



Building bridges to prevent incarceration

Full Council Meeting

July 28, 2023

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Agenda:

Time:	Topic:
2:00-2:05 PM	Welcome & Introductions, Roll Call
2:05-2:15 PM	Introduction of New CCJBH Councilmembers
2:15-2:20 PM	Approval of April 2023 Full Council Meeting Minutes
2:20-2:35 PM	Presentation: Overview of CARE Act Implementation
2:35-2:55 PM	Presentation: Riverside County CARE Act Implementation
2:55-3:10 PM	Councilmember Reflections/Questions



Agenda (continued):

Time:	Topic:
3:10-3:20 PM	Public Comment
3:20-4:00 PM	Council Business Meeting: Discussion on Remaining CCJBH Mental Health Services Funds
4:00-4:15 PM	Public Comment
4:15-4:25 PM	Council Vote on Remaining Mental Health Services Funds (or other next steps)
4:25-4:30 PM	Announcements
4:30 PM	Adjourn



Vote: Approval of April 2023 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



Public Comment



Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Act

July 28, 2023

Presentation to Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health | California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Stephanie Welch, MSW

Deputy Secretary of Behavioral Health

California Health and Human Services Agency

Person Centered. Equity Focused. Data Driven.

Legislative Intent

- SB 1338 signed into law by Governor September 2022
- Eligible population = those with **untreated schizophrenia spectrum and psychotic disorders**
 - Estimated 7,000-12,000 in California
- CARE is intended to be a **new process**, that can be supported and served by **existing programs**
- Intended as a compassionate, **upstream diversion** to prevent more restrictive conservatorships or incarceration

The CARE process involves...

The respondent, as well as:

- Petitioner
- County Behavioral Health Department
- Civil court
- Legal Aid or Public Defender
- Voluntary Supporter, if desired
- Comprehensive CARE Plan

Implementation Timeline

- October 2023: Cohort 1 counties
 - Glenn, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and San Francisco
 - LA is accelerating implementation to December 2023
- December 2024: All 58 counties
 - Unless county granted additional time by DHCS

Key State Agencies Involved in CARE

CalHHS

- Lead coordination efforts
- Engage with cross sector partners and stakeholders at city and county level, and associations
- Support DHCS training, technical assistance and evaluation efforts
- Implementation of Behavioral Health Bridge Housing program
- Support communications, respond to media, legislature, and other stakeholder inquiries, provide media

DHCS

- Develop training & technical Assistance for counties, counsel and volunteer supporters, including contractor management and RFI
- Supporting data collection, reporting, and independent evaluation
- Administer implementation and start up funding

Judicial Council

- Interagency planning and communication
- Initial CARE Act Procedural Memo distributed to all courts
- Court Communication Hub: information sharing within and across courts; collaboration platform
- Meetings with court teams
- Statewide Court rules & forms (Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee)
- Court data collection procedural plan
- Legal representation
- Budget administration
- Targeted court training and technical assistance needs; webinars
- Self-Help legal information, assistance, and tools for parties

Efforts to Date

DHCS

- Completed an assessment of CARE Act reporting requirements and the existing data systems that may be leveraged for data collection
- Internal CARE Data Workgroup working with HMA to develop data collection/reporting tool and specifications for forthcoming CARE “data dictionary.”

Counties

- Assigned HMA TTA Liaison to each Cohort I County
- Conducted 1:1 Data Team Discussion with each Cohort I County
- Outreached to all counties (Cohort 1 & 2) and their local stakeholders

Supports

- Created subcontracts with NAMI CA and local SMEs with LPS, AOT, CA mental health law and policy knowledge
- Began development of CARE Act & Behavioral Health Bridge Housing training resource

Training

- CARE Act 201: Process Overview & Open Forum Webinar
- CARE Act 202: CARE Agreements/Plans & Open Forum Webinar
- CARE Act Eligibility in Practice
- Practical Approaches to Housing for the CARE Act

