

Calendar Year 2022

Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health (CCJBH)

Project Portfolio

Council Meetings

CCJBH staff research, coordinate and facilitate the Full Council and Workgroup meetings. Meeting topics for CY 2022 are listed below.

Full Council Meeting:

- DHCS' Behavioral Health Assessment Report (occurred in January 2022)
- Presentation: Sacramento County's Substance Use Respite and Engagement (SURE) Program
- Workforce
- Housing
- Juvenile Justice

Juvenile Justice Workgroup:

- Juvenile Justice Compendium and Toolkit and an update on OYCR (occurred in February 2022)
- SUD/Mental Health Services on School Campuses for Justice-Involved Youth
- Discussion: 2022 Legislative Report Recommendations
- Juvenile Hall to School Transition

Diversion/Reentry Workgroup:

- Riverside County's Whole Person Care Pilot Transition to Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports (scheduled for March 2022)
- Misdemeanor and Felony Diversion
- Discussion: 2022 Legislative Report Recommendations
- Improving Outcomes through Pay for Performance Contracting Models

CY 2022 Projects

In addition, CCJBH projects for each CY 2022 topic area are as follows:

Strengthening Treatment and Support Services

CalAIM

CCJBH remains actively committed to supporting the DHCS' [CalAIM](#) initiative, a multi-year effort to improve the quality of life and health outcomes of the Medi-Cal population by implementing broad delivery system, program and payment reforms. Currently, CCJBH is supporting DHCS' CalAIM efforts by participating in the following DHCS CalAIM workgroups:

- DHCS CalAIM Behavioral Health Workgroup
- DHCS CalAIM Children/Youth Workgroup
- DHCS CalAIM Justice-Involved Workgroup
- DHCS CalAIM Justice-Involved Pre-Release Application Implementation Sub-Workgroup

Pre-Trial Diversion Training and Technical Assistance

Beginning in FY 2018-19, CCJBH received three years of funding to provide consultation to the DSH and California counties to develop, implement and operate pre-trial mental health diversion programs. CCJBH is in the final year for this project, which at this point consists of a contract with the Council on State Governments Justice Center for the provision of subject matter expert consultation and technical assistance to support county diversion planning and implementation. CCJBH and CSG work collaboratively with DSH to ensure efforts are complimentary and not duplicative. From February through May 2022, CSG will convene five CCJBH Diversion Listening Sessions to receive information from diversion providers and participants in California about the effectiveness of diversion practices. **2022 Deliverable:** This information will culminate into a final report due by December 31, 2022, summarizing the effectiveness of existing mental health diversion policies and practices, and providing recommendations on what changes must be made (and how) in order to advance mental health diversion programs to ensure their success throughout California.

Juvenile Justice Compendium and Implementation Toolkit

In preparation for the implementation of SB 823, Juvenile Justice Realignment, CCJBH developed a RFP with the purpose of providing a compilation (compendium) of information related to best practices and evidence-based programs that have been shown to be effective in serving justice involved youth who have serious behavioral health needs. Based on the information in the compendium, the contractor will develop a detailed implementation toolkit that counties may use to develop the necessary infrastructure and capacity to provide treatment for behavioral (e.g., anger management, sexually abusive behavioral/have a sustained sex offense) and/or behavioral health conditions (i.e., mental health, trauma and/or substance use disorder), as well as interventions to address criminogenic risk and needs. The contractor will also provide a detailed plan that counties may use to secure the relevant training and technical assistance. **2022 Deliverable:** CCJBH is working closely with the Office of Youth and Community Restoration on this contract, which is estimated to be executed in March 2022 and will end on June 30, 2024.

