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

Meeting Summary

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

Zoom Link –

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83541678892?pwd=4BZ2ExuBj3GzGz0O5tD3RvU5bTlG.1>

Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025

Time: 1:00PM – 3:00PM

Attendees: Ad Hoc Committee Members, RDA Consulting, ACBHD

Agenda:

- I. Call to order – Welcome & Introductions
- II. New Members of CFJL Ad Hoc Committee and Agency Subcommittees
- III. Communication with County Agencies
- IV. Ad-Hoc Agency Sub-Committee Reports
- V. BOS Board Report Preparation
- VI. Next Meeting Date: May 1, 2025
- V. Adjourn

Summary:

New Members

The committee discussed new members: Viveca Bradley, Margaret (Peggy) Sheehan-Rahman, and Margot Dashiell. Ms. Sheehan-Rahman needs to be added to the distribution list and contact list. RDA will send details to ACBH staff. Ms. Ashlee Jemmott will be removed from the members list as she is no longer part of the committee.

Communication with County Agencies

- Discussed resetting communications with the agencies to improve feedback. A letter was sent reintroducing the project and outlining expectations with a request to meet. It was suggested that the agencies be invited on the third Wednesdays of any given month to meet with the ad hoc committee. The idea is that they will come and talk about how they are currently implementing the recommendations assigned to their agency. The letter aimed to notify the agencies about the ad hoc body, and to indicate that the committee will be responsible for working with them regarding the recommendations.
- The group discussed prioritizing agencies for initial meetings, including clarifying data request, whether access requires authorized or a Public Records Act (PRA) request. A strong recommendation to hold the initial meeting within the Mental Health Advisory Board (MHAB)

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Criminal Justice Committee meeting to ensure a much broader support.

- Explored ways to improve public participation.

Ad-Hoc Agency Sub-Committee Reports

- **County Administrator's Office (CAO):** The subcommittee has not yet convened and has not received responses. No future meetings scheduled. Considered a formal request for a meeting.
- **Behavioral Health Department:** The subcommittee met on February 20, 2025, from 1:00 PM-2:00 PM. The next meeting date is scheduled for March 20, 2025, from 1:00 PM-2:00PM. Progress was made with respect to clarifying f subcommittee member roles, their relation to the assigned recommendations and what it means as a liaison. Further discussion is needed regarding the First Episode Psychosis program and the Safe Landing Project recommendations.
- **District Attorney (DA):** The subcommittee did not meet last month but is scheduled to join the MHAB meeting. Helpful documents received from the DA's office, including data. Additionally, the use of PRA requests to receive information was discussed.
- **Housing:** The subcommittee met on February 20, 2025, and March 20, 2025. A meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2025, from 3:00 PM-4:00 PM with staff from AC Health Housing Services. The Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) Director attended the February meeting and thoroughly reviewed the recommendations. The subcommittee found this helpful and indicated that she would be returning to the March meeting.
- **Probation Department:** No ad-hoc members currently.
- **Public Defender's Office:** Met since the last meeting; no current challenges. They are working with an uncertain timeline of needs and have questions about their top priority recommendations. They have been researching what a state or federal government grant would look like, and advocacy efforts to pursue in this county. Discussed recent changes within the DA's office, and ideas for data transparency that they will follow up with in the future. The subcommittee indicated that this office has been very supportive and collaborative. The next meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2025.

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- **Alameda County Sheriff's Office (ASCO):** During the MHAB Criminal Justice Committee meeting, staff from AFBH presented on early access to stabilization services in the jail for treatment while waiting for the Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) processes. Coordination and housing for this population were discussed as ongoing challenges. The presentation is available on the MHAB website. The next meeting has not been scheduled.
- **Social Services Agency (SSA):** The subcommittee reported no updates at this time.
- **Courts:** Met with court representatives (Judge and Staff from Courts). The subcommittee reported a productive meeting. The Judge agreed to meet on April 8, 2025 and will also attend a session at the Mental Health Diversion Court. The subcommittee learned that an analyst who previously provided regular reports is no longer available. Each grant or contract delivers reports relevant to its own sources. Discussed the use of PRA requests to assist with data gathering.

Data Discussion

RDA shared a presentation with slides focused on the following:

- Level of care trends for November 2022 to January 2025 ad hoc committee Chair Bloom suggested sharing the data with the Sheriff's Office and the Board to show the lack of progress during this time frame.
- Caseload between July 2023 to January 2024, AFBH combines Levels of Care (LOCs) 1-4 - services that includes client interactions – are delivered based on needs.
- Additional information gathered related to individuals being diverted from Behavioral Health Court, the IST Diversion Program, the Mental Health Diversion Statute, Collaborative Drug Courts, and CARE Court to treatment facilities.
- This presentation was made available to the group via google docs for future reference.

BOS Board Report Presentation

Discussion focused on purpose of the BOS presentation, how to address unanswered questions, and specific requests to the BOS. The group discussed the upcoming March 28, 2025, BOS Public Protection Committee presentation focusing on Wellpath in the Santa Rita Jail. The committee also considered possible dates for a future presentation.

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Additional Items

Discussed membership on committees. Ms. Alison Monroe expressed willingness to serve on the Probation subcommittee. The group also discussed identifying a contact within the CAO's office to facilitate connections with that county office.

Parking Lot Items

- Data subcommittee to schedule a meeting. Members Bloom, Monroe, Sikora, and Land and RDA will attend the meeting.
- RDA will provide a future tutorial on Google Drive.
- Additional follow up is needed for the Probation subcommittee.
- Logistics, including accessing documents, follow ups and tracking of committee activities will be revisited regularly.

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