



Care First, Jails Last Taskforce **UNAPPROVED** Minutes

Thursday, January 26, 2023 | 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

This meeting was conducted exclusively through videoconference and teleconference



Webinar via Zoom: [Care First, Jails Last Task Force \(January 26, 2023\)](#)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tribble at 1:04 p.m.

Roll Call & Introductions

Members Present: Bedrossian; Bloom; Buchanan; Dixon; Dasheill; Graves; Lee; Neff; Neideffer; Penn; Souza; Sheehan-Rahman; Staratt; Syren; Chair Tribble.

Excused: None

Absent: Abbott; Cespedes; Danao; Ford; Louis; Romero; Toro

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 Chair Tribble, moved by member Bloom and seconded by Member Syren acknowledging the state and local measure responses to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and to continue holding meetings via teleconference in accordance with the Brown Act.

Ayes: Bedrossian; Bloom; Buchanan; Dixon; Dasheill; Graves; Lee; Neff; Neideffer; Penn; Staratt; Sheehan-Rahman; Souza; Syren; Chair Tribble

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Public Comment Open

Discussion regarding the list of proposals. There needs to be a call for a huge increase in the number of beds. Concerned about the shortage of facilities available for care and expanding the physical footprint. Suggests another Ville at Fairmont, another acute compacity like units at John George, another Bonita House, double the number of permanent license supportive housing beds, and five- or six-times increase in crisis residential beds.



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Concerns about each recommendation include key points such as data and experience on which it's based, the unmet needs it's meant to respond to, the cost, the source, who put forth the recommendation. Important to consider whether the recommendation will reduce incarceration.

Kelsey O'Neal, District Attorney Office, looks forward to collaboration with the Taskforce.

Review and Approve Prior Meeting's Minutes

A motion to review, comment, and vote on December 15, 2022, Taskforce meeting minutes was made by Member Staratt and seconded by Member Bloom.

Ayes: Bedrossian; Bloom; Buchanan; Dixon; Dasheill; Graves; Lee; Neff; Neideffer; Penn; Staratt; Sheehan-Rahman; Souza; Chair Tribble

Noes: None

Abstain: Syren

Discussion Items

Data Review and Brainstorming

Dr. Taylor leading the discussion of where to find meetings online, AD HOC subcommittee and the previous meetings homework, gathering preliminary recommendations for Intercepts.

-2 Intercept: Prevention – Discussion for prevention of entering the system in the first place and before encountering a mental health crisis. Recommendations to provide services for 16–17-year-old or children with adverse childhood experiences and prevent trauma. Recommendations to create a restorative community by building a bridge for active members and community members. Recommendations for the preventions of repeat contact with Law Enforcement by providing more beds at psychiatric facilities. Endorsement of an African American Center that provides a clinical, medical and psychiatric support/resources.

-1 Intercept: Early Intervention – Discussion for early intervention prioritizing identifying and serving people at their first mental health crisis. Recommendations of acute hospital(s) for first entry to John George. Recommendations of peer supports training and family training to provide alternatives to calling 911 in mental health crisis. Recommendations of service providers and employment training for more de-escalation, job readiness to develop skills and reintegrate into the community. Recommendations for support for homeless community/families collecting data to understand their needs. Recommendations of a school liaison for impoverished schools. Recommendations of supportive work programs for emotional support and self-sufficiency.



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0 Intercept: Community Services – Recommendations of 5170 and 5343 facilities for people who are a danger to themselves or others and for drug/alcohol treatment separate from Mental Health facilities and in oppose to jail. Recommendations for more community events and gathering with Law Enforcement, public information campaigns. This would require funding and prioritization. Recommendations of license Board and Care Centers not to exclude people with felonies.

1 Intercept: Law Enforcement - Recommendations of a non-clinical public safety database, a partnership between agencies at a county level for high contact offenders. Recommendations of a Point-of-Arrest diversion to incarceration that law enforcement participates in and not limit to people with misdemeanors, also should not be predicated based on a person's insurance. Concerns regarding a person suffering a mental health crisis ability to reject the diversion opportunity, officers would need a specialist in mental health to assist. Recommendations of Point-of-Arrest diversion access points throughout county, currently only in Fruitvale. Recommendation to have law enforcement carrying information and referral material to share with families experiencing mental health crisis. Concerns for the need of long-term care beds for mental health crisis.

Ad Hoc Committee is accepting volunteers.

Motion that the task force will complete the activity to review and populate a set of preliminary recommendations for review for the next meeting of which will be informed by data as needed by Member Sheehan-Rahman and seconded by Member Ford.

Ayes: Bedrossian; Bloom; Buchanan; Dixon; Dasheill; Graves; Lee; Neff; Neideffer; Penn; Staratt; Sheehan-Rahman; Souza; Chair Tribble

Noes: None

Abstain: Syren

Public Comment

Discussion for the need to redirect resources from Law Enforcement to clinicians to benefit the mental health of patients and/or frequents, adding that Oakland Police Department has not utilized the Fruitvale Care Center. Discussion regarding delegations of community support activity to people who need mental health services. Mrs. O'Neal stated that she conducted a site visit and audit of the Fruitvale Care Center and it is not being used, adding that the is a stigma to which who can utilize the program. Noted that the utilization of the center she be adjusted to provide for misdemeanors.



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Recap, Close & Next Steps:

1. Add recommendations to the data
2. Track and tie recommendations for each Intercept
3. Remove or add data

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM

Next meeting February 23, 2023 at 1:00 pm

Agenda, Minutes and Meeting Recordings are available online

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