



CCJBH

Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health

Building bridges to prevent incarceration

Full Council Meeting

July 30, 2021

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Office of the Secretary, Kathleen Allison, Secretary

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR)



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Agenda:

Time:	Topic:
2:00 PM	Welcome & Introductions, Roll Call
2:10 PM	New Councilmember, Anita Fisher
2:25 PM	Approval of April Meeting Minutes
2:30 PM	Public Comment
2:35 PM	Panel Discussion on Housing and Homelessness



Agenda (continued):

3:25 PM	Council Question/Discussion Public Comment
3:30 PM	CCJBH Business Meeting
4:20 PM	Council Question/Discussion Public Comment
4:25 PM	Announcements
4:30 PM	Adjourn



Welcoming Councilmember Anita Fisher

- Ms. Fisher was appointed by Governor Newsom on May 26, 2021, filling the position vacated by Jessica Cruz, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), CEO, in October 2020. Ms. Fisher comes to the Council representing consumer/family member perspective.
- Ms. Fisher is a member of the NAACP Mental Health and Policing Sub Committee, the Psychiatric Emergency Response Team Advisory Board, the San Diego County Probation Chief's Advisory Board, and an Ambassador for A New PATH (Parents for Addiction Treatment and Healing).
- Ms. Fisher has been Chief Executive Officer and Consultant at Fisher Mental Health Consulting since 2018.
- From 2007-2018, Ms. Fisher was Director of Education at NAMI, San Diego.



April Full Council Meeting Minutes

Step 1: MOTION TO ADOPT OR AMEND

Step 2: SECOND MOTION

Step 3: PUBLIC COMMENT

Step 4: ROLL CALL FOR A VOTE



Panel Discussion: Housing and Homelessness

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Bureau Chief of Housing and Homelessness, California Department of Social Services

Julie Lo

Executive Officer, Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council

Geoffrey Ross

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Bambi Cisneros

Assistant Deputy Director of Health Care Delivery Systems, California Department of Health Care Services

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Parole Administrator, Division of Adult Parole Operations, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
(CDCR)

Jessica Fernandez

Staff Services Manager II, Division of Rehabilitative Programs, CDCR



Panel Discussion Questions

In your observation/experience, what impact(s) has the pandemic had on housing and homelessness as related to the population of those with behavioral health (BH) needs who are justice system-involved (JI; hereafter referred to as the BH/JI population)?



Panel Discussion Questions

What are the new funding opportunities of which you are aware that are currently or will soon be available to meet California's demand for affordable housing, and to eradicate homelessness?



Panel Discussion Questions

How do you think these funds may best be leveraged to meet the unique needs of the BH/JI population? What do you think are the “keys to success” to optimize use of these funds?



Panel Discussion Questions

Is there anything that counties and local entities can do to help the BH/JI population by leveraging existing resources?



Panel Discussion Questions

What is the best approach to ensure that the implementation of programs and services are used to address disparity gaps for the BH/JI population? What are some recommendations and strategies that can be used to help decision makers prioritize and/or designate the use of funds to support dedicated housing resources for this vulnerable population to ensure they have an equal opportunity to benefit from this infusion of new funding?



Panel Discussion Questions

Some estimate that our state needs 2 million additional housing units to ameliorate the current shortage, and that building housing in California is an expensive and time-consuming process as compared to other states. Are either or both of these assertions accurate? If so, what are the short-, medium- and long-range plans to solve this problem?



Council Questions/Discussion Public Comment



CCJBH Business Meeting



CCJBH Workgroup Updates



Juvenile Justice

Update Provided by:

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Staff Services Analyst

Council Advisors:

Dr. Danitza Pantoja

Chief Mack Jenkins



Juvenile Justice Workgroup Update

- 2021 Workgroup Meetings
 - March: The focus of this meeting was on SB 823 and efforts by the Office of Youth and Community Restoration.
 - June: Hosted a panel discussing the impact of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency on the Behavioral Health of Children/Youth Involved in the Juvenile Justice System.
 - 2021 Legislative Report Recommendations will be informed by the workgroup discussions.
- Juvenile Justice Toolkit and Compendium Request for Proposal.



