



Care First, Jails Last Taskforce

UNAPPROVED Minutes

Thursday, May 26, 2022 | 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

This meeting was conducted exclusively through videoconference and teleconference



Webinar via Zoom: [Cares First, Jails Last \(May 26, 2022\)](#)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tribble at 1:04 PM

Roll Call & Introductions

Present: Abbott; Bedrossian; Bloom; Danao; Dasheill; Graves; Lee; Louis; Neideffer; Penn; Sheehan-Rahman; Singh; Staratt; Toro; Chair Tribble.

Excused: Cespedes

Absent: Dixon; Pingali

CFJL Task Force Member Update: Judge Syren will be a non-voting member representing the Alameda County Superior Court and Pedro Naranjo will be resigning.

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.

A motion was made by Member Neideffer and seconded by Member Bloom 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; Bedrossian; Bloom; Danao; Dasheill; Lee; Louis; Neideffer; Penn; Sheehan-Rahman; Singh; Staratt; Toro; Chair Tribble.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Public Comment: None



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Review and Approve Prior Meeting's Minutes

A motion to approve April 28, 2022 meeting minutes was made by Member Bloom and seconded by Member Bedrossian with an amendment from Member Bloom.

Ayes: Abbott; Bedrossian; Bloom; Danao; Graves; Lee; Louis; Neideffer; Penn; Sheehan-Rahman; Singh; Staratt; Toro; Chair Tribble.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Care First, Jails Last (CFJL) Taskforce Member Interview Data Overview

Some of the finding from the interviews have been synthesized and presented as follows:

A few highlighted expectations were to build on the JIMH work, develop a comprehensive plan, and include the use of data for informed decision making. There were a few concerns surrounding the development of CFJL in relation to Justice Involved Mental Health (JIMH): (1) duplication of efforts; (2) the CFJL makeup (i.e., absence of other agencies not represented on CFJL); (3) diverse perspectives of those on the CFJL may challenge consensus and (4) need for racial equity lens.

The Care First Vision

- Expand & Interconnect Services
- Reduce/Address Barriers to Success
- Outreach/ Law Enforcement Interactions
- Prevention
- Equity Frameworks
- Clarity of Mission
- Sustainability of Model
- Funding/Budget

Areas of Expertise & Resources on Taskforce

- Diverse, Intersectional Perspectives
- Sequential Intercept Model (SIM)
- Community/ Beneficiary Perspective
- Homelessness
- Affordable Housing & Community Development
- Substance Use Disorder (SUD)
- Mental Illness
- JIMH Process
- And many more!



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Topics to Explore Further

- System Background Data
- Implementation Context
- Expert Voices
- Roadblocks & Barriers

Review Planning Initiative Overlap/Context

Motion from Member Bloom and Member Louis seconded with the amendment. Motion for the department and RDA to collaborate in order to vote and verify, to make sure the request follows all the tenants of the Brown Act in relation to the development of a community board that can enable public communications to be posted (with the exception of any inappropriate or self-identifying information) for public access.

Ayes: Abbott; Bedrossian; Bloom; Danao; Dasheill; Lee; Louis; Neideffer; Penn; Sheehan-Rahman; Singh; Staratt; Toro; Chair Tribble.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

There was a justice initiative crossover and points of leverage between the three main initiatives: (1) Care First, Jails Last Taskforce whose target populations are adults and youth with mental illness, substance abuse and co-occurring disorders; (2) California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) for MediCal eligible individuals and; (3) Reimagine Adult Justice (RAJ) which focuses on justice-involved adults in Alameda County. The main overlap are those individuals that are MediCal eligible, justice-involved adults with behavioral health needs.

Member Lee shared that the Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee (CCPEC) is working with AB 109 funds predominantly for those who are on active probation. Whereas, the Community Corrections Partnership, a Brown Act body, works with anyone who has been impacted by the system who are not on probation. It is based off of the strategic re-entry plan that was written for Alameda County.

Member Bloom mentioned that this Taskforce is the only Brown Act body appointed by the Board of Supervisor, unlike RAJ.

Facilitation Strategy Summary & Discussion

With the conclusion of the Board Member interviews, now is the opportunity to begin forming some subcommittees. The facilitation strategy is to cultivate a taskforce process that is active, inclusive and member driven. The goal is to leverage and build on existing work (other initiatives, i.e. JIMH process) while implementing a phased approach to subcommittee work.



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Phased Objectives:

- Phase 1: Shared understanding of CFJL model and SIM framework to promote inclusive participation
- Phase 2: Robust system design based on identified intercepts
- Phase 3: Actionable plans and implementation timeline

RDA proposed a phased approach to the subcommittee structure.

- Phase 1: Subcommittees will be split into 3 categories: Data, Education and Finance
- Phase 2: Subcommittee will focus on SIM-based planning
- Phase 3: Focused on the deliverables – Agency focused plan creation and county-wide roadmap

In more detail the proposed initial subcommittees:

Data

- Identify the data required to understand population needs and impact measurement
- Coordinate across subcommittees to create unified data requests/ reporting

Finance

- Examine budgets and funding mechanisms for existing models
- Develop budget for CFJL model implementation

Education

- Continue to identify information needs of Task Force members
- Advise on outside sources for potential programs and models

Public comment given

Recap, Close & Next Steps:

1. What initial committee do you want to participate in? (Data, Education, or Finance)
2. Of the subcommittees suggested, which should be included?

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM

Next meeting June 23, 2022 at 1:00 pm

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