

**Alameda County Mental Health Advisory Board**  
**CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE APPROVED Minutes**  
**February 26, 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 12:35 PM by: Chair Brian Bloom

**Roll Call/Introduction of Guests**

**Mental Health Board Members:** Brian Bloom (District 4), Juliet Leftwich (District 5)

**Present:** Brian Bloom (MHAB, District 4), Juliet Leftwich (MHAB, District 5)

**Absent:**

**Public:**

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Roll Call / Introductions</b>	Roll Call completed.	
<b>Emergency Action</b>		
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>		
<b>Correspondence</b>		
<b>Chair's Report and Discussion</b>	Guest speaker was Danielle Brunswick (formerly Guerry), the Mental Health Coordinator for the Office of Collaborative Court Services.	
<b>Presentation on the Alameda County Treatment Courts by Danielle Brunswick</b>	<p><b>A. Alameda County Treatment Courts</b>            There are eight courts total:            1) Family Treatment Courts: 3            2) Adult Drug Courts: 2            3) Reentry Courts: 2            4) Veterans Treatment Court: 1</p> <p><b>B. Participation in Treatment Courts</b>            An individual's participation in a Treatment Court is voluntary and usually occurs prior to a plea agreement or as part of a plea agreement in a criminal action. Referrals are typically made by a judge or pursuant to the joint recommendation of the District Attorney and Public Defender. Significantly, many defendants decline to participate in Treatment Court because participation can take longer and involves more conditions and oversight than a simple guilty plea. Ms. Brunswick agreed that more needs to be done to educate defendants about the long-term value of Treatment Court and about the perks that are provided to participants (e.g., gift cards, transportation, assistance locating housing, etc.).</p>	

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	<p><b>C. Budget</b>            The Treatment Courts' annual budget is \$3 million. Alameda County contributes \$1 million, and the remainder is provided by grants. Ms. Brunswick stated that the Courts' budget should realistically be \$3.5 - 4 million. She stated that the Courts have been very effective at reducing recidivism and agreed that they should provide more support and information to families.</p>	
<p><b>Public Comments</b></p>	<p>The meeting was well attended and attendees were very engaged in the presentation.</p>	

**Adjourned 2:05 PM**

Minutes submitted by J. Wan