Technical Assistance

DHCS will provide training and technical assistance to county behavioral health agencies, counsel and supporters

Judicial Council will provide training and technical assistance to Judges

Available and Upcoming Trainings:

- CARE process
- Agreement and plan services and supports
- Supported decision-making and the supporter role
- Trauma-informed care and elimination of bias
- Psychiatric advance directives
- Family psychoeducation/family role
- Evidence-based models of care for people with severe behavioral health conditions
- Data collection

CARE Act Resource Center

[CARE-Act.org](https://www.CARE-Act.org)

- Information regarding upcoming trainings
- Resource library
- Timeline with implementation milestones and progress
- FAQ
- Technical assistance request form
- Stakeholder feedback form
- Ability to join the listserv

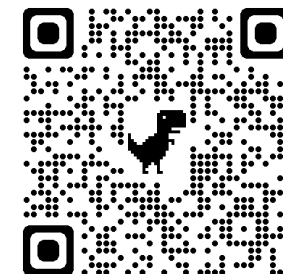
For training and technical assistance needs or questions, please email Info@CARE-Act.org

CARE Act | Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Act
RESOURCE CENTER

CARE Act OVERVIEW

Through a new civil court process, the CARE Act provides community-based behavioral health services and supports to Californians living with untreated schizophrenia spectrum or other psychotic disorders.

The CARE process moves care and support upstream to provide earlier action, support, and accountability for both CARE clients, and the local governments responsible for providing services to these individuals.



Judicial Council Progress

- **Budget:** Court funding allocation methodology approved by Trial Court Budget Committee, Judicial Council final approval July 21.
- **Rules and Forms:** Rules and Forms approved at May 12 Judicial Council meeting, effective September 1, 2023. Available to Cohort 1 courts August 1.
- **Communications:** Care Act Communication Hub and JC CARE Act mailbox; All courts can soon access updates on the Judicial Resource Network; ListServ will soon be available to all Courts.
- **Data Collection and Reporting:** Preparation for data collection and reporting; time reporting data required in FY 23 Budget Act.

Information Resources: Adult Mental Health site on [Judicial Council website](#) has checklists and supporting information for the courts, as well as [CARE Act 101 Webinar: Overview of the Court's Role in Implementation](#)

CARE Act Toolkit

- [CARE Act Fact Sheet](#)
- [Glossary of CARE Act Terminology](#)
- [CARE Act Eligibility Criteria](#)
- [CARE Act: Court Locations and Timeline for Implementation](#)

CARE Act Working group

- Established the CARE Act Working Group legislated in SB 1338
- **31 members** include representation from counties, providers, peers, families, Legal Aid, Disability Rights, Homelessness, hospitals, and other stakeholders
- Purpose: provide coordination, on-going engagement, and collaboration among stakeholders **to support the successful implementation of the CARE Act**
- Meets quarterly
 - February 14, 2023
 - May 17, 2023
 - August 9, 2023
 - November 8, 2023

CalHHS Working Group Updates

- May 17th meeting provided feedback on rules and forms, as well as input on what data and information will support showing what success looks like for CARE
- Identified three initial ad hoc groups focusing on **TTA, Data, and Services and Supports** – with cross cutting perspectives from:
 - Peers, Families, Lived Experience
 - Racial and Social Justice
 - Provider

Cohort 1 Status Update

Counties and courts generally on track for implementation

Themes of Issues Being Tackled:

- Data sharing (particularly between BH and courts)
- Court privacy concerns – clarification on who has access to health records
- Workforce and housing/residential placement challenges
- Workflow across sectors (primarily courts and BH)
- Resolving role of legal aid vs public defender
- Role and practicalities of volunteer supporters

CARE Act reporting and assessment

DHCS to develop **annual report** in consultation with relevant stakeholders

- Demographic information
- Outcome measures to assess housing, SUD rates, hospital utilization, law enforcement contacts, and involuntary treatment/conservatorship
- Includes equity assessment