Medi-Cal Behavioral Health / Justice-Involved Consumer Engagement Study (NEW in 2022)

Although CCJBH Medi-Cal Utilization reports produced to date show that many BH/JI individuals do not utilize Medi-Cal services, or use them inconsistently, no data currently exist to explain this underutilization; therefore, no quality improvement efforts may be designed and implemented to increase behavioral health service utilization. To address this gap in knowledge, CCJBH is currently in conversation with CSUS and UC San Francisco to establish a qualitative research project that will leverage a Key Informant Interview (KII) methodology and focus groups to collect information from BH/JI individuals identified by the contractor who are Medi-Cal beneficiaries to learn more about their service preferences. *Note: This qualitative project also has implications for DHCS' new Enhanced Care Management (ECM) benefit, which targets individuals transitioning from incarceration with specified physical and behavioral health care needs, since intensive care coordination will only be beneficial to the extent beneficiaries engage in the treatment that is offered to them.*

MHSA Forensic-Focused Programs/Projects Compilation (NEW in 2022)

CCJBH staff are currently reviewing all county MHSA Community Services and Supports Plans and Annual Updates to identify any MHSA projects/programs that have a forensic focus.

2022 Deliverable: This information will be compiled into a reference document that will be posted to the CCJBH website as a resource for stakeholders who work with the BH/JI population.

Housing/Homelessness

California Interagency Council on Homelessness (CalICH; formerly the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council)

CCJBH, along with DAPO, is assigned to provide “key staff” support to the CDCR Secretary, who is a statutorily appointed Councilmember. Thus far, CalICH cited the CSG/CCJBH housing report recommendations in its [Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness](#) under “Activities Prioritized for Implementation,” and is committing to assessing the recommendations to identify priorities for actions to be taken in FYs 2021-22 and 2022-23. CCJBH continues to provide updates on this activity for each quarterly CalICH council meeting. To support all of these efforts, as well as ensure coordination and continuity with related efforts, such as Returning Home Well, CCJBH is in conversations with DAPO, and DRP to develop a CDCR Office of Research data request to better understand the housing needs of CDCR’s releasing population.

CSG Webinar Series

With the support of the California Health Care Foundation (CHCF), the Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health (CCJBH) and the Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center will be hosting a webinar series focused on how key stakeholders from across the justice, behavioral health, housing, and other systems can help people successfully transition out of the justice system and into the community by connecting them with housing options that meet their needs. **2022 Deliverable:** The series, entitled [Building Blocks for Coming Home: How California Communities Can Create Housing Opportunities for People with Complex Needs Leaving the Justice System](#), builds on the foundation of the CSG Justice Center’s report, [Reducing Homelessness for People with Behavioral Health Needs Leaving Prisons and Jails: Recommendations to California’s Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health](#). CCJBH and the CSG Justice Center are continuing conversations with CHCF to determine what additional projects would be helpful to continue expanding these efforts.

Workforce

CSUS Lived Experience (LE) Projects

In December 2020, CSUS and CCJBH initiated a project to gather input on how to effectively advance the employment of individuals with LE in the criminal justice and behavioral health fields. The first report, [Successful Approaches to Employing Individuals with Lived Experience in the Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health Fields](#), was published in 2021. **2022 Deliverable:** The second report has been drafted and will be routed for final review/approval and posting in 2022.

Forensic Peer Support Specialists

CCJBH believes that the use Forensic Peer Support (FPS) Specialists can be of significant benefit to individuals who are justice-involved and have a mental health and/or SUD. FPS Specialists are individuals who have lived experience with behavioral health conditions and are, or have been, involved with the justice system. Efforts to date have included meeting with experts from the states of Georgia, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut who have experience implementing the FPS model, surveying them to gather information about their training requirements, core competencies, qualifications, and considerations when implementing a certification program for FPS specialists. **2022 Deliverable:** CCJBH plans to compile this information into a report that may be used as a resource across multiple sectors that serve the BH/JI population (primary care, behavioral health, criminal justice, housing, social services).

Health Care Access and Information

To build capacity for prevention, treatment, and recovery services, HCAI is working to expand the behavioral health workforce, including augmenting existing HCAI loan repayment, scholarship, and stipend programs, building out the SUD workforce, and investing in BH counselors and coaches. CCJBH is providing subject matter expertise to support HCAI's workforce effort to ensure the BH/JI population benefits from these investments.

