



# Alameda County Mental Health Advisory Board (MHAB)

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## **Care First, Jails Last (CFJL) Ad-Hoc Committee Summary**

**Location:** 2000 Embarcadero Cove, Suite 400, Oakland, CA (Chabot Conference Room)

### **Zoom Link –**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83541678892?pwd=4BZ2ExuBj3GzGz0O5HD3RvU5bTILG.1>

**Date:** Thursday, April 3, 2025

**Time:** 1:00PM – 3:00PM

**Attendees:** Ad Hoc Committee Members, RDA Consulting, ACBHD

## **Agenda:**

- I. Call to order – Welcome & Introductions
- II. Agency Subcommittees Report
- III. Measure W Discussion
- IV. Data Updates
- V. Report to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) Preparation
- VI. Parking Lot Review
- V. Wrap Up

## **Summary:**

### **Ad-Hoc Agency Sub-Committee Reports**

- **County Administrator's Office (CAO):** The subcommittee is waiting for recommendations for agencies. An outline, including agenda, narrative, and points of contact was suggest improving clarity.

No response received from the CAO. A budget meeting was attended where it was noted that Melanie Atendido will act as the liaison officer.

- **Behavioral Health Department:** The subcommittee met on March 28, 2025, from 1:00 PM-2:00 PM, continuing discussions on First Episode Psychosis (Recommendation 3L) including Recommendations 9A & 9B, advocacy, parental involvement, hospital beds and the African American wellness health. Concerns were raised regarding the African American wellness center, as the purchased building was deemed inadequate by General Services Agency (GSA). Additionally, the group reached out to Dr. Noha of Roots Community Health Center regarding the state planning project and will discuss a potential modular solution at the May 22, 2025, MHAB meeting.

The next meeting with ACBHD Director, Dr. Tribble, is scheduled for April 10, 2025, from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM, focusing on First Episode Psychosis, with the subcommittee reconvening on April 17, 2025 from 1:00 PM-2:00 PM.





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- **District Attorney (DA):** The subcommittee met with the contractor for CARES Navigation Center. Currently, the center is unoccupied, with access limited to individuals referred through law enforcement or by letter referral from the DA's office. Due to ongoing transitions within the DA's office, delays in operations are expected. A date for the next meeting has not been scheduled.

The subcommittee received Public Records Act data request from the DA's office regarding collaborative courts and outcomes. However, the information was incomplete, lacking records prior to 2023 and reflecting the number of individuals who completed the program. Additional data may need to be requested from the Superior Courts and Sheriff's office.

The subcommittee has been invited to the Mental Health Commission monthly meeting convened by the DA's office, with L.D. Lewis serving as the liaison.

- **Housing:** The subcommittee met with Jeanette Rodriguez and Jonathan Russell from Homelessness and Housing on March 27, 2025, sharing various follow-up documents and resources, including a plan outlining Measure W. The next meeting, scheduled for April 10, 2025, at 2:00 PM, will be with Michelle Starratt from Housing Community Development (HCD) to address recommendations not covered in the initial meeting. The subcommittee will reconvene on April 17, 2025 at 11:30 AM.

- **Probation Department:** No ad-hoc members currently.

- **Public Defender's Office (PDO):** PDO is collaborating with BHD and the DA's office to finalize the Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) grant from the state, which will establish a permanent IST diversion. A significant sum is expected to support staffing needs.

Pre-release programs were discussed to facilitate assessment and expedite release during a successful pre-trial period without lapses. PDO and its team expressed interest in participating in this process.

- **Alameda County Sheriff's Office (ASCO):** The subcommittee met with Captain Modeste on April 2, 2025, to present their recommendations, with primary focus on re-entry and housing. The next meeting has not yet been scheduled.
- **Social Services Agency (SSA):** No report or update provided.





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- **Courts:** The subcommittee met with Gavin O'Neil and Monica Perron on March 20, 2025, to discuss data, which was confirmed to be designated for grants only. Concerns were raised about data metrics, usability in decision-making, and accessibility across different locations. A list of data sources will be provided, and Yolo County will share data, reports, and links.

There has been no response to prior queries. Further clarification on the definition of recidivism and its categories will be provided.

Discussions on data-sharing processes emphasized the need for an independent analyst, with consideration given to convening stakeholders and developing MOUs for data sharing.

A meeting with the Mental Health Diversion Court is scheduled for April 8, 2025.

### **Measure W Discussion**

- \$500M has been collected and is currently held in an escrow fund.
- Funds secured and will be managed by the County.
- Homeless Care and Coordination presented plan, with \$4.5M approved in December for staffing and infrastructure.
- Supervisor Fortunato-Bas' (BOS District 5) \$40M funding request did not get approved; a follow-up meeting is scheduled in July.
- Discussions regarding options for BHSA, including service partnerships, community housing connections, and Measure W.
- Behavioral Health Connect requires county Behavioral Health Departments to implement evidence-based practices, including early psychosis and anticipated outcomes.

### **Data Updates**

A suggested was made to identify additional agencies or collaborate with them to obtain the data.

RDA reminded the committee's main goal is to maintain a record of the CFJL last report, plans and recommendations.

### **Report to the Board of Supervisors Preparation**

The presentation to BOS is scheduled for May 22, 2025. RDA shared the draft agenda via email for feedback and suggestions. Subcommittee members (Chair Bloom, Lindsay-Poland, Feller, Malkki and Monroe) will lead the preparation of the BOS presentation. RDA will support with scheduling, agenda development, report details and PowerPoint presentations under Ad Hoc committee guidance.

It was proposed that the BOS receive a general overview, contextual information, and links to presentations and resolutions. The focus will be on progress made in CFJL implementation and recommendations.





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The subcommittee plans to finalize the presentation during the May 1<sup>st</sup> ad hoc meeting. The next subcommittee meeting will address priorities and requests. A proposed strategy for the presentation includes clarifying with the BOS needs to know, understand and act upon.

Subcommittee presentation planning is scheduled for April 9, 2025, at 10:00 AM.

### **Parking Lot Review**

- Data subcommittee meeting will meet next week.
- PDO on other issues related to Mental Health diversion/DA's position

### **Meeting Adjourned**

**Next meeting Date:** Thursday, May 1, 2025

