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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, June 5, 2025

Time: 1:00PM – 3:00PM

Attendees: Ad Hoc Committee Members, RDA Consulting, ACBHD

Agenda:

- I. Introduction/ Welcome & Introductions
- II. Agency Subcommittees Report
- III. BHCIP Update: Round 1 Awards and Round 2
- IV. Data Committee Report
- V. Bed Occupancy Data
- VI. Next Steps
- VII. Parking Lot Review
- VIII. Wrap Up

Summary

RDA shared feedback related to the May 22nd BOS presentation from the May 9 debrief, noting that Board of Supervisors (BOS) members demonstrated a high level of responsiveness posed thoughtful questions. Supervisor Marquez's introduction was enthusiastic, and there was appreciation for the presentation that emphasized key priorities and recommendations. It was also acknowledged that most ad hoc committee members were able to attend or listen in.

Agency Subcommittee Report

- **Behavioral Health Department (BHD):** The subcommittee met on May 15 from 1-2 PM to prepare for the BOS presentation, focusing on the new recommendations and First Episode Psychosis (FEP) which were not addressed in the first report. Their next meeting is slated for June 19.

Additionally, there has been communication initiated with the ACBHD Director, Dr. Karyn Tribble, regarding outreach efforts in District 5 supporting the wellness center. Per Supervisor Bas, the team will follow up with District 5 staff member Brianna Brown.

- **County Administrator's Office (CAO):** A meeting has been scheduled for June 11 at 3 PM.
- **District Attorney's Office (DA):** The subcommittee reported that the DA was represented by L.D Lewis. There were discussions related to MHAB and BOS interfering with the interagency collaboration, data sharing in collaborative

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court, and diversion court referral between the DA and the Public Defender's Office.

- **Housing (HCD and H&H):** The subcommittee met on May 16, focusing on housing recommendations. It was shared that Measure W is the subcommittee's key agenda item. Supervisor Tam was identified as champion to open discussion on Measure W.

Additionally, Supervisor Miley emphasized prioritizing requests for funds can be deemed. Their next meeting is scheduled for June 19.

- **Probation department (PD):** The subcommittee met with PD liaison Corrine Lee to discuss four (4) recommendations, two of which relate to peer workforce and interagency coordination. Questions regarding pre-trial diversion procedures remain pending. The conversation also indicated the importance of interagency collaboration and shared working groups.
- **Public Defender's Office (PDO):** The subcommittee has not convened. Topics awaiting discussions related to IST grant status, the embedded intern program, and an assessment of support staff workload, capacity and needs.
- **Alameda County Sheriff's Office (ASCO):** The sub-committee has not met since the last time and has no meetings scheduled to date.
- **Social Services Agency (SSA):** The subcommittee reported there was no meeting scheduled. Chair Bloom shared there is a liaison from the agency who is willing and available any time to meet with the group.
- **Courts:** The subcommittee met on May 13 with Danielle Gary, who oversees the mental health staff and part of the court's collaborative program. It was noted that the staff members are employed by Telecare, making it a Telecare-operated initiative that provides mental health support across felony, misdemeanor, and veterans administration court proceedings.

BHCIP Update: Round 1 Awards and Round 2

ACBHD was awarded \$130.4 million in Round 1 of the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP). For Round 2, the California Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) is set to receive \$800 million to fund projects that will expand community-based continuum of behavioral health treatment service capacity.

RDA reported that the county received five (5) applications including direct service providers. Chair Bloom confirmed four (4) behavioral health applications and two (2) service providers for multiple projects.

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Chair Bloom will reach out to ACBHD Director, Dr. Tribble, to obtain applications from both rounds, which may contain statements related to unmet needs. Once analysis has been received, information obtained will be shared with MHAB.

Data Committee Report

The subcommittee focused on improving diversion data, noting limited input from the DA. There were strategies outlined, including prioritizing categories for diversion courts, Public Records Act (PRA) requests, collaborating with the court program and follow-up on the pending lists consisting of measures, data collected, and which agencies own the data. The subcommittee is awaiting confirmation from Gavin O'Neil's.

Bed Occupancy Data

Chair Bloom shared the bed occupancy data report dated June 1, 2025, outlining existing beds across Alameda County facilities. The subcommittee engaged in detailed review of statistics.

Next Steps

A. Future Board reports

RDA anticipates that the next board report may be due in approximately two (2) months, focusing on the Board letter. John suggested ACBHD subcommittee ascertain the data points and both MHAB and the data subcommittee create a template.

B. Maintaining BOS attention

ACBHD initiated drafting the Board letter summarizing the ad hoc committee's actions and requests, with Chair Bloom set to review by June 9. Following input from subcommittee members, the finalized version will be submitted to the BOS prior to July. A joint meeting is proposed to identify which elements require direct attention and continued monitoring. Additionally, discussions with Supervisor Miley on Measure W will be prioritized.

C. Monitoring recommendations

RDA proposed reviewing all fifty-eight (58) recommendations with a structured approach. Chair Bloom proposed each subcommittee to classify the most significant recommendations and consider the urgency, importance and similarities of each recommendation. A predesigned format was introduced – a sample 4-square template to categorize each item and classify these recommendations as high priority vs. less priority. Each subcommittee will begin organizing their input accordingly after further discussion.

D. Ad Hoc Committee Structure

There are currently no updates to report.



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Parking Lot Review

1. Review of bed data from ACBHD subcommittee
2. Housing concerns related to Measure W, First Episode Psychosis (FEP), including understanding gaps in board and care services
3. Identifying inter-agency collaboration
4. Examination of data and strategic approaches from the DA's office
5. Challenges faced by families with SMI.
6. 5150-related issues

Next meeting date: July 10, 2025