Diversion/Reentry

Update Provided by:

Monica Campos
Staff Services Manager III

Council Advisors:

Chief Mack Jenkins
Dr. Tony Hobson
Judge Stephen Manley



Diversion/Reentry Workgroup Update

- 2021 Workgroup Meetings
 - March: A presentation from the California Health Facilities Financing Authority with a Community Services Infrastructure Grant Program Update and an update on the SB 369 Veto Message Report. Note: the SB 369 Veto Message Report will require a Special Council Meeting for a final vote, estimated to take place in August 2021.
 - June: The Department of State Hospitals (DSH) presented an update on the DSH Diversion Program.
- Diversion Technical Assistance Services Contract with the Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center – June 21, 2021, through June 30, 2022.



SB 360 Veto Message Project

Angela Kranz
Research Scientist III



SB 369 Veto Message Project

- The Governor’s veto of SB 369 required the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and the Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health (CCJBH) to *“engage with stakeholders, evaluate the barriers of reentry and determine what steps need to be taken to overcome those barriers.”*
- To respond to this mandate, a draft SB 369 Veto Message Report has been developed. The draft report is currently under review.
- The timeline for sharing the draft report with stakeholders has been delayed. It will be publicly posted in advance of a Special Council Meeting and a final vote (estimated in August 2021). The most recently posted list of identified barriers and strategies to address the identified barriers is available on the CCJBH [website](#).



Reducing Homelessness for People with Behavioral Health Needs Leaving Jails and Prisons

Monica Campos
Staff Services Manager III



Housing & Homelessness

- CCJBH continues to collaborate with key partners to further efforts to study strategies to improve housing outcomes for individuals in the intersection of criminal justice and behavioral health.
- CCJBH is working with the Council of State Governments (CSGs) Justice Center to implement the policy recommendations established CSG's report, [Reducing Homelessness for People with Behavioral Health Needs Leaving Prisons and Jails.](#)
- CCJBH, in partnership with the CSG Justice Center, will host a Housing Report Launch event on August 18, 2021.



Housing & Homelessness (Cont'd)

- The CSG report recommendations are included in the HCFC [Action Plan](#) under “Activities Prioritized for Implementation.”
- CCJBH committed to assessing the recommendations to identify priorities for actions to be taken in Fiscal Years (FY) 2021-22 and 2022-23.
- CCJBH facilitated collaborative partnerships with the department of Housing and Community Development on their COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program ([Housing Is Key](#)), linking DAPO, Probation, and Medi-Cal partners in Managed Care and County Behavioral Health to information and resources related to the rental assistance application process.



Mental Health Diversion

Catherine Hickinbotham
Health Program Specialist I



Mental Health Diversion

- Consultation & Technical Assistance Project - contract awarded to the Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center.
- The contract term is June 21, 2021, through June 30, 2022.
- CSG will:
 - Provide subject matter expert specialty consultation services and technical assistance to a minimum of 20 counties to enhance, sustain, and/or expand local capacity to successfully implement mental health diversion.
 - Participate and facilitate a portion of 12 collaboration meetings to assess what is working (or not) within local diversion systems and examine impacts of COVID-19 on diversion efforts.
 - Prepare a final report reflecting a proposed set of policy recommendations that identify next steps to support best practices statewide.



Medi-Cal Utilization Project

Angela Kranz
Research Scientist III



CDCR-DHCS Medi-Cal Utilization Project

- Data analysis on the following metrics is underway:
 - Timely Medi-Cal Enrollment
 - Timely Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan Enrollment
 - Mental Health (Mild-to-Moderate and Specialty) Service Utilization
 - Substance Use Disorder Treatment Utilization
- Statewide reporting on these metrics will be included in the 2021 CCJBH Annual Legislative Report. County-specific reporting will be posted to the California Health and Human Services Agency Open Data Portal.



Public Health Meets Public Safety

Jessica Camacho
Health Program Specialist II



Public Health Meets Public Safety

- This is a two-year project being conducted under contract with the Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center. The goal is to support data-informed decision-making through expanded analysis and reporting.
- Project Deliverables:
 - Deliverable 1: Kick-off and Work Plan.
 - Deliverable 2: Inventory of Available State-Level Datasets, available on the CCJBH website.
 - Deliverable 3: Considerations and Strategies for Linking State Data was completed.
 - Deliverable 4: Populated Frameworks.
- CSG will be developing data dashboards that leverage work completed for Deliverables 2 and 3. Factsheets based on Deliverable 3 are forthcoming.