Independent evaluation to be conducted 3 years after implementation

- Analyze and report on CARE Act impact on racial, ethnic, and other demographic disparities
- Preliminary report is due to the Legislature 3 years after implementation
- Final report due 5 years after implementation

CARE Act Next Steps

- Finalizing Data Reporting Elements and Sharing Process
- Develop and provide TTA
- CARE Act Working Group meets August 9 and November 8
- Cohort 1 Counties convene September 8 and November 3
- DHCS will select the Independent Evaluator for CARE, following recently completed proposal process
- Additional training and technical assistance will be developed and provided for counties, courts, legal representation, and other partners

Questions?

Additional Resources

[California Health and Human Services \(CalHHS\) Home](#)

[CalHHS Behavioral Health Roadmap](#)

[CalHHS Behavioral Health Services Act](#)

[CARE Act](#)

[DHCS CalAIM Resources](#)

[Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program](#)

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<https://hcai.ca.gov/loans-scholarships-grants/grants/bhp/>

Riverside County CARE Act Implementation



CCJBH
Quarterly Meeting:
7/28/23

County:
Riverside

County Population:
2.5M



Riverside County CARE Court Implementation Overview

Planning Team

- **Hon. Judith C. Clark**, Presiding Judge, Superior Court
- **Jeff Van Wagenen**, CEO, Riverside County Executive Office
- **Dr. Matthew Chang**, MD, Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health (RUHS-BH)
- **Deborah Johnson**, Director of Innovation & Integration, RUHS-BH
- **County Counsel, Public Defender, DPSS, HWS, and other County depts staff**

Why Cohort 1?

Commitment to
innovation from
Riverside County

Person
Centered
Service

Opportunities to
shape the process

Activities to Date

- Multiple levels of planning committees
- Riverside Superior Court has elected to run CARE Court from one court at this time (Riverside Historic Courthouse)
- Virtual appearances planned via mobile van
- Team has identified Riverside and eastern Coachella Valley sites for virtual appearances from a BH conference center locations
- RUHS-BH is collaborating with USC to develop mobile app technology to guide staff visually step-by-step through the CARE Court workflow
- Riverside County has elected to use Public Defender to represent CARE Court participants
- Behavioral Health is actively recruiting

Court Specific Planning Activities

- **Development of Court Procedures**

Developing internal court procedures and processes for enactment of the CARE Act including: desk procedures, court findings and orders, flowcharts and best practice guides.

- The Court has drafted internal desk procedures, including the court's findings and orders, and will make adjustments as necessary based on the new state rules and forms. Other materials such as local rules, local forms, and best practice guides are still under development.

- **Finalizing Budget & Action Plan**

The court is finalizing its CARE Act budget and action plan activities for the implementation of the CARE Act.

- The Court has finalized its budget and is hiring new staff to implement CARE Court. The Court has also completed its action plan for implementation of the CARE Act and will continue to make adjustments as necessary.

- **Self Help Services**

Developing a self help services program to support CARE Act petitioners, respondents and families in order to help guide parties through the CARE Act and connect to available resources.

- 05/19/23 Update: Self Help Legal Services is recruiting new staff to implement CARE Court programming and provide educational resources and services for the court and community. The Court is currently developing online content and materials to publish by July, in coordination with County public announcements and marketing plans. Self Help Legal Services will launch phone hours, workshops, and individualized services in its initial stage of providing education to the public.

Barriers, Challenges and Recommendations for Training & Technical Assistance

- County size = 7,303 sq. miles
 - This presents a logistical challenge
 - Virtual hearings via mobile van; however, delays in availability and recognition of clients needing multiple options
- Messaging & Expectations
- Workforce
- Outpatient capacity
- Public Guardian investigations and caseloads remain high; expectation for CARE Court spill-over into increased investigations—this should be factored into budget discussions.
- Housing availability — rental assistance versus capital
- Psychiatric Advance Directives (PADs)


What's to Come?

