Care First, Jails Last Task Force

UNAPPROVED Minutes

Thursday, January 25, 2024 | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

This meeting was conducted exclusively through videoconference and teleconference.

Webinar via Zoom, Link: Care First, Jails Last Taskforce (January 25, 2024)

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m. by Chair Tribble.

Roll Call & Introductions
Present: Abbott; Bedrossian; Bloom; Buchanan; Dasheill; Graves; Joe; Kahn; Lee; Penn; Starratt; Van Oosting; Chair Tribble

Excused: Ford; Romero

Absent: Dixon; Sheehan-Rahman; Toro

Announcement/Co-Chair Update
There are two meetings in February: February 15 and February 29.

Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
A motion was made by member Corrine Lee and seconded by Member Kristina Bedrossian to approve the February 15 meeting minutes with revisions.

Public Comments on Agenda Items
Public comments were made.

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Update
A. Finance Ad Hoc Committee Report
The Finance Ad Hoc Committee met last month and focused on Prop 1 and how it might affect the current MHSA fund. It is anticipated that the prevention and diversion portions of MHSA will be taken up by Public Health. One final item was a suggestion that the Fiscal Ad Hoc Committee take control of the refinement of the recommendations that are more fiscal and budget related.

B. Data Ad Hoc Committee Report from
The Data Ad Hoc Committee met on January 16, 2024 and focused on diversion. They will also meet on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. The data requests submitted to ACBH, the Sheriff’s office and the DA’s office last month are still pending.

C. Recommendation Ad Hoc Committee Report
The Recommendation Ad Hoc Committee met on January 18, 2024 to continue to discuss the proposed recommendations and still awaiting input from the SMEs. The consensus of the committee is that more than the allotted time is needed to finalize the recommendations. The next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2024.
Discussion & Action Items

Questions and/or suggestions from the Task Force were presented regarding the process of finalizing the recommendations within the specified time. The concern was raised as to whether the recommendations should be prioritized given the timeline, unless the timeline changes. Areas 1, 4, 5 and 7 were the ones with the most comments and the most work performed thus far. In light of the challenges to complete the project, it was stated that possibly a second round of the Task Force might be beneficial. Discussion ensued regarding this matter. After discussion, it was determined that the various agencies would receive the recommendations in order for further examination of the recommendations to take place. The various agencies would then determine what additional work and/or direction needs to be taken for each recommendation. The participating agencies are:

- Office of Homeless Care and Coordination
- Social Services
- Probation
- Lt. Governor Jones
- Public Defender
- Community Housing and Development Agency
- Alameda County Behavioral Health

It was also determined that the following actions would be taken:

1. RDA will do a quality control check on the recommendations to ensure that the template is accurate;
2. Sections 2 and 3 are farther along than some of the other sections;
3. Sections 4 and 5: Assistance will be given from Behavioral Health as SMEs;
4. Sections 6: Fiscal Ad Hoc Committee to hold;
5. Section 7: OHCC and Housing & Community Development to hold;
6. Sections 8, 9 and 10: Member Bedrossian and Member Dasheill to hold.

Public Comments Opened and Closed
Public comments were made.

Meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.
Next meeting: February 15, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

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