improve student achievement
- Address STP (school-to-prison) pipeline

Data needed/Budget request:

- Data by cohort (elementary, middle, high school)
- Demographics (of students and teachers)
- Scores/grades
- Amount it will cost to hire teachers
- Teacher effectiveness (evaluation)
- Teacher retention rates
- Student success post-grad (jobs, housing)
- Who is not performing up to par? (ESL, MH, gang impacted, etc.)

Progress/Outcome measures:

- Improvement in the number of days kids go to school
- Improvement in test scores
- Students' subjective experience (satisfaction survey)

Announcements

The Bi-Annual Points in Time Count for the homeless will be on January 25, 2024, and they are looking for volunteers. Volunteers are needed County-wide.

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Meeting adjourned at 3:04 PM.



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