



Alameda County Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB)

Ad Hoc Committee Members:

Bloom, Brian

Ad Hoc Committee CHAIR
BHAB Chair (District 4 Appointment)

Land, Terry

Ad Hoc Committee Co-CHAIR
BHAB Vice Chair (District 1 Appointment)

Leftwich, Juliet

BHAB Member (District 5 Appointment)

Bradley, Viveca

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Dashiell, Margot

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Feller, Alice

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Malkki, Kari

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Monroe, Alison

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Nguyen, Tash

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Lindsay-Poland, John

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Polony, Katy

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Schwartz, Myrna

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Sikora, Kathleen

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

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 4, 2026

Time: 1:00PM – 3:00PM

Attendees: Ad Hoc Committee Members, RDA Consulting, ACBHD

Agenda:

- I. Call to order – Introduction/Welcome & Announcements
- II. Indigo Project Team Introduction
- III. Agency Plans – RDA Update
- IV. Slides – Report to Board of Supervisors (July 23, 2026)
- V. Storytelling – Report to Board of Supervisors (July 23, 2026)
- VI. Timeline/Assignment of Duties – Report to Board of Supervisors (July 23, 2026)
- VII. Parking Lot Review & Wrap-up

Summary

The Care First, Jails Last (CFJL) Task Force Committee is tasked with overseeing the implementation of the Board's 2024 CFJL recommendations.

Announcements

The Board of Supervisors (BOS) presented and published the county budget last May 28, 2026. This document spans hundreds of pages of information relevant to the CFJL recommendations.

It was announced budget hearings are scheduled for June 22nd, 23rd and 25th respectively. Proceedings will commence on June 18, 2026, with the principal hearing taking place on June 22, 2026, though the exact time has yet to be determined.

During last month's committee meeting, it was agreed that the CFJL Ad Hoc committee will present to the full Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) June 15 meeting. It was noted Supervisor Bas is interested to see the presentation once the committee secures BHAB approval. Subsequently, BOS will review the presentation prior to the budget hearing.

Indigo Project Team Introduction

Beginning in July 2026, the Indigo Project is partnering with the CFJL Ad Hoc Committee to offer strategic support, share their expertise and provide guidance to the committee. The overall objective of this partnership is to develop a sustainable monitoring plan capable of enduring overtime.

**Care First,
Jails Last**



Alameda County Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB)

Ad Hoc Committee

Members:

Bloom, Brian

Ad Hoc Committee CHAIR
BHAB Chair (District 4 Appointment)

Land, Terry

Ad Hoc Committee Co-CHAIR
BHAB Vice Chair (District 1 Appointment)

Leftwich, Juliet

BHAB Member (District 5 Appointment)

Bradley, Viveca

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Dashiell, Margot

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Feller, Alice

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Malkki, Kari

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Monroe, Alison

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Nguyen, Tash

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Lindsay-Poland, John

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Polony, Katy

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Schwartz, Myrna

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Sikora, Kathleen

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

The Indigo Project was founded by Roberta Chambers, a psychologist, who has been working in the public mental health system for 25 years, focusing on care planning and assessment. She also worked on the Forensic system redesign plan with ACBHD Director, Dr. Tribble and the Executive team, including the Full-Service Partnership (FSP) and BHCIP applications. With her team are Kira Gunther, a social worker and consultant for the past 27 years and Ardavan Davaran, a consultant working at the intersection of justice and mental health across the state.

The team is enthusiastic to join the CJFL Ad Hoc committee and transition from kind of planning, monitoring and implementation of CFJL recommendations. They will maintain the same cadence of the meeting agenda setting, planning and facilitation since the Ad Hoc committee will transition to Brown Act meeting sometime in fall. The BHAB will have to formally create the committee and dissolve the current Ad Hoc committee. Continued discussions on future BHAB meetings.

Both Kira and Ardavan will attend the July 2026 CFJL Ad Hoc meeting, while Roberta will attend remotely.

