

**Alameda County Mental Health Advisory Board**  
**CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE APPROVED Minutes**  
**January 29, 2020 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM**  
**2000 Embarcadero Cove, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Alvarado Niles Rm., Oakland, CA**

Meeting called to order at 12:40 PM by Chair Brian Bloom

**Roll Call/Introduction of Guests**

**Mental Health Advisory Board Members:** Brian Bloom, Julie Leftwich

**Present:** Brian Bloom, Julie Leftwich

**Absent:**

**Attendees:**

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Roll Call / Introductions</b>		
<b>Emergency Action</b>		
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>		
<b>Correspondence</b>		
<b>Chair's Report and Discussion</b>	Chair Bloom introduced the speaker, Ellen Dunn, the BHCS Clinical Manager of Adult Forensic Behavioral Health.	
<b>Speaker on Santa Rita Jail</b>	<p>Ellen Dunn, the BHCS Clinical Manager of Adult Forensic Behavioral Health, will speak about the use of safety cells at Santa Rita Jail, as well as other issues relating to mental health services provided to inmates at the facility.</p> <p>Individuals who don't meet the criteria for a 5150 hold are prevented from leaving the jail and receiving the care they need. Challenges include not having procedures in place for those who do not meet criteria and usually end up getting placed in the jail for their safety. Around 25% of jail population on psychiatric medication, which can be refused by the individuals. There is a high number of individuals with substance use disorders. The SUD unit is currently available for men with opioid use disorders. Behavioral Health is understaffed in the jails partly due to negative public perception. Wellpath is the medical contractor for the Sheriff and refers individuals to behavioral health clinics.</p> <p>BACS FREE program helps individuals transition from the jail to the community for four months. The program is voluntary, so some clients will reject the services. Clients that need higher level services can be referred and approved by Dunn to get them into FSPs. PEERs support can provide good services for clients and is proposed as a potential recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.</p>	

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	<p>Levels of Risk in Safety Cells:</p> <p>Individual is suicidal or has suicide ideation will be put on Intensive Observation Log (IOL). Anyone can put someone on an IOL, but only mental health staff can release individuals from the safety cell. More observations and some restrictions. If the individual has a plan. Three days maximum in a safety cell, must be 5150'd to John George if still suicidal on the third day.</p> <p>The jail used to have an inpatient unit at the Glenn Dyer facility. Individuals could be stabilized at the jail and reduce disruption. Challenges in having inpatient units include the stigma of having a vulnerable population in a jail.</p>	
<p><b>Discussion and Next Steps</b></p>	<p>Wish List</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Screening mental health upon entry</li> <li>2) Private place to interview</li> <li>3) Staff stays together (currently scattered throughout jail)</li> <li>4) Scheduling system for clients</li> <li>5) Inpatient unit</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Public Comments</b></p>	<p>Trauma and generational trauma as factors in mental illness was brought up. Inquiry into using Glenn Dyer as a mental health facility made. Inquiry into level of cooperation from inmates who consent to release to talk to family. People are encouraged to sign them to allow family members to learn about treatment.</p>	
<p><b>Adjourned 2:05 p.m.</b></p>		

Minutes submitted by J. Wan