

Care First, Jails Last Task Force

Kick-off Meeting

March 24, 2022



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Call to Order

Dr. Karyn Tribble, ACBH Director, CFJL Chair



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Convening

Honorable Keith Carson, Supervisor

Colleen Chawla, HCSA Director

Dr. Karyn Tribble, ACBH Director, CFJL Chair



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Roll Call & Introductions

Please share your:

- Name
- Title
- Organization
- Everyday superpower



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VOTE: Agreement to Hold Virtual Meetings

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Facilitation Process Overview

Amalia Egri Freedman, RDA Consulting

Charlene Taylor, PhD, RDA Consulting



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Today's Objectives

1. Convene & Introduce Task Force
2. Review Planning Process
 - Facilitation Plan
 - Planning Objectives
3. Receive Public Comment
4. Adjourn at 2:30 PM



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About RDA

Established in Oakland, CA in 1984

Support agencies, providers, and systems across the public safety net to better serve vulnerable populations

Integrated approach to research, planning, implementation support, and evaluation

Provide data-driven, feasible, and actionable results and recommendations



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Task Force Timeline



Mar-22

Sep-22

Mar-23



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Meeting Agreements

**Remain on
Camera**

(when possible)

**Share the
Air Time**

**Embrace
Curiosity**

**Practice
Both/And
Thinking**

**Stay on
Topic and
on Time**

***What
else?***



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Planning Process Review

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Background:

- On **May 25, 2021**, Alameda County Board of Supervisors (BOS) unanimously approved a “Care First, Jails Last” Policy Resolution.
- The Care First, Jails Last policy affirmed that Alameda County values a comprehensive continuum of care for individuals with mental illness, substance use, and co-occurring disorders rather than incarceration.
- The Care First, Jails Last policy also called for a just and equitable transformation of criminal justice, behavioral health, and wraparound services that reduces the number of people with mental illness, substance use, and co-occurring disorders in Santa Rita Jail.





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Overview

- The “**Care First, Jails Last Task Force**” shall be a twenty-five (25) member body charged with developing a countywide implementation plan, subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors, informed by what was proposed by the Justice Involved Mental Health Task Force for the next two years.
- The Alameda County Mental Health Advisory Board will take over the monitoring of the countywide plan, thereafter. This two-year process will be financed by each of the seven participating County departments. (BOS Budget Hearing, June 24, 2021)
- Brown Act covered body.



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**BOS Approved
25-Member Taskforce**

- **Five (5) Community Representatives:** Each Supervisor will appoint a representative from their District. The preference is that it will include people with lived experience, or family of people with lived experience, either criminal justice involved or mental health experiences.
- **Nine (9) Alameda County Officials:** The Agency/Office Director (or designee) will serve on the committee.
 - Alameda County Behavioral Health (Committee Chair)
 - Alameda County District Attorney's Office
 - Alameda County Housing and Community Development Department
 - Alameda County Sheriff's Office
 - Alameda County Social Services Agency
 - Alameda County Office of Homeless Care and Coordination
 - Alameda County Public Defender
 - Alameda County Probation Department
 - Alameda County Superior Court (Presiding Judge or designee)

**The following representatives will be appointed by the Board of Supervisors Health Committee:*

- **Three (3) Community Based Service Providers** (*must provide services to formerly incarcerated individuals, mental health care services, and/or substance use treatment services*), one from each of the following regions:
 - North County
 - South County
 - Tri-Valley
- **Two (2) City Program Directors:** (*should be from cities that are the two most impacted cities, and Program Directors must provide services that aim to divert people with mental illness, substance use or co-occurring disorders from jail*).
- **Two (2) Representatives** from any of the following:
 - Alameda County Mental Health Advisory Board
 - Alameda County Mental Health Collaborative
 - Alameda Health System
 - East Bay Supportive Housing Collaborative
- **Four (4) Representatives from Police Agencies** *selected one from each of the following regions of Alameda County:*
 - Central Region
 - North County
 - South County
 - Tri-Valley



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Areas for BOS
Consideration:
OUTCOMES

• Process & Outcomes:

- **Two (2) Year Process** (January 2022 – January 2024)
- **County-Wide Implementation Plan:**
 - To **Reduce** incarceration of individuals with mental health and/or substance conditions;
 - To **Ensure** transparent accountability and county-wide investment;
 - To **Promote** the development of critical county departmental/ agency implementation plans; and
 - To **Improve** the overall health & wellness of the broader Alameda County community.
- **County Mental Health Advisory Board Plan Monitoring & BOS Updates** (Effective February 2024+)

Public Comment

Dr. Karyn Tribble, ACBH Dir., CFJL Chair



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Next Steps:

- *Conduct and report back on interviews*
- *Synthesize existing reports to share with participants*
- *Gather data to inform planning process*



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Thank you

Next Meeting: April 28, 2022



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Ideas to be revisited later in the planning process:

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Ideas to be revisited in other venues throughout the planning process:

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