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## **Care First, Jails Last (CFJL) Ad-Hoc Committee Summary**

**Location:** 2000 Embarcadero Cove, Suite 400, Oakland, CA (Chabot Conference Room)

### **Zoom Link –**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83541678892?pwd=4B72ExuBj3GzGz0O5tD3RvU5bTILG.1>

**Date:** Thursday, April 3, 2025

**Time:** 1:00PM – 3:00PM

**Attendees:** Ad Hoc Committee Members, RDA Consulting, ACBHD

## Agenda:

- I. Call to order – Welcome & Introductions
- II. Agency Subcommittees Report
- III. Measure W Discussion
- IV. Data Updates
- V. Report to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) Preparation
- VI. Parking Lot Review
- V. Wrap Up

## Communication Updates

- The opinions of the committee members are recognized, and it was reiterated why it's important to focus on the recommendations. While the mandated services which have been recommended are still currently in effect, the commitment to the budget still stands and the revenue sources are protected.

## Agency subcommittee Report

- **CAO** subcommittee report  
Waiting for recommendations to move forward. Challenges are that the report may be too overwhelming for the agencies. Terry suggests coming up with an outline, including the agenda, a narrative, points of contact et al; which may be helpful.

Still no response from the CAO, John attended the budget meeting and was told that Melanie Atendido will act as the liaison officer.

- **Behavioral Health** subcommittee report  
It was reported that the group met on March 28, from 1-2pm. Continued discussions on the First episode Psychosis, recommendation 3L; areas of focus around recommendations 9A&B advocacy, parents, hospital beds and the African American wellness health. The committee will meet with Dr. Tribble on April 10, 11-12pm. Discussions will focus on First episode, Psychosis. Next subcommittee meeting will be on April 17, 1-2pm.



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- The group talked about the African American wellness center. There were issues in relation to the building which was purchased for the center but was determined by GSA to be inadequate.
- The team reached out to Dr. Noha with regards to the state planning project. They will discuss a “modular” during the May 22<sup>nd</sup> MHAB meeting.

- **District Attorney (DA)**

The committee met with the contractor for CARES Navigation Center. It was a very productive meeting. Currently, no one is at the center. People from all economic categories may come but only through law enforcement or by letter referral from DA's office. The DA's office is in transition; therefore, delays are expected. The next meeting has not been scheduled.

The team received the Public Records Act requested data from DA's office in relation to collaborative courts and outcomes. The data provided was incomplete, there was no data prior to 2023. The data referred only to the number of people, mostly those who completed the program. The team may need to request data from the Superior Courts and Sheriff's office.

The committee is invited to the Mental Health Commission meeting that the DA's office has called together. L.D. Lewis was tasked to be the convener and liaison. Commission is going to meet once a month.

- **Housing**

The team met with Jeanette Rodriguez and Jonathan Russell on March 27, 2025. Shared a lot of follow up documents and resources, notably, a document which outlines plans for Measure W. The next meeting is with Michelle Starrett from Housing Community Development (HCD) scheduled on April 10 at 2pm. Meeting will focus on recommendations that were not covered in the first meeting. Next subcommittee meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 17 at 11:30am. Furthermore, Warren Cushman, MHAB is interested in participating in the housing committee.

- **Probation department**

Currently, no members/updates

- **Public defenders –(PDO)**

PDO is working with the justice partners, BH and the DA's office to finalize the IST grant from the state which will be a permanent IST diversion. PDO is expecting a large sum to be used for their staffing needs. No further updates. Pre-release programs were raised for getting people assessed and getting out of jail quickly on a successful pre-trial period without any lapses. PDO and their team would like to get involved or take a role in this process.

DA's office has new administration and some transitions on staffing. Other concerns, pending to Parking Lot





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- **Sheriff's office**

The team met with Captain Modeste on April 2 and shared their recommendations; focus points were on re-entry and housing. Next meeting not scheduled yet.

There will be a joint public protection and health committee meeting in the next four or five weeks from April 3.

- **SSA** Currently, nothing to report

- **Courts**

The team met with Gavin O'Neil and Monica Perron on March 20<sup>th</sup>. They were informed that the data gathered was for grants only. Issues were raised as to how they would tackle metrics and data; how to use them to make better decisions and what the expectations, given that the volume of the data are held at different locations. A list of data and locations of the data will be provided. Yolo county will also share data, reports and links.

There has been no response to queries. Gavin will provide details on the proper definition of recidivism and its categories.

- Data sharing processes are also considered but recommendations call for an independent analyst. The team will consider another chance to convene the players together and develop MOUs for data sharing.
- The meeting is scheduled with the Mental Health diversion court on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Next steps to follow.

### Measure W Discussion

- Tax has been collected, there is \$500M in the escrow fund.
- Funds have been secured and will be managed by the County
- Suggestions to bring up housing concerns at the MHAB May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.
- Homeless care and coordination including staff presented their plan; 4.5M was approved in December and will go to staffing and infrastructure.
- Supervisor Bass did not get approval for the 40M, follow-up meeting in July
- It was shared that regarding prevention programs and CBOs, they're looking for options for BHSA, such as service partnership, community connections to housing, and Measure W. Concluding that the decision will ultimately come from the agency given that funds will go through Alameda County Health.
- Behavioral Health (BH) Connect, which is a program that will require county BH departments to do evidence-based practices, first psychosis and anticipate the results was discussed.





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- o BH subcommittee meeting scheduled for April 10. The committee needs to identify sub-committee members.

## **Data Updates**

The data team met on March 13.

A team member suggested the need to identify other agencies or maybe join forces with other agencies to get the data needed.

RDA reminded the committee that its main goal is to keep an account of the CFJL last report, plans and recommendations.

## **Report to Board of Supervisors Preparation**

The presentation to BOS is scheduled for May 22.

RDA shared the draft agenda with the committee members (a copy was also sent through email) to get their insights and suggestions.

The main objective is to come up with a nearly completed presentation which will be taken up in the next AdHoc committee meeting on May 1.

Sub-committee members are Brian, John, Alice, Kari and Allison. They will take the lead in putting together the presentation for the BOS.

RDA will assume and support the committee in terms of meeting schedules, agenda, details of the report and the PowerPoint presentations with the guidance of the AdHoc committee.

Sub-committee members will do brainstorming to generate and document many ideas for the presentation.

It was proposed to the committee to send to the BOS in advance a general overview and context and a link to presentations and resolutions, for the board to be able to review and understand the main idea and key points of the full presentation. To focus on how far and what progress has been made in terms of CFJL implementation and recommendations.

It was cited that there is good progress in housing, Measure W and other diversion areas.

The committee plans to finalize the presentation on May 1 during the Ad Hoc meeting. Also, to be resolved on the next sub-committee meeting is identifying "what are the priorities and asks". The team proposed a good strategy or course of action for the presentation and that would be : "what BOS needs to know, feel and able to do".



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Presentation planning for the sub-committee members scheduled Wed, April 9, 10am.

## **Parking Lot Review**

Data conversation - data committee meeting will meet next week. PDO on other issues related to Mental Health diversion/DA's position

## **Wrap Up**

**Next meeting date :** May 1, 2025

