

Care First, Jails Last Taskforce APPROVED Minutes

Thursday, December 15, 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 (December 15, 2022)

Call to Order

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

Roll Call & Introductions

Members present: Abbott; Bedrossian; Bloom; Buchanan; Dixon; Ford; Graves; Lee; Louis; Neff; Penn; Romero; Sheehan-Rahman; Syren; Toro; Chair Tribble.

Excused: Staratt

Absent: Cespedes; Danao; Dasheill; Neideffer; Souza

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 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; Dixon; Graves; Lee; Louis; Neff; Penn; Romero; Staratt; Toro; Chair Tribble

Noes: None

Abstain: Syren; Sheehan-Rahman

Public Comment Open & Closed

Review and Approve Prior Meeting's Minutes

A motion to approve November 17, 2022 Taskforce meeting minutes was made by Member Toro and seconded by Member Bedrossian with an amendment from Member Bedrossian for more specifically



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highlighted implementation and intercept ideas and review Cares Navigation Center in intercept 3 by Member Louis.

Ayes: Abbott; Bedrossian; Bloom; Dixon; Ford; Graves; Lee; Louis; Neff; Penn; Romero; Sheehan-Rahman; Toro; Chair Tribble

Noes: None

Abstain: Syren

Discussion Items

Reimagining Justice Presentation

The objective of Reimage Adult Justice initiative is to assess and inventory existing in and out of custody justice related programming, identify gaps and opportunities that will reduce our reliance on incarceration, and build on our current reform in order to further strengthen re-entry systems, reduce recidivism and prevent victimization over an 18 to 24-month period.

There are 5 overarching strategies that will be utilized to achieve this goal: Ongoing collaboration, access to information, resources, strategy, and continuous process improvement.

The long-term strategy of item 4 and the continuous process and improvement strategy, item 5, will become the responsibility of the county departments and partners, and will be part of the transition process.

In 2021, county mental health provided about 1,300 services (unduplicated) to individuals in custody. One third of the jail population, at booking, needs mental health or substance use services. This is approx. 1k of the 2.5-3k in custody at any given point.

What are needs within the county that are unmet and what is their plan to address the issue?

Given the average length of stay in the jail, detailed in the presentation, what are some programs outside of the jail that can help link and support those individuals?

Community members would like to have access to the data that is being reviewed. How can this information be consolidated and posted for community consumption?

Are referral acceptance rates being tracked? Yes, the jail has strict tracking for acceptance and refusals of referrals. Would like there to be more external tracking systems in place to provide more accurate data after release.



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The unmet need data help influence the recommendations. Will be difficult to create a list of the recommendations without knowing what the problem is within the community

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: Abbott; Bedrossian; Bloom; Buchanan; Dixon; Ford; Graves; Lee; Louis; Neff; Penn; Romero; Sheehan-Rahman; Toro; Chair Tribble

Noes: None

Abstain: Syren

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 2:38 PM

Next meeting January 26, 2023 at 1:00 pm

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