



Care First, Jails Last Taskforce

APPROVED Minutes

Thursday, September 22, 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 \(September 22, 2022\)](#)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Karyn Tribble at 1:02 p.m.

Roll Call & Introductions

Members present: Abbott; Bedrossian; Bloom; Buchanan; Danao; Dasheill; Ford; Graves; Lee; Louis; Neff; Neideffer; Romero; Sheehan-Rahman; Souza; Staratt; Syren; Toro; Chair Tribble.

Absent: Cespedes, Dixon, Penn

Excused: N/A

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 Toro and seconded by Member Ford 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; Ford; Graves; Lee; Louis; Neideffer; Sheehan-Rahman; Souza; Toro; Chair Tribble.

Noes: None

Abstain: Syren

Public Comment Open & Closed

Review and Approve Prior Meeting's Minutes

A motion to approve August 25, 2022 Taskforce meeting minutes was made by Member Dasheill and seconded by Member Louis.

Ayes: Bedrossian; Bloom; Danao; Dasheill; Graves; Lee; Louis; Neff; Sheehan-Rahman; Souza; Toro; Chair Tribble.



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Noes: None

Abstain: Abbott; Ford; Neideffer; Syren

Discussion Items

Deep Dive Data Review

There are some gaps in the demographic data representing the individuals served within the county. Due to the diverse population of those who receive services from the county, the “unknown/other” section is covering those who do not fit within the standard ethnic backgrounds listed.

Would it be possible to obtain information regarding those who are Seriously Mental Ill (SMI) and do not call Access for services? Was that data collected?

Only approximately 20% of those served have first contact through Access.

Is there data looking at the population presented in jail? What level of care is provided after the jail visit? How many are coming into connect with 51/50? Are African American patients receiving the same level of care as those of other ethnic groups?

The data of those served by the county is collected by self-identification and at the time of booking. The highest level of engagement in the API community for Adults and youth is through the jail system. In terms of behavioral data, they are underserving the Asian community on an outpatient basis. There is a low penetration rate.

Member Graves expresses her concern about the lack of adequate services within the county that provide culturally responsive services for the African American community. There is an African American wellness center that the county has funded 20 million dollars into. They are currently looking to receive community engagement on how to improve the services provided at the center.

Background: The African American wellness hub came from a utilization study that was commissioned by the department and yielded a set of consultant recommendations which was to invest in the development of a wellness hub to date through GSA. GSA is a county agency that helps to procure buildings. 19 million dollars have been set aside to purchase, construct, or rebuild a hub or campus. A report was commissioned about five years ago which included a series of recommendations involving the components of the project. The Department has not yet made commitments or drafted any contracts, but there is an investment in training to prepare for that to help people provide more culturally relevant or ethically affirming services for the African American community. There will be listening sessions for the community to weigh in on what should be offered within it.



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Would like the task force to look at county numbers, how many individual side-by sides (i.e. in the community and in the jail) and how many receiving services outside of the jail. Looking for a comparison between these steps to see any disparities.

Of the people who are incarcerated or 5150'd, what is happening to them once released?

In the chart representing different ethnic groups accessing mental health services in the community versus in jail, the African Americans are receiving less services within the community. In comparison, all other ethnic groups shown have a higher percentage in the community than in jail unlike the African American community.

A major John George treatment concern is addressed. Individuals sent to John George on a 5150 are being released too early from treatment or being sent away without treatment. As a result, police are instead processing them through Santa Rita Jail (SRJ) without the suitable treatment.

Sequential Intercept Map Review

Proposed Holiday CFJL Meeting Schedule

Motion was made by Member Louis and seconded by Member Bloom to change November and December meeting dates changed from:

November 24, 2022 → November 17, 2022

December 22, 2022 → December 15, 2022

Ayes: Bedrossian; Bloom; Buchanan; Danao; Dasheill; Ford; Graves; Lee; Louis; Neideffer; Sheehan-Rahman; Souza; Staratt; Toro; Chair Tribble.

Noes: None

Abstain: Syren

Public Comment

Public Comment was given.

Recap, Close & Next Steps:

1. RDA will send homework information to agency task force members
 - a. List JIMH recommendations
 - b. Instructions for homework completion
2. Homework due back to RDA by EOD, Friday October 14, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 2:32 PM



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Next meeting October 27, 2022 at 1:00 pm

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