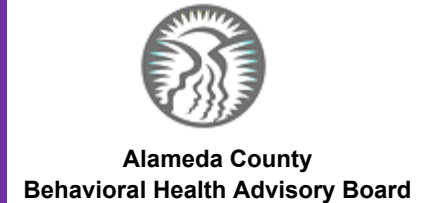




Care First, Jails Last
Ad Hoc Committee **APPROVED Minutes**
September 3, 2026 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Meeting Conducted In-Person and through Video/Telephone Conference



CFJL Members:	☒ Brian Bloom (<i>Chair</i>) ☒ Terry Land (<i>Co-Chair</i>) ☒ Juliet Leftwich (<i>Member</i>) ☒ Viveca Bradley (<i>Member</i>) ☒ Margot Dashiell (<i>Member</i>)	☒ Alice Feller (<i>Member</i>) ☒ Kari Malkki (<i>Member</i>) ☒ Alison Monroe (<i>Member</i>) ☐ Tash Nguyen (<i>Member</i>) ☒ John-Lindsay Poland (<i>Member</i>)	☐ Katy Polony (<i>Member</i>) ☒ Myrna Schwartz (<i>Member</i>) ☒ Kathleen Sikora (<i>Member</i>)
ACBHD Staff:	☐ Dr. Karyn Tribble (<i>ACBHD Director</i>) ☒ Dainty Castro (<i>ACBHD Liaison</i>) ☒ Sarina Hill (<i>ACBHD Project Manager</i>) ☒ Lucia Nabong (<i>ACBHD Admin Support</i>)		

Meeting called to order at 1:03 PM by Chair Bloom.

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Roll Call	Roll call completed.	
Introduction	The Care First, Jail Last (CFJL) Task Force Committee is tasked with overseeing the implementation of the Board's 2024 CFJL recommendations. The CFJL Ad Hoc committee responded favorably and expressed overall support to the results of the BOS Joint Health and Public Protection Committees presentation held July 23, 2026.	
BHAB CFJL Ad Hoc Committee BOS Presentation Follow-Up (July 23, 2026)	The CFJL Ad Hoc committee convened a follow-up meeting to review the results of the BOS Joint Committees on Health and Public Protection presentation held July 23, 2026. Highlights are as follows: Indigo Roberta Chambers turned the board's comments on the debrief into clear action steps and organized in different categories as follows: 1) How will the CFJL Taskforce influence the board and department to implement the recommendations; 2) How to get the message across, in terms of	

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	information, frequency of reporting, audience and type of materials or accurate kind of report? and 3) What are the next steps or follow-up needed. • The Probation subcommittee, the BHAB, and community activists reached out to Supervisor Marquez's office, and scheduled upcoming meetings with Supervisors Tam and Miley to discuss the Pre-Trial Services Program. • Several specific, high-priority needs remain unaddressed, including the 1,400 FSP slots and staffing of mental health diversion court clinicians. • Co-Chair Land proposed that the committee immediately engage BOS representatives to leverage their insights and obtain progress updates. Concurrently, the committee should clarify what specific directives or actions the supervisors have given to their respective staff. • It was shared that BOS representative, Erin Armstrong, is the point person responsible for gathering materials, with support from two other team members. • A member recommended engaging Supervisor Fortunato-Bas. Supervisor Fortunato-Bas has maintained a strong interest in both the West Oakland housing project and the African American Wellness Hub (AAWH). • It was noted that the committee's huge critical projects are falling short on financial transparency and adequate pre-trial services. • Chair Bloom announced that the BOS will eliminate future joint committee meetings. • Indigo suggested reaching out to the BOS representative, Erin Armstrong and her team to gather overall feedback on the BOS presentation. The committee will check on any issues that turned up and find the best solution to deliver updates moving forward. • Indigo volunteered to secure a copy of the August 6, 2024, meeting minutes regarding the board letter that disclosed creating a committee intended for the joint committee presentation, then to the full board. It was noted that Supervisor Carson orally modified the board letter on August 2, 2024, the committee needs to verify whether these amendments were approved as amended.	