Agency Plans – RDA Update

RDA acknowledged the committee's responses and consolidated the agency plans. Although certain reviewers made comments or suggested edits to the finalized plans, RDA is unable to integrate them since the plan has already been approved. RDA has sorted these comments into the appropriate response templates.

RDA will submit the full package plans to Chair Bloom by email. Subsequently, Chair Bloom will provide the plan including all committee responses to the full board and the countywide plan. Target date of plan submission is June 15, 2026.

Slides – Report to Board of Supervisors (July 23, 2026)

The BOS representative will meet with RDA on June 5 regarding the agency plans. It was noted that the CFJL Ad Hoc presentation on July 23rd will be a three-hour session, allocating one hour to CARE Court.

The BOS Joint Committee will review the agency's plans alongside the Ad Hoc committee's feedback. Accordingly, the Joint Committee will convene a hearing on the countywide integrated plan sometime in the fall.

RDA clarified that its contributions are drawn exclusively from existing agency plans. RDA disclosed that they are strictly limited to the data submitted by the agencies.

RDA presented the agenda for the presentation to the Joint Health & Public Protection Committee, noting that fifteen minutes will be allotted to storytelling. RDA also outlined recommendations requiring board action including new recommendations and those revisited from May 2025. Updates to be presented to BOS were also discussed.

Care First,
Jails Last



Alameda County Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB)

Ad Hoc Committee

Members:

Bloom, Brian

Ad Hoc Committee CHAIR
BHAB Chair (District 4 Appointment)

Land, Terry

Ad Hoc Committee Co-CHAIR
BHAB Vice Chair (District 1 Appointment)

Leftwich, Juliet

BHAB Member (District 5 Appointment)

Bradley, Viveca

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Dashiell, Margot

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Feller, Alice

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Malkki, Kari

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Monroe, Alison

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Nguyen, Tash

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Lindsay-Poland, John

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Polony, Katy

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Schwartz, Myrna

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Sikora, Kathleen

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Currently, no inputs for the African American Wellness Hub (AAWH), pending updates from ACBHD Healthy Equity team.

It was reported that the jail population went down significantly to 1254 which is 30% less than a year ago, while the Serious Mental Illness (SMI) increased from 76 last year to 106 this year, a 39% increase than it was a year ago.

- **Pre-release and Re-entry Housing:** This was included in the Sheriff's office plan but should be held by the Housing agencies. This item will not be included in the July 23rd presentation.
- **Independent Living Association (ILA):** Given the limited support from the county, currently there is no momentum to move this recommendation forward. It was noted Housing & Homelessness (H&H) feels that the Board and Cares is somewhat infantilizing and advoc continue and expand.
- **Court-Based Diversion:** The subcommittee added a new obstacle highlighting the urgent need for assigned clinicians in Mental Health Diversion Court (MHDC). Additionally, the committee is investigating what funding the Public Defender's Office (PDO) is receiving, specifically if PDO are getting additional funds for indigent defense beyond last year's budget. It was noted that requests for funding come after the budget decision is over.
- **Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) Diversion:** The subcommittee reported an \$8.5 million grant from the Department of State Hospitals (DHS) for building and remodeling and on top of that another \$280 dollars a day for wrapping around services. The committee also reported another \$5 million grant that was staff IST diversion that came from two different sources of money called infrastructure project similar to the BHCIP for the state department.
- **Transparent Reporting on Funds:** The subcommittee emphasized that the transparency reporting on funds is about funding transparency, what funding is available and conversations with the County Administrator's Office (CAO). The committee had two meetings with CAO since their last meeting in October 2025.

It was cited that the Wendy Weir item is not about transparency, however the county should continue the contract and follow RDA recommendation. The scope of work for Wendy Weir should be expanded.

