



## Care First, Jails Last Task Force

### **APPROVED** Minutes

Thursday, November 16, 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 \(November 16, 2023\)](#)

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:09 p.m. by Juan Taizan, ACBH Forensic, Diversion, & Re-Entry Services Director (on behalf of Chair Tribble).

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

**Present:** Abbott; Bedrossian; Bloom; Buchanan; Dasheill; Dixon; Graves; Kahn; Landry; Lee; Penn; Ra; Romero; Sheehan-Rahman; Starratt; Taizan

**Excused:** Chair Tribble

**Absent:** Ford, Perez, Toro

#### **Announcement/Co-Chair Update**

No announcements were made.

#### **Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

The previous meeting minutes approved with one revision, moved by Member Dasheill and seconded by Member Bedrossian.

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

Public comments were given.

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

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

Implementation for recommendations should be clear and concise. It was determined that there is some unclarity regarding certain categories of funds. Most of the funds are being utilized for prevention but was suggested to be allocated towards other areas that need funding instead. This would include what medical funds are being used for diversion; how the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds will be shifting; as well as the expansion of housing.

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

Detailed analysis of data requests is pending. There may be a need to make a recommendation for paying an additional staff member and an analyst.

On behalf of the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, although a staff member has already initiated processing data retrieval, there were concerns about factors surrounding the processes and the need to obtain this time-sensitive information from two different systems.



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A discussion was made to request specific data on diversion reverting to the original goal of moving mentally ill people out of jail, which is an action judges want to pursue however, it is important to consider where former inmates would be housed or transferred to once successfully rehabilitated and treated.

#### **C. Recommendation Ad Hoc Committee Report**

The Facilitator, Dr. Charlene Taylor of Resource Development Associates (RDA), provided this report. A bigger perspective should be focused on the recommendations that have the most emphasis. Community Representative Co-Chair, Kimberly Graves suggested narrowing to twelve or fewer recommendations in total. Task force members also suggested to find a way to focus on cross-departmental recommendations in different intercepts.

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

##### **A. Review and Finalize Recommendations by thematic Groups**

This item was not discussed.

##### **B. Review Process of Recommendation Template**

Group reviewed the Recommendation Template and walk through completing the template using an approved recommendation as an example. There a was a discussion regarding the outcome of the measures and progress must be measurable and attainable. Suggestion on adding additional columns for the context of recommendations and one for resources and money are already in the works.

There is a need for someone to take the lead on incorporating plans to utilize agency collaborations.

According to ACBH's Forensic, Diversion & Re-Entry Services Director, Taizan and Community Representative Co-Chair, Graves – all Full Service Partnerships (FSPs) are at 90% capacity, however, plans are not moving towards the direction originally implemented.

A suggestion was made by Facilitator to build onto existing recommendations and augmenting the current intake assessment, specifically when a person is arrested or taken into custody to include information on whether the client has had previous CARES or other services for additional monitoring purposes during the client's stay. This would aid in helping family members and public defenders of the client to receive notice. In addition,



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HIPAA compliance signatures should be obtained for privacy concerns and appropriate levels of distributed information on a need-to-know basis.

It was emphasized that incarcerated criteria should not be a detriment to get 5150s. Fair and equal evaluation should be enforced and coordinated whether 5150 treatment is needed or not. Prioritized needs were also highlighted, such as beds needed at certain facilities, and beds needed for homeless shelters.

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

Public comments were given.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.**

#### **Next meeting: December 14, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.**

1100 San Leandro Boulevard, Redwood Conference Room

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