Data

Public Health Meets Public Safety

[Public Health Meets Public Safety](#) (PHMPS) is a two-year project being conducted through a contract with the CSG Justice Center. The project aims to utilize data to track, monitor and ultimately reduce, the number of adults and young people with behavioral health needs in California's justice system by marshaling data to inform policy decisions. Thus far, CSG has developed for CCJBH's website an [Open Datasets Inventory](#) that serves as a compilation of current publicly available data related to the justice and behavioral health systems. CSG has also facilitated two focus groups to capture feedback/input from CCJBH's Lived Experience Program (LEP) contractors. **2022 Deliverable:** Using this information, CSG will conceptualize and document an overarching, ideal data reporting framework and develop data dashboard using available data that may be published to CCJBH's website for use by a variety of BH/JI stakeholders to inform their policy- and decision-making.

Medi-Cal Utilization Project (MCUP)

In FY 2016-17, CCJBH received ongoing funding to establish the CDCR/DHCS Medi-Cal Utilization Project (MCUP). Leveraging the Statewide Inter-Agency Data Exchange Agreement, data sharing between CDCR and DHCS was re-authorized in CY 2021, and reporting for the CDCR/DHCS MCUP was conducted for individuals released in Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19. Data analyses indicate that, even though the majority of individuals transitioning from CDCR facilities are enrolled onto Medi-Cal within one year of release, Medi-Cal beneficiaries transitioning from incarceration with identified behavioral health needs are not utilizing or engaging in behavioral health services at expected rates across all Medi-Cal behavioral health delivery systems, and especially for SUD services.

2022 Deliverable: CCJBH will develop a stand-alone report on the FY 2018-19 data, and will continue to analyze future FYs of release data as they become available by the CDCR Office of Research, as well as perform focused ad hoc analyses, as needed.

2025 Goals

In the 2019 CCJBH Annual Legislative Report, the Council established the following four policy goals to be accomplished by 2025.

- Goal #1: The prevalence rate of mental illness and Substance Use Disorders (SUDs) in jails and prisons should be similar, if not equal to, the prevalence rate of mental illness and SUDs in the community.
- Goal #2: Community-based services, particularly residential, are robust enough to meet demand starting with ensuring that those with multiple needs are not left behind due to their numerous and complex challenges.
- Goal #3: Through consistent dedication to workforce development, quality education and training, and on-going technical assistance to an array of service providers and partners, Californians benefit from professionals having core competencies that provide effective

integrated correctional and behavioral health services to achieve recovery and reduced recidivism.

Goal #4: Through state leadership to support data-driven practices and policy-making among criminal justice and behavioral health systems, continuity of care and desired public safety and health outcomes improve significantly.

In 2021, CCJBH developed initial operational definitions for Goals #1, 2 and 4 (i.e., a methodology to define and measure the 2025 Policy Goals) that will continue to be refined through Councilmember and stakeholder input. **2022 Deliverable:** CCJBH will work to develop metrics for Goal #3.

Incompetent to Stand Trial Data Analyses

In order to support and inform the discussions about the growing number of individuals who become Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) in California, CCJBH is working with the CDCR Office of Research, Department of Justice, and DSH to examine state-level data to explore the relationship between CDCR releases and the IST population using different data sources, as follows:

Analysis #1: Overall DOJ FIST/MIST 20-Year Trend Data

To understand historical trends, CCJBH requested and received 20 years of statewide summary data from the Department of Justice (DOJ), broken out by fiscal year, on individuals deemed Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial (FIST) and Misdemeanor Incompetent to Stand Trial (MIST).

Analysis #2: CDCR/DOJ Data Match

To better understand the number of individuals released from CDCR who become FIST, CCJBH worked with the CDCR Office of Research to match CDCR releases to DOJ FIST/MIST data for individuals released between Fiscal Years (FYs) 2002-03 and FY 2017-18 since these data were immediately available for analysis. DOJ data include all FISTs/MISTs from FY 2002-03 through FY 2020-21.

Analysis #3: CDCR/DSH Data Match (in progress)

To determine the number of individuals who had been previously incarcerated in CDCR who have populated the DSH IST referral list, DSH and CDCR have recently developed a Business Use Case Proposal (i.e., data sharing agreement), which is currently routing for final signature.

