

**MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
JUSTICE SYSTEMS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
June 20th, 2023 - FINAL**

Agenda Item / Discussion	Action /Follow-Up
<p>I. Call to Order / Introductions Committee Chair, Cmsr. Pamela Perls, called the meeting to order at 3:37pm</p> <p><u>Members Present:</u> Cmsr. Pamela Perls, District II, Committee Chair Cmsr. Geri Stern, District I, Committee Vice Chair Cmsr. Gerthy Loveday Cohen, District III Cmsr. Tavane Payne, District IV Cmsr. Gina Swirsding, District I * (*attended via video)</p> <p><u>Other Attendees:</u> Cmsr. Lauga Griffin, District V* Cmsr. Barbara Serwin, District II* Angela Beck Jennifer Bruggeman Dr. Stephen Field *off screen/non participatory due to quorum restrictions</p>	<p>Meeting was held at: 1340 Arnold Drive, Ste 126 Martinez, CA and via Zoom platform</p>
<p>II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.</p>	
<p>III. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: None.</p>	
<p>IV. COMMITTEE CHAIR COMMENTS: I suggested we look at our goals today and not have any presentations. This meeting is to talk about what we want to do and where we want to go. Although the list I provided is just a proposed list, we can add anything you want to speak about. I thought given the interest that everyone has expressed in the youth and transitional aged youth (TAY) treatment in the justice system and in other forms that we would maybe focus on children and TAY. In particular, I wrote the very first thing: Behavioral Health/Mental Health services for youth in the criminal justice system. In general, the research and review, advocacy and treatment in the Contra Costa Jails. I started looking at innovative youth diversion elsewhere but have not finished my research.</p>	
<p>V. APPROVE minutes from May 16th, 2023, Justice Systems Committee meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cmsr. Geri Stern moved to approve the minutes as is. • Seconded by Cmsr. Tavane Payne <p>Vote: 5-0-0 Ayes: G. Cohen, T. Payne, P. Perls, G. Stern, and G. Swirsding</p>	<p>Agendas/minutes can be found at: http://cchealth.org/mentalhealth/mhc/agendas-minutes.php</p>

VI. DISCUSS, vote and prioritize to establish three (3) goals for the Committee (2023-24)

Proposed Goals/Issues for Discussion 6/20/23

1. Behavioral Health (BH)/Mental Health (MH) services for youth in the Contra Costa criminal Justice system
2. Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS) Act conservatorship recent amendments and unintended impact on CCC Hospital; differences between CCC Public Defender's' interpretation of text and those of other Bay Area counties.
 - a. Research other counties' programs of bringing LPS hearings to the Psychiatric Units
3. Development of the new Care Court: impact on county finances and adequate MH services; enforcement, data collection
4. Research and review adequacy of BH/MH treatment offered in CCC jails in light of
 - a. Settlement of Public Law Office (PLO) suit vs. CCC re. treatment of incarcerated in CCC jails
 - b. Expansion of the jail Martinez Detention Facility (MDF) only? To "better serve" those incarcerated in CCC jails and the CCC settlement with PLO re. BH/MH services in CCC jails.
 - c. Staffing, treatment services, follow up appts, therapy (individual or group), serious mental illness (SMI) only?
5. Innovative youth diversion program w/ BH/MH (see model programs in other states)
6. Review current state of Crisis Response Teams, plans for expansion, adequacy (start with A³ home page: <https://cchealth.org/a3/>)
 - a. Recommendations to BOS
 - b. Include reviewing educational outreach for public re. Crisis Response and 988 system
 - c. Recommendations re. CCC web A³ home page

Cmsr. Perls opened the floor to discuss and prioritize goals. First, establish three (3) goals we might work on. The three is arbitrary but it is to focus on three and we only have until December. We can roll them over to next year. Whatever we do (it can be fewer than three goals) but I just think we should be focusing and work on what is able to be accomplished.

The attached proposed goals are just that, proposed.

(Cmsr. Stern) I would like to find out more information about Care Court because we really don't know much of anything and it is going to be such a large impact on services. If we only did that, it might be a huge undertaking as we haven't found anything, but we haven't really delved deep and contacted many involved. I am not sure what stage it is at in terms of development and when it is going to become active. Does anyone know?

(Cmsr. Perls) We don't, not sure if it is in the administrative arm of the court that will determine how it works or if it was the legislation arm, and we need to look deeper into that. I have not found anyone to speak on this.

(Cmsr. Stern) If we could find out some dates, like a start date, then we can find out where it is going to start from and what direction it will take, because right now it is just theoretical as far as I have seen.

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(Cmsr. Perls) It hasn't been implemented. I don't know who is going to write the regulations for it. (Cmsr. Payne) Who made the decision to have it? (Cmsr. Perls) It is legislation by the state and signed by the Governor. It will be directed through the court and it won't be funded. SB43 expands the LPS conservatorships, which are court directed and are defined in legislation, SB43 would expand and allows the definition to include addiction and some other broad definitions. It hasn't passed and will be put before the legislature.

(Cmsr. Swirsding) Spoke to diversion court. It was noted in chat that it is the Assisted Out Patient Treatment and Behavioral Health Court. However, Care Court is a whole different issue.

(Cmsr. Stern) We had Dr. Chad Pierce come to speak at the beginning of the year about A³ (Anyone, Anytime, Anywhere). He said they are in the process of hiring for case managers, workers for A3/Crisis Response Team. One our goals would be to follow up and see how hiring is working out.

(Cmsr. Cohen) I have seen the postings form Mental Health Workers I and II. They are looking for those from SPIRIT and Mental Health Work I is like clinicians. They are still hiring, the postings are up, a lot of them.. It is difficult to find and fill the positions.