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	• Member Lindsay-Poland will reach out to Erin Armstrong and her counterparts to arrange a meeting with regards to the BOS presentation.	
Board Announcements	There were no announcements given.	
Monitoring Framework Development	Indigo will develop a monitoring framework with an accompanying theory of change. This high-level roadmap outlines the strategic assumptions and logic behind how the recommendations will drive long-term outcomes. The team will spearhead the development of the monitoring framework, allowing the committee to focus their efforts on advocacy to effectively advance the recommendations. A. Theory of Change Development: • A theory of change will clearly articulate the underlying assumptions that drove the CFJL committee's recommendations, explaining the obvious logic behind the committee's recommendations. • The Overarching Goals slide was presented to facilitate Ad Hoc committee discussions, small-group breakouts, and feedback or revisions on the outlined items. It was suggested to give emphasis or priority on family engagement and training sections. The matter remains open for further discussion. • Co-Chair Land emphasized that educated families are the first to recognize when a loved one is becoming ill, allowing for early intervention before the person pulls away or disengages. When families catch symptoms early before the condition becomes severe, disabling, or leads to substance abuse, the individual is more likely to respond well to medication and avoid long-term brain damage. • The committee reiterated that advocacy and systematic feedback are the most critical components of this initiative. By leveraging the lived experiences of families navigating the complex web of support services, the county can identify structural bottlenecks and streamline communication, ultimately creating a more responsive and efficient system.	

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	• Educating families on Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) guidelines are essential, as they frequently encounter individuals who misuse the policy to justify lack of transparency. • A member emphasized finding ways on how the committee can effectively influence the board. Indigo proposed creating a dedicated statement for each major key item, articulating how the various recommendations directly contribute to theory of change. • Indigo Roberta Chambers mentioned that the training and workforce section focuses on educating professionals and training peers to support justice-involved individuals with mental health needs, rather than providing employment or re-entry programs for formerly incarcerated individuals. • Co-Chair Land highlighted that peers including family peers are powerful motivators for individuals with severe mental illness (SMI), noting it drastically improves service engagement and reshapes how people perceive care. The committee is eager to hear from peer workers to learn about their successful strategies. • A member proposed providing opportunities for further education which is vital investment that improves people's retention.	
Updates	A. <u>Change to Board of Supervisors (BOS) Meeting Format:</u> This item will be discussed in the next meeting. B. <u>Pre-Trial Release Program: Member Schwartz provided updates below:</u> • The subcommittee spoke with the Chief Probation Officer, Brian Ford responsible for procuring the pre-trial services program contract, noting he has no intention of continuing the current program and will not seek renewed funding. He drafted a plan that is currently under review by relevant county agencies. It was mentioned that the feedback will be provided on September 8, 2026.	

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	• An issue was raised in connection with the Assembly Bill 339, a passage that is frequently misinterpreted as requiring union consultation and 45-day notification. • Reports revealed that county agencies want a larger piece of AB109 funding, challenging the current 50/50 split between agency partners and CBOs. C. <u>California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Justice-Involved presentation request to BHAB</u>: Chair Bloom announced that CalAIM will launch October 1, 2026, by state mandate, emphasizing the importance of the 90-day pre-release benefit that reimburses providers for offering discharge planning services to incarcerated individuals up to 90 days before their release. It was noted Director for Forensic, Diversion & Re-Entry Services, Juan Taizan and his team will give a presentation on CalAIM Justice-Involved at the Adult Committee meeting on September 22, 2026, at 4:00PM. D. <u>Google Drive Migration</u>: Indigo team will collaborate with Chair Bloom and Member Lindsay-Poland to migrate the RDA's google drive data to a newly created Indigo google drive. Once this new drive is established, access will be shared with the rest of the Ad Hoc committee. E. <u>African American Wellness Hub (AAWH)</u>: The subcommittee reported key components of the recommendations that includes an advisory committee and interim services for AAWH. There are no favorable updates from AC General Services Agency (GSA) regarding project operations, and other information concerning the building's demolition and final completion dates.	
Wrap-up and Next Steps		
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 3:08 PM.	