



## Care First, Jails Last Taskforce

### APPROVED Minutes

Thursday, March 24, 2022 | 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

*This meeting was conducted exclusively through videoconference and teleconference*



**Webinar via Zoom:** [Care First, Jails Last Task Force \(March 24, 2022\)](#)

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Karyn Tribble at 1:12p.m.

#### Convening

Hon. Keith Carson and HCSA Director Colleen Chawla provided opening statements regarding the objective and development of the CFJL Task Force.

Chair Tribble provided an executive summary/brief orientation of what to expect from the task force and how to access all resources on the website.

#### Roll Call & Introductions

Members present: Abbott; Bloom; Cespedes; Danao; Dasheill; Lee; Louis; Naranjo; Neideffer; Nguyen; Penn; Pingali; Sheehan-Rahman; Singh; Staratt; Toro; Chair Tribble.

#### Agreement to Hold Monthly Virtual Meetings

Approval granted to hold meetings via teleconference pursuant to AB361. This is to promote social distancing due to the state and local measures in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. This recommendation follows the 09/28/2021 County Board of Supervisors' adoption of the Health Care Services Agency Director's recommendation that the Board implement social distancing for its meetings.

Member Bloom asked about forming subcommittees.

A motion was made by Member Toro and seconded by Member Dasheill acknowledging the state and local measure responses to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and also to continue holding meetings via teleconference in accordance with the Brown Act.

**Ayes:** Abbott; Bloom; Guillermo; Danao; Dasheill; Lee; Louis; Naranjo; Neideffer; Nguyen; Penn; Pingali; Sheehan-Rahman; Singh; Staratt; Toro; Chair Tribble

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None



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### Facilitation Process Overview

Resource Development Associates (RDA) shared a presentation that provided information regarding their background, role as facilitator and goal of the task force. Amalia Freedman, Dr. Charlene Taylor and Oliver Miller are a part of the facilitation team that will help facilitate the work of the task force. The facilitation team will be reaching out to each task force member to conduct interviews, to learn about the expectation for the process, and hear what areas the members would like to know more about, and what initiatives may intersect with this work. Results will be brought back to the group to help guide the work of the task force and the planning for subcommittees. This task force will help inform and create the seven CFJL plans. Each department/agency will have a specialized plan for their department based on feedback received.

### Task Force Timeline

1. Launch Task Force: Review Data and Models - March 2022
2. Map Ideal System: Develop County-Wide Plan - September 2022
3. Develop Agency/ Department Plans - March 2023

### Approach to Planning Process

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 affirms that Alameda County values a comprehensive continuum of care for individuals with mental illness substance use and co-occurring disorders rather than incarceration. The policy also calls for a just and equitable transformation of criminal justice, behavioral health, and wraparound services that reduce the number of people with mental illness. This Brown Act Care First, Jails Last Task Force will be comprised of 25 members who are charged with developing a county-wide implementation plan subject to approval by the BOS, based on what was proposed by the Justice Involved Mental Health Task Force for the next two years. The 2-year process will be financed by each of the seven participating County Departments.

### Process and Outcomes

- To create a County-wide 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.
- To Improve the overall health & wellness of the broader Alameda County community.



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The directive of the proclamation is to provide updates to the Board of Supervisors and implement monitoring by the Alameda County Mental Health Board.

#### **Public Comment**

Public Comment was given.

#### **Recap, Close & Next Steps:**

1. Conduct and report back on interviews
2. Synthesize existing reports to share with participants
3. Gather data to inform of the planning process

**Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM**

**Next meeting April 28, 2022 at 1:00 pm**