(Cmsr. Stern) We need to see a time frame on how they are doing, get an update and if there is any way to help move that along.

(Cmsr. Perls) It has been suggested Item #6 goal belongs more in the Quality of Care committee as it is seen as more part of a continuum of care. I thought of it more as part of the criminal justice system. (Cmsr. Payne/Stern) feel it is both. People who are having symptoms and acting out end up in jail and there is an overlap.

988 has been activated and there is a special routing for the crisis response teams and it does not go through law enforcements. The 988 system is activated, it is a federal mandate. A³ has hired some staff but are still trying to fill the overnight shifts so they can operate 24/7. Hours have been expanded, staff is working overtime and they have more people in.

The Crisis response information is following: Behavioral health crisis, call the A3 Miles Hall Crisis Call Center at 844-844-5544 Call Center operates 8 a.m. - 12:30 a.m. daily. Support outside these hour are directed to call 911 in an emergency:

- * Adults: Call 988 or Text 'HOPE' to 20121
- * Under 18: 877-441-1089

(Cmsr. Stern) The thing I am concerned about is, assuming we hear more about the crisis response teams and 988, those who are sent to jail and those who are sent to psych emergency services (PES) we still have the challenge of where to place people. After they go to jail, PES, and go through their disposition process that is now implemented in the jail. Where are they getting discharged to? How long to they stay? Are they stable for a certain period of time? Are they getting their meds after the first 30 days? If they go to PES, is it a revolving door? There are a lot of things such as building out a lot of residential treatment but that is still going to take time, so where are they going? How is the treatment in the community going?

The crisis response is just the first soft touch and then go to other places. Are we all in a 'revolving door' situation still? Is that getting any better. It would be nice where we are at with the build out for residential treatment centers, find someplace to get that information from because: We got the money, Dr. Tavano was involved in the purchase of properties and working with a realtor. Where are we at with that? That would be your thinking about housing in general or housing just after jail?

(Cmsr. Payne) This is part of BHBH/BHCIP and that is part of Quality of Care. They are waiting on the state regarding that. Once they are out of the Justice System it is out of this committee. We can still discuss what happens in between. (Cmsr. Stern) Conservatorship placement is part of the Justice System, so are they building out more for those in conservatorships. Do we have that information?

(Cmsr. Stern) Do we know where the juvenile detention people and in probation are going instead of juvenile probation, now that is getting reduced? We need to know where they are getting diverted to and the efficacy of those treatments versus Juvenile Hall. Follow up with the closure of the ranch. They are diverting away from juvenile hall. What are the diversions? Are they working? Where are they diverting them to? Are they affective? Feedback on that from someone somewhere? Is there anyway to get any data on that.

(Cmsr. Payne) I would like to attend the next Juvenile Justice Commission meeting to hear, but their monthly meeting is at the same time as our big commission meeting. It's start 5:30-7:30 but it is at the court offices in Walnut Creek.

(Cmsr. Stern) Maybe just look at the minutes.

(Cmsr. Swirsding) Discussion of the day center for the youth. I believe it is for those coming out of Juvenile hall but have not heard anything more about it. It is for the TAY population.

(Cmsr. Perls) We need to decide are we doing youth and TAY or adult as well?

(Cmsr. Payne) Suggested to take this month to get more information on the proposed goals – each member take on one of the proposed goals each.

Goal 1: Cmsr. Cohen to take on Goal 1. BH/MH services for youth and TAY in the CCC Criminal Justice System

Goal 2: General follow up for all regrading LPS conservatorships and SB43

Goal 3: Cmsr. Stern to take on Goal 3. Care Court and researching dates, legislation and staff assigned to follow up.

Goal 4: Cmsr. Perls to follow up with Lavonna Martin on Goal 4, PLO suit

Goal 5: Innovative youth diversion was dropped from goals

Goal 6: Review current status for Crisis Response Teams, plans for expansion, adequacy. (Ms. Beck to follow up with Chad Pierce for update). This goal falls more on the Quality of Care side and will be dropped to have that committee follow up. Can pick up by this committee at a later date.

<p>VII. DISCUSS and draft action plan and timeline to achieve each of three (3) goals</p> <p>We are going to put off drafting an action plan and timeline and we are not going to literally determine our three goals. We are going to preliminarily select three items to investigate and reconvene next time to determine what we have found and then determine / decide on the three goals and work on those. So we need to assign and as follows:</p> <p>Goal 1: Cmsr. Cohen to take on Goal 1. BH/MH services for youth and TAY in the CCC Criminal Justice System</p> <p>Goal 2: General follow up for all regrading LPS conservatorships and SB43</p> <p>Goal 3: Cmsr. Stern to take on Goal 3. Care Court and researching dates, legislation and staff assigned to follow up.</p> <p>Goal 4: Cmsr. Perls to follow up with Lavonna Martin on Goal 4, PLO suit</p> <p>Goal 5: Innovative youth diversion was dropped from goals</p> <p>Goal 6: Review current status for Crisis Response Teams. There is nothing more to do here, they are trying to hire and it is determined to follow up later in the year. 988 can be followed up on by Cmsr. Swirsding.</p>	
<p>VIII. DISCUSS and draft list of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Next steps for each action plan, ➤ Assignments for members of committees 	Tabled for next meeting in July.
<p>IX. ESTABLISH tentative timeline for each action plan for bringing Justice Committee’s conclusions and recommendations to BOS</p>	Tabled for next meeting in July
<p>X. Adjourn: 4:58 pm</p>	