Forensic Peer Support Specialist Report

Jessica Camacho
Health Program Specialist II



Forensic Peer Support (FPS) Specialty

- As reflected in the 2020 Legislative Report, CCJBH believes that the use of FPS Specialists can be of significant benefit to individuals who are justice-involved and have a mental health and/or substance use disorder.
- In January 2021, CCJBH embarked on a project to research publicly available resources on FPS models nationwide. The findings and recommendations are currently being formulated into a report.
- Upcoming Activities (Fall 2021): With the support of CSUS staff, CCJBH will be engaging stakeholders to provide feedback on the draft FPS report.



Lived Experience Projects

Jessica Camacho
Health Program Specialist II



Regional Lived Experience Project Updates

- Through a competitive process CCJBH awarded three-year contracts to support [Cal Voices](#), the [Anti-Recidivism Coalition](#) (ARC), the [Transitions Clinic Network](#) (TCN), and the [LA Regional Reentry Partners](#) (LARRP).
- Each of the contractors are implementing unique projects that include individuals with lived experience to help reduce justice involvement of individuals with behavioral health needs.
- Year 1 of the project ended on June 30, 2021.



Regional Lived Experience Project Updates

- Cal Voices: Trained a total of 7 ACCESS Ambassadors, facilitated several focus groups and stakeholder meetings, and developed educational materials.
- ARC: Developed educational materials, launched the "Fair Chance" media campaign, participated in advocacy activities, and expanded collaboration with local partners.
- TCN: Established a TCN Advisory Site Committee, hosted a virtual event, facilitated key informant interviews, and provided technical assistance/ mentorship to community health workers.
- LARRP: First cohort of the Leadership Academy Program graduated, facilitated several stakeholder meetings, and participated in advocacy activities.



CSUS Lived Experience Project Update

- CCJBH contracted with the California State University, Sacramento (CSUS) to determine how best to engage statewide public outreach efforts surrounding individuals with lived experience.
- CSUS project staff completed a Policy Brief on identified barriers of hiring individuals with lived experience.
- As a next step, CSUS staff will be facilitating a follow-up workshop to identify solutions and recommendations for hiring individuals with lived experience, which is tentatively scheduled for September 13, 2021.



CCJBH's Efforts to Honor Months of Awareness

Monica Campos
Staff Services Manager III



Mental Health Awareness Month in May

- Throughout the month of May, CCJBH featured a number of resources located throughout the state, in support of Mental Health Awareness, and disseminated this information weekly via our listserv.
- Additionally, CCJBH hosted weekly informational Webinars featuring:
 - **CalHope** – the Department of Health Care Services, California Mental Health Services Authority and the Multi-Ethnic Collaborative of Community Agencies presented on safe, secure, and culturally sensitive emotional support provided through CalHope for all Californians needing support related to the impacts of COVID-19.



Mental Health Awareness Month in May (cont'd)

- ***A Spotlight on Housing*** – the Council of State Governments Justice Center presented their housing report, [*Reducing Homelessness for People with Behavioral Health Needs Leaving Prison and Jails*](#) and the Department of Housing and Community Development presented on their COVID-19 Rental Assistance program.
- ***CCJBH Lived Experience Project*** – CCJBH contractors, Cal Voices and the Transitions Clinic Network, presented on their project concept, as well as the anticipated deliverables, all within a framework of success and recovery.
- ***Innovative Behavioral Health County Programs*** – the Nevada County Behavioral Health presented on their Proposition 47 program and Santa Barbara Behavioral Health on their CREDO 47, crisis intervention program.



Recovery and Suicide Prevention Month

- The CCJBH team is actively planning activities for Recovery Awareness and Suicide Prevention Awareness for the month of September.
 - **Recovery Awareness:** CCJBH is planning to host weekly informational webinars featuring individuals with lived experience, community programs, county partners and CDCR/CCHCS programs and projects, and dissemination of resources throughout the month.
 - **Suicide Prevention Awareness Week:** CCJBH will highlight a week of awareness, which will take place **September 6th – 10th**. Efforts include a webinar on September 8th and dissemination of resources throughout the week.
- Additional details will be released via the CCJBH listserv in August, which will also be posted on the CCJBH website.



