



Care First, Jails Last Taskforce

UNAPPROVED Minutes

Thursday, March 23, 2023 | 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

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Webinar via Zoom: [Care First, Jails Last Task Force \(March 23, 2023\)](#)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Karyn Tribble at 1:08 p.m.

Roll Call & Introductions

Members present: Bedrossian; Bloom; Buchanan; Dixon; Ford; Graves; Lee; Louis; Romero; Starratt; Toro; Chair Tribble.

Excused: Syren

Absent: Abbott, Cespedes, Danao, Dasheill, Penn, Sheehan-Rahman

Agreement to Hold Monthly Virtual or In-Person Meetings

Member Syren is unable to attend, but the Taskforce will plan to meet in-person based on his docket. All appointments are still pending, and we are waiting on formal acknowledgement to the BOS. The Approval granted to hold meetings via teleconference pursuant to AB361.

A motion was made by Member Ford and seconded by Member Toro to approve the meeting minutes.

Agenda Items - Public Comment

Clarification was made that public comment would be allowed at the end of the meeting on any agenda or non-agenda item.

It was stated that the recommendations that the coalition is presenting were compiled through extensive conversation with various entities and they represent and include some things that are on the agenda today. There are also several recommendations that have to do with transparency and data that are cross-cutting, and it is the hope that when this is considered the Taskforce will consider a way to address these cross-cutting items.

Discussion Items

Community Coalition Recommendations

The recommendations are included in the packet. Background was given on the formulation of the recommendations, with the intent of presenting and submitting them to the Taskforce.



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Intercept Framework and Definitions

Data Recommendations to Measure Unmet Needs

Cross Cutting Intercepts

1. Identify and recommend ongoing county agency practices that measure unmet needs and service gaps.
2. Fund dedicated Alameda County Behavioral Health staff time and/or a consultant to conduct gap analysis.
3. Assess and evaluate the causes of staff shortages and outcomes of efforts to recruit and retain behavioral health line staff in Alameda.
4. Create transparency around the County's reserves and fund balances.
5. Increase and maintain Alameda County advocacy to the California and federal governments for legislation that expands funds.
6. Create transparency of Alameda County's unspent state realignment funds designated for Medi-Cal services.

Intercept 3

7. Create a public accounting of unspent funds in Santa Rita Jail.
8. Create a budget report on how the funds mandated by the Babu settlement have been allocated and spent, and the status of implementation of the settlement's terms.

Recommendations Regarding Continuity of Care and Programs

Cross-cutting Intercepts

9. [\$43M Budget Investment] Fully fund the Alameda County Behavioral Health Department's countywide Forensic Plan.
10. Policy Change.
11. [\$6M Budget Investment + Policy] To maintain existing programs and services run by community behavioral health service providers, behavioral health community-based organization line staff should receive compensation equal to County staff in comparable positions.

By Intercept

12. [Intercepts -2, -1, 4 & 5|\$80 M Budget Investment + Data] Allocate county funds towards permanent supportive housing programs and services.
13. [Intercept -1|\$7.7M Budget Investment] Implement 1 new voluntary crisis facility in underserved areas of the County, modeled on Amber House (Oakland).
14. [Intercept -1 - \$3M Budget Investment] Build 1 new CARES Navigation Center in an underserved area of Alameda County, and fully fund the existing CARES Navigation Center in Oakland.



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15. [Intercepts -1 & 4| \$25.5M Budget Investment] Double the number of people served by Full Service Partnerships, which are wrap-around services for people with severe mental illness and/or substance use disorders, with a plan to further expand FSPs to meet the need.
16. [Intercept 0] |\$2M Budget Investment] Ensure fair compensation for mobile behavioral health crisis team (CATT and MCT) staff, and expand 24/7 city and county crisis response teams.
17. [Intercept 0|\$3.9M Budget Investment] Re-acquire 27 subacute beds available at Villa Fairmont.

The decision before the Taskforce is to discuss and take a vote on the addition of these recommendations to the master list of recommendations to be considered. Discussion ensued as to if these would be incorporated into the existing process as a permanent list by way of a motion. Also, a motion will need to be made to modify the evaluation structure if that is the will of the body. These will not necessarily be final motions related to this matter.

A three-part motion was made:

1. We formally adopt the recommendations that have been submitted by the Care First Community Coalition as part of the ongoing permanent rolling list of recommendations;
2. As we see cross-cutting intercept that may go from one to another, the intercept would be examined to determine if it is positive or policy-like; and
3. With this vote, the Ad Hoc Committees are enabled to evaluate the items that are budget and the items that are data-related and make recommendations back to the Taskforce.

After questions, the vote was made, and the motion carried by those present in-person.

The suggestion was to be noted that additional meetings need to be held to further work on the necessary items.

Subcommittee Descriptions and Assignments

Data: Bloom, Lee, Graves, Danao, Neff, Sheehan-Rahman. Brian Bloom is the designated Chair. The committee will meet on the 2nd Monday of the month.

Finance: Lee, Starratt, Syren, Graves. Corrine Lee is the designated Chair.

CFJL Taskforce System Recommendation Grid Template Review

Intercept Recommendation Grid

This document is to track the Taskforce's system or agency recommendation as guided by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors' Resolution. There is a grid template for each intercept. There is also a grid template for Task Force Agency Recommendations. Concern was voiced regarding the amount of input and/or participation the community-based organizations would have in relation to the implementation of recommendations, and not just the county agencies. Dr. Tribble assured the group



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that the BOS proclamation includes community representation and membership and will also require that other county departments contribute to a county-wide plan.

Public Comment

Public Comment was given.

Recap, Close & Next Steps:

1. Review and discuss each recommendation from the working list
 - a. Confirm as is, confirm with changes or decline
2. For each that is confirmed, we will identify
 - a. Problem it addresses/Data that supports it
 - b. Agency and community partners
 - c. Remaining data questions
 - d. Budget requests
3. Each agency will keep track of their own relevant recommendations

Meeting adjourned at 2:56 PM

Next meeting April 27, 2023 at 1:00 pm

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