

**Alameda County Mental Health Advisory Board
 CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE **DRAFT** Minutes
 April 24, 2019 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM
 2000 Embarcadero Cove, 4th 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 Board Members:

Present: Brian Bloom, Juliet Leftwich

Absent:

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Roll Call / Introductions		
Emergency Action		
Approval of Minutes		
Correspondence		
Action Items:		
Chair's Report and Discussion	<p>Chair Bloom provided a brief recap of the Committee's concerns regarding conditions at Santa Rita jail, including late night release, and introduced guest speakers from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office: Captain Marty Neideffer and Captain Don Mattison.</p>	
Discussion Items	<p>Captain Neideffer and Captain Mattison provided information about release procedures at the jail, explaining that inmates who have served their sentences are typically released at 9:00 A.M. Those "regular release" inmates were compared to "court release" inmates, who are released by the court throughout the day after their cases are resolved, e.g., because they were dismissed, resolved by a deal between the prosecution and defense, or because the defendant was released on his/her own recognizance. Court release inmates are often kept in holding cells at the court until 4:30, and then sent back to Santa Rita, arriving around 5:00 or 6:00. Processing typically takes 2 or 3 hours (to check paperwork multiple times, run a warrant check, retrieve the inmate's belongings, etc.).</p>	

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	<p>Approximately 100-150 inmates are released from Santa Rita each day. The Sheriff's Department is working on a ride sharing program to provide transportation to inmates after they are released. The General Services Agency (GSA) has requested proposals for the program, which is estimated to go into effect in June.</p> <p>With respect to S.B. 42 (Skinner), the Getting Home Safe Act, Captains Neideffer and Mattison noted that inmates generally want to be released from jail as soon as possible, and would be unlikely to stay at Santa Rita an additional day if they were released late at night (an option under the bill). They also expressed concern that an inmate would claim that he/she was coerced to stay longer, even if a waiver were obtained. They noted that they are legally obligated to release an inmate as soon as the release has been ordered and processed, even if that occurs in the middle of the night (e.g., when an inmate posts bond then).</p>	
Public Comments	Members of the public were actively engaged in the discussion about release times and related topics.	

Adjourned 2:03 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Juliet Leftwich