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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=4B72ExuBj3GzGz0O5HD3RvU5bTlG.1>

Date: Thursday, November 6, 2025

Time: 1:00PM – 3:00PM

Attendees: Ad Hoc Committee Members, RDA Consulting, ACBHD

Agenda:

- I. Call to order – Introduction/Welcome & Announcements
- II. Announcements
- III. Updates from RDA
- IV. Debrief Board of Supervisors meeting (October 13, 2025)
- V. Plan for next Report to Board of Supervisors (March 2026)
- VI. Outcomes by Strategy Area Discussion
- VII. Agency Subcommittees Report
- VIII. Data Committee Report
- IX. Parking Lot Review
- X. Wrap-up

Summary

The purpose of the Care First, Jails Last (CFJL) Ad Hoc meeting is to monitor the recommendations developed by the CFJL Task Force, provide updates on strategy areas, and discuss long-term mechanisms for tracking the CFJL implementation.

Announcements

The Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) meeting on November 17, 2025, from 3:00–5:00 PM will focus on Full-Service Partnerships and review the Assessment Report.

Updates from RDA

RDA is conducting a gap analysis of agency plans developed from the CFJL Task Force meetings. The analysis will identify missing elements using objective criteria and address activities, timelines, and costs. Completed agency plans will be distributed once finalized, followed by the development of an integrated plan.

Debrief Board of Supervisors Meeting (October 13, 2025)

The Board of Supervisors (BOS) were engaged and well-informed during the discussion, reflecting prior committee efforts to educate them on these issues. Their interest focused on recommendations related to board and care facilities, which lack a defined institutional home. Since Health and Human Services do not develop board and care facilities, many individuals fall between institutional systems. Both board and care homes and subacute beds remain critically needed resources.

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Board and care facilities have become a key focus area, with strong commitment to continuing advocacy. While progress has historically been limited, there is now clear momentum. The BOS discussion demonstrated an elevated understanding of challenges, including the chronic shortage of funding for board and care services. The need for 24-hour supportive services within East Bay housing programs was also emphasized, and it was noted that Proposition 1 does not fund housing, further complicating the situation.

The committee additionally raised concern about increasing the number of clinicians working within the Mental Health Courts, which was a central issue in its presentation.

Plan for next Report to Board of Supervisors (March 2026)

The Ad Hoc Committee directed agencies to follow up on the issues presented. For the next presentation, slides should be framed to clearly organize new recommendations for agency review, ensuring effectiveness and efficient responses.

A handout summarizing key issues—including licensed board and care facilities, treatment beds, and Collaborative Courts—will be prepared. Subcommittees are asked to identify next steps and highlight a small number of high-priority recommendations, building from the October presentation. It was noted that the prior presentation condensed 13 recommendations into nine slides, and future presentations should allow sufficient space and clarity for each recommendation.

The committee will meet with the BOS representative to gather feedback on the last presentation. This input will inform the planning and timing for the March meeting. Subcommittees are also encouraged to consider what they need to be successful, including identifying resources, support, and/or information required to advance their recommendations.

Outcome By Strategy Area

No updates to report.

Agency Subcommittee Report

- **Behavioral Health Department (BHD):** The committee discussed elevating Recommendation 9A/9B, noting that families serve as primary unpaid caregivers and are often unrecognized for their critical role.

The subcommittee reported challenges with the African American Wellness Center project but remains in communication with BHD. The subcommittee is working collaboratively to secure periodic meetings with key stakeholders to ensure the project continues moving forward.

- **County Administrator's Office (CAO):** The meeting originally scheduled for October 30, 2025, was postponed due to scheduling conflicts. The upcoming discussion will address Measure 6A and its fiscal transparency requirements.

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- **District Attorney's Office (DA):** No updates to report.
- **Housing (HCD and H&H):** At the October 13, 2025, meeting, the committee briefed the BOS on housing and behavioral health initiatives. Updates included 300 interim housing units, a flex pool to support about 250 individuals, and the 150 new housing units across three types for unhoused residents.

The committee reported on the Forensic Access Point, a Housing Navigation Support Team to assist individuals leaving jail. The program is not yet operating inside Santa Rita Jail, and further steps are needed to initiate services on-site.

Updates were also provided on Trusted Clinics funded by Measure W and operated by Lifelong Medical Care. Current sites are in downtown Oakland and Berkeley, with new clinics planned for Hayward and Fremont.

The BOS was informed of the \$40 million Home Together Funding opportunity for shovel-ready multifamily housing projects. Applications are due December 1, 2025, with awards expected January 7, 2026. Funding will support affordable housing, permanent supportive housing units, and resources for individuals with complex behavioral health needs.

- **Probation department (PD):** No updates to report.
 - **Public Defender's Office (PDO):** No updates to report.
 - **Alameda County Sheriff's Office (ASCO):** The committee will follow up on securing jail space and ensuring access for Roots and Diversion Centers, including the Safe Landing Project. The committee will continue monitoring progress.
- The committee will also follow up on issues related to 211 and explore whether an advocate, potentially an attorney, could assist individuals in accessing housing and essential services.
- **Social Services Agency (SSA):** No updates to report.
 - **Superior Courts:** The committee will follow up with the BOS to review the October 13, 2025, data and clarify needs, emphasizing the urgent need for clinicians and adequate staffing levels.

Data Committee Report

Committee members reviewed the requested data and identified existing gaps. Follow-up meetings will be scheduled with the District Attorney's Office, the Courts, and other relevant departments to further discuss data needs.



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Parking Lot Review

The January 1, 2026, meeting has been rescheduled to January 8, 2026, from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM due to the holiday.

Next meeting date: December 4, 2025