2022 Deliverable: Thus far, CCJBH has worked on Analyses #1 and #2, and has identified potentially significant lapses in data reporting across almost all counties over the past 20 years. CCJBH is currently working to meet with DOJ staff to confirm this finding and, if true, determine what, if anything, may be done to collect the missing data from the counties. In parallel, CCJBH is working with the CSG Justice Center under the PHMPS contract to determine how the data in the small number of counties that consistently reported to DOJ may be used to establish a model analytical approach to using data to inform and support local decision-making and behavioral health program development/administration.

Community Involvement

Lived Experience Projects

CCJBH currently has two projects focusing on individuals with lived experience in the behavioral health and criminal justice systems, funded by the MHSa, which include the CSUS Lived Experience Project (discussed above in *Workforce*) and the Regional Lived Experience Project Contracts. For the latter, CCJBH entered into contracts with Anti-Recidivism Coalition, Cal Voices, Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership and Transitions Clinic Network to increase local and State advocacy capacity of

those with BH/JI lived experience, expand education and training opportunities, promote organizational and community awareness, and improve collaborative efforts and partners at the regional/local level. **2022 Deliverable:** Deliverables are ongoing and tailored to each contractor's unique project. CCJBH staff will identify if any deliverables would be useful for broader dissemination.

Education

Special Webinars

CCJBH recognizes *May is Mental Health Awareness Month* and *September's Suicide Prevention Awareness Month* and *Recovery Awareness Month* by hosting weekly "Lunch-and-Learn" webinars from noon to 1 PM throughout May and September, along with resources disseminated weekly via the CCJBH listserv.

Weekly E-Newsletter

CCJBH disseminates a weekly e-newsletter via a listserv that includes approximately 1,000 stakeholders representing diverse populations across California (e.g., behavioral health and criminal justice system partners, advocates, other individuals interested in CCJBH's efforts). The newsletter includes CCJBH project updates, announcements, Full Council and Workgroup Meeting dates, and upcoming events related to the BH/JI population. CCJBH's newsletter also shares information and updates on efforts related to the BH/JI population that are underway by other system partners.

Celebrating CCJBH's 20th Anniversary

CCJBH staff will explore ways to celebrate the 20th anniversary of CCJBH by reflecting on the Council's accomplishments to date.

Reinstating the Annual Best Practices Awards

In December 2015, CCJBH (formerly COMIO) convened a workgroup to discuss the purpose of the Best Practices Awards to determine if the process of honoring programs was aligned with that purpose. The workgroup determined that, in selecting model programs to receive a Best Practices Award, programs must exemplify recommendations CCJBH has made, and that the presentation of an award presents an opportunity to raise awareness about the kinds of programs that should be replicated, especially if awards can be issued in a venue that can engage key stakeholders and decision-makers. In January 2022, CCJBH Councilmembers voted to reinstate the "Best Practices Awards" to highlight agencies/programs that are using evidence-based best practices to improve the systems that serve the BH/JI population.

Annual Legislative Report

CCJBH is required to "file with the Legislature, not later than December 31 of each year, a report that shall provide details of the council's activities during the preceding year. The report shall include recommendations for improving the cost-effectiveness of mental health and criminal justice programs."

Ad Hoc Assignments/Projects

CCJBH also receives unplanned and/or ad hoc projects. Examples of such projects that were completed in CY 2021 include the [SB 369 Veto Message Report](#), [CCJBH Letter of Support of California 1115 Demonstration Waiver](#), and [CCJBH Feedback Response to the U.S Interagency Council on Homelessness' Federal Strategic Plan](#).

Special Topics of Interest

To ensure coordination with other system partners, CCJBH staff attend stakeholder meetings, which include, but are not limited to:

- CalHHS BH Task Force
- DHCS BH SAC
- MHSA Partners Forum

In addition, CCJBH staff meet regularly with the following entities:

- DHCS
- MHSOAC
- BSCC
- CBHDA
- CPOC
- CHA
- CSSA
- Steinberg Institute
- Managed Care Plan Associations

CCJBH staff also work annually to develop content for the fall Words 2 Deeds conference, as well as the spring Words 2 Deeds Track at the Forensic Mental Health Association Conference.