



# Alameda County Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB)

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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=4B72ExuBj3GzGz0O5HD3RvU5bTILG.1>

**Date:** Thursday, December 4, 2025

**Time:** 1:00PM – 3:00PM

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

### Agenda:

- I. Call to order – Introduction/Welcome & Announcements
- II. Review Location of Ad hoc Committee meeting minutes on Website
- III. Updates from RDA
- IV. Plan for next Report to Board of Supervisors (March 2026)
- V. Outcomes by Strategy Area Discussion
- VI. Agency Subcommittees Report
- VII. Data Committee Report
- VIII. Parking Lot Review & Wrap-up

### Summary

The role of the Care First, Jails Last Ad Hoc Committee is to develop a monitoring system to track the implementation of recommendations approved by the Board of Supervisors as part of the Care First, Jails Last Task Force.

### Review Location of Ad hoc Committee meeting minutes on Website

To address concerns regarding ease of access to Ad Hoc Committee meeting summaries and agendas, Alameda County Behavioral Health Department (ACBHD) has added a new link to the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) webpage under the BHAB Highlights section. This link directs users to the Care First, Jails Last main page, where all relevant materials are centrally located.

### Updates from RDA

RDA reported that their next step is to contact the agencies to obtain updates on their agency plans. RDA will keep the committee informed as progress is made.

RDA also reviewed the plan template and compared it with each agency's submitted plan to assess overall completeness. The review focused on whether agencies clearly addressed how they intend to respond to the recommendations. This assessment evaluated completeness of the plans, not readiness for





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implementation.

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

The committee discussed the focus of the March 2026 BOS presentation. Members agreed the report should emphasize new or existing recommendations, with a slide noting outstanding recommendations from May. Staff will identify urgent recommendations, quantify those still pending, and prioritize them accordingly. This will be deferred to the next meeting.

Members discussed including an overview of the 5150-family experience, potentially incorporating stories from individuals with lived experience and professional experience.

Committee members will convene in January 2026 to develop and propose recommendations for the March 2026 BOS presentation.

- **Behavioral Health Department (BHD):** Members discussed the need for improved support for family members and caretakers of individuals who have been incarcerated or hospitalized, noting that these individuals often lack adequate support.

The committee reviewed the Full-Service Partnership (FSP) Assessment Report, which outlines a proposed addition of approximately 300 FSP slots (a 30% increase). Members noted that this increase has resulted in litigation and that the settlement includes a clause indicating no available funding for the expansion.

The committee also discussed Recommendation 3M (development of a comprehensive directory), Recommendation 4A (expansion of 24-hour crisis response teams), and Recommendation 4B (countywide law enforcement mental health crisis training related to SB 43 and 5150 protocols).

- **Housing (HCD and H&H):** Committee members requested information on Needs Assessment related to Board and Cares facilities.

Members identified Michael Drane as a key resource due to his role in implementing the Forensic Access Point at Santa Rita Jail.

The Independent Living Association (Recommendation 7H) was discussed. The program previously oversaw approximately 220 beds but has since disbanded. Reviving this recommendation would require additional staffing and funding.

Supportive Housing Plus was raised as a future discussion item.

Recommendation 6B, which proposes reallocating mental health jail expansion funds toward permanent supportive housing, was identified as a priority.

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Recommendations 7A and 7B were discussed. Recommendation 7A focuses on connecting individuals to housing prior to reentry or release from jail. Recommendation 7B addresses establishing a coordinated entry access site at the jail to connect individuals with permanent supportive housing before release.

- **Probation Department (PD):** Subcommittee members discussed the Pretrial Navigation Services program and noted they are on track to gather additional information for recommendations at the January 2026 meeting.
- **Alameda County Sheriff's Office (ACSO):** Committee members support Recommendation 7C, which proposes expanded realignment support allowing individuals to continue receiving training for up to two years after release to support successful transition into employment.
- **Superior Courts:** Committee members noted that families often face challenges navigating the court system. Recommendations 9A/9B address this issue, and Gavin O'Neill is assisting with developing a supportive process.

RDA and the committee members outlined next steps for preparing the March presentation. The Agency Subcommittee will compile and review their recommendations. A Storytelling Squad will develop examples to help illustrate the importance of the recommendations for the BOS. A Presentation Team will be assembled in January 2026 to finalize and deliver the presentation.

## Outcome By Strategy Area

No updates to report.

## Agency Subcommittee Report

- **Behavioral Health Department (BHD):** Committee members discussed recommendations that 50% of staff at the African American Wellness Center have lived experience, including substance use, mental health diagnoses, or family caregiving. Currently, only 1 of 9 staff meet this criterion. Proposals include adding psychiatry, strengthening lived experience components, and evaluation of a new service model. Further discussions will continue as ACBHD and the subcommittee's work through logistical needs. The project build is progressing, and both groups welcome suggestions for additional qualified candidates.

Family Advocacy (Recommendations 9A/9B): Committee members discussed implementing family advocacy at the point of entry at John George, with the goal of engaging families early, as recidivism often occurs before individuals connect with IHOT. The BHAB Adult Committee plans to host a meeting focused on Family Advocacy.

- **County Administrator's Office (CAO):** A meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2025, to discuss fiscal transparency.

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- **District Attorney's Office (DA):** No updates to report.
- **Housing (HCD and H&H):** Measure W funds have not been allocated to Board and Care facilities due to the lack of a defined implementation plan.
- **Probation department (PD):** No updates to report.
- **Public Defender's Office (PDO):** Progress was reported on the Department of State Hospitals Grant. ACBHD facilitated advancement of the process, allowing negotiations to proceed regarding allocation of funds between PDO and DA.
- **Alameda County Sheriff's Office (ACSO):** Committee members followed up with Commander McGrail regarding Safe Landing due to conflicting information; a response is pending. A meeting with a new contact is also being explored. Members also contacted Cheyenne Sandoz at the Diversion Triage Center near Santa Rita Jail, received a report, and are planning a meeting with Michael Drane. Progress is ongoing.
- **Social Services Agency (SSA):** No updates to report.
- **Superior Courts:** Judge Jamal will no longer serve in the Mental Health Diversion Court but will continue in Family Reunification Court and remain an advocate for these efforts.

## Data Committee Report

No updates to report.

## Parking Lot Review

No updates to report.

**Next meeting date:** January 8, 2026

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