- Capital Development
 - Augmented Adult Residential Facilities: These beds are the most commonly needed bed type for this population.
 - Bed construction cost is currently \$425,000.
 - BHBH limits per unit cost to \$75,000.
 - This discrepancy between \$425,000 construction cost and BHBH \$75,000 limitation presents a major problem.
- Tension between crisis need and long-term investment
 - RUHS-BH requested Exception was denied. Team attempting to braid funding to renovate 80 bed augmented adult residential facility. Expectation is to use remaining 75% for RFP of ARF beds, R&Bs, and to fund supportive services
- Hiring and Training
- Court Tests
- October Launch

Questions?

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Council Reflection/Discussion



Public Comment



CCJBH Business Meeting



Council Business Meeting: Discussion on Remaining CCJBH Mental Health Services Funds



CCJBH MHSF Budget Allocation/Authority

- In April 2018, the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC), as part of its proposal, requested \$670,000 in MHSA State Administration Fund to reduce the involvement of mental health consumers in the criminal justice system. The stakeholder advocacy funds would be used to support outreach, education and training, and advocacy on behalf of the mental health consumers, with the incorporation of their voices.
- In May 2018, the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, using MHSA State Administration Fund, approved ongoing funding for consumer contracts addressing mental health issues among the population involved in the criminal justice system. This funding was subsequently approved by the Legislative Budget Conference Committee and allocated to CCJBH (\$670,000, plus \$125,000 for 1 position).



CCJBH MHSF Budget Allocation/Authority (cont'd)

- As part of the 2018-2019 California State Budget, CCJBH was allocated an “\$945,000 Mental Health Services Fund to help address the prevalence of mental illness within the criminal justice-involved population. Of this amount, \$795,000 ongoing will be used for stakeholder advocacy contracts, and associated program administration, to support mental health outreach and services for criminal justice-involved populations.”



CCJBH MHSF Budget Allocation/Authority (cont'd)

- With the overall goal of reducing the involvement of mental health consumers in the criminal justice system and the broad funding authority to achieve such goal, to date CCJBH's MHSA funding has been used to:
 - uplift the voices of individuals with lived experience with behavioral health conditions (BH) and justice involvement (JI), raise community awareness of those needs and their experiences, and leverage this information to inform the development of policies and programs to ensure maximum benefits for the BH/JI population;
 - develop a compendium, toolkit and training plan to support youth who have traditionally been remanded to the CDCR Division of Juvenile Justice, but who, as of July 1, 2021, remain at the county level under the jurisdiction of county probation as a result of Senate Bill 823; and
 - produce deliverables related to building out the Treatment domain of the CCJB Public Health Meets Public Safety (PH/PS) Data Visualization, as well as begin analyzing and interpreting the PH/PS Framework Data Visualization in the form of fact sheets and informational briefs.



New CCJBH MHSF Projects

- On April 21, 2023, CCJBH Councilmembers voted to fund:
 - 3 Local-Level Lived Experience Education and Advocacy Contracts (\$125,833 per contract/year x 3 contracts x 2 years with an option to extend by one year = \$1,132,500 Total MHSF).
 - 1 State-Level Lived Experience Education and Advocacy Contract (\$125,833/year x 1 contract x 2 years with an option to extend by one year = \$377,500 Total MHSF).
- After accounting for these approved allocations, CCJBH has approximately **\$500,000** remaining MHSF for which Councilmembers, given stakeholder feedback, expressed at the April 21st meeting a need to continue the discussion on what projects to fund. Given the extensive and time-consuming contracting process, funds should be allocated to projects as soon as possible.



CCJBH MHSF Projects

- In preparation for this discussion, Councilmembers were given an opportunity to provide potential project ideas to CCJBH staff, which staff then researched to ensure alignment with the CCJBH MHSF budget authority.
- Using this information, along with stakeholder input, CCJBH staff developed five options for Councilmembers to consider.
- None of these options are “set in stone” and are thus subject to modification as a result of today’s discussion.
- Councilmembers also have the option of providing additional project ideas based on discussion and stakeholder feedback. *Note that these may require CCJBH staff research to ensure conformance to the budget authority.*



Option #1: Expand Approved State LEP Contract

Option # 1:

Add the remaining \$500,000 to the approved State and/or Local-Level Lived Experience Project (LEP) Requests for Proposals (RFPs) approved on April 21, 2023.