- **Reallocate SRJ MJ Program Services Unit** (funds to permanent supportive housing): The subcommittee continues to address the housing emergency affecting low-income individuals with SMI, but the CAO's office has yet to provide a constructive response. This was the capital improvement project (CIP) fund that the Sheriff's office also received \$230 million for their capital projects. The request was to identify which funds within the CIP can be redirected toward permanent supportive housing. The recommendation advises allocating CIP funds toward permanent supportive housing rather than jail investments. It was noted the CIP has over \$1 billion funds.
- **Build and Support License Board & Care Facilities:** The subcommittee emphasized the importance of Board and Cares. It was noted the Forensic

Care First,
Jails Last



Alameda County Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB)

Ad Hoc Committee

Members:

Bloom, Brian

Ad Hoc Committee CHAIR
BHAB Chair (District 4 Appointment)

Land, Terry

Ad Hoc Committee Co-CHAIR
BHAB Vice Chair (District 1 Appointment)

Leftwich, Juliet

BHAB Member (District 5 Appointment)

Bradley, Viveca

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Dashiell, Margot

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Feller, Alice

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Malkki, Kari

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Monroe, Alison

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Nguyen, Tash

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Lindsay-Poland, John

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Polony, Katy

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Schwartz, Myrna

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Sikora, Kathleen

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

plan would like to spend \$2.2 million on getting new Board and Cares. The main objective is to fund Supportive Housing Community Land Alliance (SHCLA) to open new Board & Cares facilities, encourage the state to give ordinance care so individuals can have a living or subsidy and boost funds. Subsequently, conduct needs assessments including unlicensed board and cares.

- **Assess the need for Beds for the SIM:** The subcommittee reaffirmed that all recommendations called for an assessment of bed capacity. It was noted that all patient medical information is strictly confidential and cannot be disclosed. A bed needs assessment includes sub-acute, acute, CRT, board and cares, unlicensed room and boards, as well as forensic.
- **Full-Service Partnership (FSP):** The subcommittee is uncertain about the exact number of FSP slots the county will fund next fiscal year, noting that the total of FSP slots may end up lower than expected. It was noted an FSP slot costs \$30K per person depending on the community-based organization (CBO).
- RDA reiterated that the presentation relies on more than just a slide deck. It encompasses the verbal narrative delivered during the meeting, paired with a supplemental written report or narrative report where the Ad Hoc committee can elaborate on background and context.

Storytelling – Report to Board of Supervisors (July 23, 2026)

Speakers should present their stories directly to the Ad Hoc committee for evaluation. It would be ideal to hear those stories during the June 2026 BHAB meeting.

RDA recommended linking the stories directly to the recommendations.

Timeline/Assignment of Duties – Report to Board of Supervisors (July 23, 2026)

- Submission of all narrative contents to RDA by June 11, 2026
- The subcommittee members may add updates to the shared Google.doc or email them to RDA (c/o Jamon or Brooke).
- It was noted the subcommittees can use the May 2025 CFJL presentation report as a reference guide.
- RDA will submit the formatted copies of the narrative reports to the Ad Hoc committee by June 23, 2026.
- CFJL Ad Hoc committee “dress rehearsal” scheduled on June 15, 2026, at the BHAB meeting.

Parking Lot Review

- Chair Bloom will confirm with BHAB Liaison if June 4 is the final Ad Hoc committee meeting before the committee transitions to a Brown Act meeting that the Indigo Project will support.

Care First,
Jails Last



Alameda County Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB)

Ad Hoc Committee Members:

Bloom, Brian

Ad Hoc Committee CHAIR
BHAB Chair (District 4 Appointment)

Land, Terry

Ad Hoc Committee Co-CHAIR
BHAB Vice Chair (District 1 Appointment)

Leftwich, Juliet

BHAB Member (District 5 Appointment)

Bradley, Viveca

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Dashiell, Margot

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Feller, Alice

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Malkki, Kari

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Monroe, Alison

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Nguyen, Tash

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Lindsay-Poland, John

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Polony, Katy

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Schwartz, Myrna

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

Sikora, Kathleen

CFJL Ad Hoc Committee Member

- Meanwhile, the next CFJL Ad Hoc Committee meeting is scheduled for July 2, 2026. It was announced Kira and Ardavan of Indigo Project will join the meeting.

Next meeting date: July 2, 2026

Care First,
 Jails Last