Legislation and Budget Summary

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Legislation of Interest

- The CA Legislature is at Summer Recess until August 16, 2021.
- Last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills for this session is October 10, 2021.
- CCJBH is tracking 62 bills related to:
 - Homelessness
 - Behavioral Health Crisis Funding
 - Mental Health Services for foster youth and justice-involved juveniles and adults
 - Workforce Development
 - Medi-Cal Eligibility
- For a complete list of the 62 bills currently being tracked by CCJBH, please visit our website at [CCJBH Legislation Update](#).



Budget FY 2021-22

- The FY 2021-22 [State Budget](#) of \$262.6 billion (\$196.4 General Fund) was enacted on June 28, 2021.
- To view CCJBH's FY 2021-22 Budget Summary, visit our [website](#).

Note: CCJBH received no new funding in the FY 2021-22 State Budget.



2021 Legislative Report

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Staff Services Manager III



2021 Legislative Report

- Recommendations are currently being drafted for the annual CCJBH legislative report, and will be circulated for Councilmember review/input in August 2021.
- Recommendations will be informed by discussion from the Diversion/Reentry and Juvenile Justice Workgroups.
- Councilmember recommendations should be submitted to the CCJBH team by mid-August. Recommendations can be emailed to: CCJBH@cdcr.ca.gov.
- The goal is to finalize the report by the October 2021 Full Council Meeting.



January 2021 Vote Correction

Brenda Grealish
Executive Officer



January 2021 Vote Corrections/Updates

January 2021 Votes:

Vote #2: Requested for a Council motion to develop a Request for Proposal and to enter into Service Agreement(s) for Pre-Trial Mental Health Diversion – Consultation, Technical Assistance and Policy Recommendations. **(COMPLETE; NO CHANGE)**

Vote #3: Requested for a Council motion to develop a Request for Proposal and to enter into Service Agreement(s) for a Juvenile Justice Professional's Evidence-Based Practices and Programs Compendium and Toolkit. **(COMPLETE; NO CHANGE)**

Vote #4: Request for a Council motion to delegate to the Executive Officer the authority to make any administrative decisions necessary to carry out the state contracting processes for the Requests for Proposals and Service Agreements agreed upon in Votes #1 and 2. **(Should have been Votes #2 and 3.)**

Corrected Vote:

Vote#4: Request for a Council motion to delegate to the Executive Officer the authority to make any administrative decisions necessary to carry out the state contracting processes for the Requests for Proposals and Service Agreements agreed upon in Votes #2 and 3.



CCJBH Project Funding

- The Juvenile Justice Evidence-Based Practices and Programs Compendium and Toolkit RFP, which will cost \$420,291 over a period of two years, will be funded using a portion of the annual \$670,000 CCJBH budget for stakeholder advocacy contracts to support mental health outreach and services for the criminal justice-involved populations.
- The Mental Health Diversion: Consultation, Technical Assistance & Policy Recommendations contract is being funded with the final \$150,000 allocated to CCJBH in Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 to consult with the Department of State Hospitals on the counties' plans submitted under the Incompetent to Stand Trial Program.



January 2021 Vote Correction

**Council Question/Discussion
Public Comment**



Announcements

IN APPRECIATION TO
JESSICA CRUZ, MPH, HS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF NAMI CA

FOR YOUR DEDICATED SERVICE

TO THE
COUNCIL ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



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Announcements

CCJBH would also like to announce Retired Police Officer **Matt Garcia's** resignation from the Council, effective July 20, 2021. We want to thank retired Officer Garcia for his five years (2016-2021) of dedication to the Council and the population we serve.

CCJBH will be presenting him with a recognition plaque at the next Council Meeting, which is scheduled on October 29, 2021.



Upcoming Meetings

[Rescheduled Housing Report Launch Event](#)

Wednesday, August 18, 2021, 2:00-3:30 PM

[Juvenile Justice Workgroup](#)

Friday, September 10, 2021 1:00-3:00 PM

[Diversion/Reentry Workgroup](#)

Friday, September 17, 2021 1:00-3:00PM

[Full Council Meeting](#)

Friday, October 29, 2021 2:00-4:30PM

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

