



Care First, Jails Last Task Force

APPROVED Minutes

Thursday, October 26, 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 \(October 26, 2023\)](#)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Care First, Jails Last (CFJL) Task Force Chair, Dr. Karyn Tribble at 1:08 p.m.

Roll Call & Introductions

Present: Abbott; Bedrossian; Bloom; Buchanan; Dasheill; Ford; Graves; Cooper-Kahn; Lee; Penn; Perez; Ra; Romero; Starratt; Chair Tribble

Excused: None

Absent: Dixon; Sheehan-Rahman; Toro

A representative from the Alameda County District Attorney's Office was also present.

Review and Approve Prior Meeting's Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 2023 meeting minutes. The motion passed with noted corrections regarding attendance. There are four abstentions and no objections.

Public Comments Opened and Closed

Public comments were given.

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Update

A. Finance Ad Hoc Committee Report

Task Force Member, Corinne Lee made the report regarding the Finance Ad Hoc Committee. The primary discussion revolved around the Reimagine Adult Justice Element 3. This element specifically addresses what new health and funding-related opportunities exist to transform Alameda County's justice model. For the next three meetings, Behavioral Health involvement is requested, particularly the Forensic plan. The Committee is also requesting a presentation from the Alameda County Administrative Office (CAO) to understand what was approved as well as what needs to be approved in relation to funding. Concern will also be given to and investigated by the Committee to learn how to best provide medical services (Medi-Cal) to individuals who are incarcerated for less than 90 days; available services for these individuals differ from persons who are incarcerated for more than 90 days. For example, the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) funding, the Housing and Homeless Incentive Program, the Housing Assistance and Prevention Program raised funding questions. The question is whether the funds for these programs have been allocated already, or if this is money that is to be expected. Due to the volume of questions and comments, it was recommended that a special meeting be scheduled to specifically discuss this matter.



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B. Data Ad Hoc Committee Report

The Data Ad Hoc Committee met on October 16, 2023. Since this meeting, the data request was approved, which included a request from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office (ACSO). It is understood that the requested data is available. Discussion took place regarding scheduling a meeting to determine what information is available, or in the alternative what information the DA's office can provide. A representative from Alameda County Behavioral Health (ACBH) is requested to attend this meeting.

C. Recommendation Ad Hoc Committee Report

This Ad Hoc Committee has not met yet. The initial meeting is scheduled for November 6.

Discussion & Action Items

A. Alameda County Sheriff's Office Report

Captain Oscar Perez, ACSO, provided a presentation regarding the Santa Rita Jail Expansion Project and the Babu settlement funds. Captain Perez stated that the residual unspent money coming from unfilled deputy positions will roll over into the County General Fund at the close of the fiscal year. ACSO will be asking the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for approval to use some of these funds for contractual obligations at Santa Rita Jail next month. Captain Perez also stated that there are a total of 75 vacancies resulting in a 60% vacancy rate, which includes a Behavioral Health Manager, Behavioral Health Supervisor, Behavioral Health Clinician, Psychiatric Providers and Mental Health Specialists. Chair Tribble added that some of these vacant positions are overnight positions provided by subcontractors. Union discussions are taking place, but approval has not been made for County employees to occupy overnight positions.

Proposed Holiday Meeting Schedule

The following dates are asked to be considered going forward:

1. November 16
2. December 14
3. February 15 *and* February 22
4. March 14 *and* March 28

A. Review and Finalize Recommendations by Thematic Group

Dr. Charlene Taylor of the Research Development Association (RDA) continued the discussion regarding the paired-down Recommendations. The original number of recommendations (175) has been reduced to 95. Each agency was asked to provide comments concerning revisions of the recommendations. Discussion and comments were made by ACBH, Alameda County Housing, Public Defender, Social Services, and Probation among others. Some major discussions surrounded the issue of competitive living wages in Alameda County, concerns about the conditions of the facilities and the lack of mental health services available for the incarcerated, and how many recommendations would be brought to the BOS.



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Future tasks include: (1) Approve the feedback that has been gathered, in addition to the recommendations that will go back to the Recommendations Ad Hoc Committee to further refine and circle back to the Task Force. (2) Focus on the existing recommendations with the goal of preparing the final version. It was suggested that these two items be presented in the form of a motion. The motion was made and seconded, and passed by a unanimous vote. Lastly, Dr. Taylor strongly suggested that (3) all revisions be made and forwarded to the Recommendations Ad Hoc Committee prior to the next meeting date, November 6, 2023. If not possible, changes can be brought to the next Task Force meeting (November 16).

It was requested that page numbers of the report be added going forward.

Public Comments Opened and Closed

Public comments were given.

Meeting adjourned at 2:56 PM.

Next meeting, November 16, 2023 at 1:00 pm

1100 San Leandro Boulevard, Redwood Conference Room

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