Option #1: Expand Approved State LEP Contract

Option #1 Sample Vote:

Request for a Council Motion and Vote to increase the State-Level Lived Experience Education and Advocacy Contract from \$125,833/year x 1 contract x 2 years with an option to extend by one year (\$377,500 Total MHSF) to \$292,500/year x 1 contract x 2 years with an option to extend by one year (\$877,500 Total MHSF).

OR

- Request for a Council Motion and Vote to equally distribute the \$500,000 MHSF to the Local-level and State-level Lived Experience Education and Advocacy Contracts (\$62,500/year x 4 contracts x 2 years with an option to extend by one year = ~\$500,000 Total MHSF).



Option #2: Public Health Meets Public Safety

Option #2:

- Create a new RFP to expand the data analysis and reporting infrastructure for the CCJBH Public Health Meets Public Safety (PH/PS) framework, integrating the voices of individuals with lived experience to help identify priorities, inform project design, and advance the development of recommendations that can lead to improved outcomes for the behavioral health (BH) and justice-involved (JI) population (e.g., access to health care, employment, and housing).
- Budget Authority Justification: The purpose of the PH/PS framework is to reduce the number of mental health consumers in the criminal justice system by means of relevant, organized, and well-researched data, including information obtained from working with individuals with lived experience, that allows for informed and effective decisions regarding policies and services. The PH/PS framework allows for the advocacy of mental health consumers through the use of meaningful information.



Option #2 (Cont.)

Option #2 Sample Votes:

Request for a Council Motion to evaluate and discuss options to fund the PH/PS project and then Vote to establish one Interagency Agreement or Contract to Implement the PH/PS Data Analysis and Reporting for a contract as follows:

- \$166,666/year x 1 contract x 1 years with an option to extend by one year = ~\$333,332 Total MHSF. This option leaves \$166,668 MHSF remaining for allocation.

OR

- \$250,000/year x 1 contract x 2 years = ~\$500,000 Total MHSF.

OR

- \$166,666/year x 1 contract x 3 years = ~\$500,000 Total MHSF.



Option #3: Training for First Responders

Option #3:

- Create a new RFP to provide education for first responders that increases the awareness of the BH/JI population's needs and promotes the utilization of evidence-based practices to improve interactions. *Note: this project could also be incorporated into the LEP RFPs.*
- Budget Authority Justification: A contract to provide education for first responders, that increases awareness of the behavioral health and justice-involved population's needs and promotes the utilization of evidence-based practices to improve interactions, advocates for such population by equipping first responders with the most appropriate knowledge and tools to provide assistance and prevent involvement or further involvement in the criminal justice system. Such contract represents the interests of the mental health consumers in avoiding being involved in the criminal justice system and receiving more appropriate services.



Option #3 (Cont.)

Option #3 Sample Votes:

- Request for a Council Motion and Vote to establish one Interagency Agreement or Contract for first responder training that increases the awareness of the BH/JI population's needs and promotes the utilization of evidence-based practices to improve interactions (\$166,666/year x 1 year with an option to extend by one year = \$333,332 Total MHSF).

OR

- Request a Council Motion and Vote to add the remaining \$333,332 to the approved State and Local-level Lived Experience Project (LEP) Requests for Proposals (RFP), mentioned above for first responder training that increases the awareness of the BH/JI population's needs and promotes the utilization of evidence-based practices to improve interactions (\$166,666/year x 1 year with an option to extend by one year = \$333,332 Total MHSF).
- Either of these options leaves \$166,668 MHSF remaining for allocation.



Option #4: Words to Deeds

Option #4:

- Fund a contractor to continue the Words to Deeds conference, and additional similar technical assistance to State and local system partners, as needed, to continue engaging relevant State and local systems leaders, including individuals with lived experience, in efforts to change the paradigm for the criminal justice and behavioral health systems to promote optimal service delivery to and for the BH/JI population. *Note: Prior year private funding for this conference is no longer available.*
- Budget Authority Justification: The Words to Deeds conference and similar technical assistance advocates for mental health consumers' interests by discussing and sharing best practices among those invested in working toward the goal of reducing mental health consumers in the criminal justice system.



Option #4: Words to Deeds

Sample Vote for Option #4: Request for a Council Motion and Vote to establish one contract to fund the Words to Deeds conference, and additional similar technical assistance, to strengthen the systems that serve the BH/JI population, for the next three years (\$166,666/year x 3 years with an option to extend by one year = ~\$500,000 Total MHSF).



Option #5: Postpone Allocation Decision

Option #5: Postpone the allocation of the remaining \$500,000 MHSF for new contracts at this time. In one year from now, evaluate the performance of approved contracts in order to determine how best to utilize the remaining CCJBH MHSA funding.

- Councilmembers must make a decision on this funding no later than **July 2024** in order to meet state contracting deadlines and avoid reversion of these funds.
- No vote is needed to postpone.



Council Questions/Discussion



Vote: Council Vote on MHSF Project(s)

Step 1: COUNCILMEMBER PROPOSES A VOTE

Step 2: CCJBH STAFF READS VOTE

Step 3: COUNCILMEMBER MOTIONS TO ADOPT OR AMEND VOTE

Step 4: SECOND MOTION

Step 5: PUBLIC COMMENT

Step 6: ROLL CALL FOR A VOTE



Upcoming Events

[Juvenile Justice Workgroup](#)

Friday, September 15, 2023, 12:45 – 2:45 PM

[Diversion/Reentry Workgroup](#)

Friday, September 15, 2023, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

[CCJBH Full Council Meeting](#)

Friday, October 27, 2023, 2:00-4:30 PM

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Email us at CCJBH@cdcr.ca.gov

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THANK YOU!



CCJBH Project Updates



Annual CCJBH Legislative Report



Annual CCJBH Legislative Report

- The 2022 Draft [Juvenile Justice](#) and [Diversion/Reentry](#) Findings and were reviewed by all relevant State departments and Councilmember Advisors in late February 2023.
- The final 2022 report is being routed for approval, and we may need to call a special meeting to vote to adopt the report if it is approved before the October 2023 Full Council Meeting so that it may be finalized and posted.
- CCJBH staff have sent an email to Councilmembers requesting potential 2023 legislative report recommendations.
- CCJBH staff will begin researching recommendations and drafting the next report in August 2023.



Juvenile Justice Compendium and Toolkit



Juvenile Justice Compendium and Toolkit Contract

- The Lived Experience Advisory Board and System Representative Advisory Board continue to meet to provide input on the compendium and implementation toolkit.
- The draft Evidence-Based and Promising Practices Compendium was submitted in early April 2023 and is currently being transitioned to Tableau for improved user experience. The compendium should be finalized in August 2023.
- The RAND Corporation is currently working on the Implementation Toolkit, which will provide detailed information on how an organization could implement the programs and practices featured in the compendium. The Toolkit will be completed in December 2023.



Pre-Trial Diversion Training and Technical Assistance



Diversion Technical Assistance Contract

The contract with the Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center ended on June 30, 2023.

- CSG provided subject matter expert specialty consultation services and technical assistance to 20 counties to enhance, sustain, and/or expand local capacity to successfully implement mental health diversion.
- CSG facilitated 12 collaboration meetings to assess what is working (or not) within local diversion systems and examine impacts of COVID-19 on diversion efforts.



Diversion Technical Assistance Contract (Cont'd)

- CSG submitted a final report to CCJBH in December 2022 which includes a set of policy recommendations that identifies barriers and best practices in diversion efforts for the following topical areas:
 - State Leadership and Funding
 - Substance Use Evaluation and Treatment
 - Health Insurance
 - Training and Technical Assistance
 - Engagement and Clinical Models
 - Housing
 - Data Collection
- CSG Justice Center met with CCJBH and DSH on March 14th to discuss the final report and recommendations and coordinate training and technical assistance next steps.
- The final report is being routed for final approval and CCJBH will disseminate the report to educate stakeholders across the State with recommendations to support efforts to expand diversion best practices statewide.



Medi-Cal Utilization Project



CDCR-DHCS Medi-Cal Utilization Project

- The Medi-Cal Utilization Project (MCUP), which examines individuals released in FY 2019-20, is currently being routed for approval. As with prior reports, the report will:
 - ✓ Present updated Medi-Cal enrollment and Managed Care Plan selection rates.
 - ✓ Examine mental health and substance use disorder services penetration and engagement rates stratified by identified behavioral health need at the time of release.



Public Health Meets Public Safety UC Berkeley Contract



Public Health Meets Public Safety UCB Contract

- Interagency Agreement with UC Berkeley ends on August 30, 2023.
- The CCJBH and UC Berkeley kick-off meeting occurred on July 5, 2023.
- The Contract Goals include:
 1. Determining key indicators for the treatment domain for the Public Health Meets Public Safety Data Visualizations;
 2. Identifying public data sources to populate treatment domain indicators; and
 3. Developing data visualizations for treatment domain.



Lived Experience Projects



Regional Lived Experience Project (LEP)

- The CCJBH State and Local-Level Lived Experience Projects ended on June 30, 2023.
- The LEP contractors presented the products from their projects to CCJBH Councilmembers on June 23, 2023.
- As part of the contract deliverables, LEP contractors submitted a Close Out Report that highlights successes, challenges, and future efforts.

Upcoming Activities:

- Develop RFPs for new Council-approved State and Local-Level LEPs.



State-Level LEP

- CCJBH's contract with CSU Sacramento ended on June 30, 2023.
- As part of their final project, CSUS facilitated a total of 11 in-person and virtual listening sessions with individuals with lived experience in the criminal justice and/or behavioral health systems and the providers that serve them to learn about their experiences with accessing and receiving health and behavioral health services.
- Feedback gathered from the listening sessions has been used to develop a summary report, which is currently being finalized.
- Once approved, the final summary report will be published on the CCJBH website and disseminated via the CCJBH listserv.



Justice Involved Peer Support Specialty



Justice Involved (JI) Peer Support Specialty

- CCJBH believes that the use Justice Involved Peer Support (JIPS) Specialists can be of significant benefit to individuals who are justice-involved and have a mental health and/or SUD. JIPS Specialists are individuals who have lived experience with behavioral health conditions and are, or have been, involved with the justice system.
- CCJBH staff continues to participate in the CalMHSA's Medi-Cal Peer Certification Stakeholder Advisory Council meetings.
- Similarly, CCJBH staff continue to participate in HCAI's listening sessions for the Community Health Worker (CHW) certification process.



Housing and Homelessness



Housing

- The California Department of Housing and Community Development submitted their HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development in March 2023, which included a proposal for \$16 million to build reentry housing through a collaboration with CDCR.
- CCJBH continues to track the efforts of:
 - The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness
 - California Interagency Council on Homelessness
 - Housing and Community Development
 - As well as other State Agencies that operate related housing programs (e.g., Board of State and Community Corrections, CA Department of Social Services, Department of Health Care Services).



Legislation and Budget Summary



Budget/Legislation of Interest

- The new 2023 legislative session convened on December 5, 2022.
- 2,995 bills have been introduced by the State Legislature thus far.
- CCJBH is currently monitoring the progress of 74 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 79 bills tracked by CCJBH for the 2023 Session of the Legislature, please visit our website at [CCJBH Legislation Update](#).

