

**Alameda County Mental Health Advisory Board  
 CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE FINAL Minutes  
 June 26, 2019 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 Advisory Board Members:**

**Present:** Brian Bloom, Julie Leftwich, L.D. Louis

**Absent:**

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Roll Call / Introductions		
Emergency Action		
Approval of Minutes		
Correspondence		
Action Items:		
Chair's Report and Discussion	<p>Chair Bloom announced that the scheduled speaker, a representative from the organization Root and Rebound, had developed a conflict and was unable to attend the meeting. He introduced two new speakers, a representative from the Urban Strategies Council and a representative from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).</p>	
Discussion Items	<p>The representative from the Urban Strategies Council described a mobile crisis intervention program in Eugene, Oregon, called CAHOOTS (Crisis Assistance Helping Out on the Streets). That program is designed to provide an alternative to police action whenever possible for crises that are non-criminal in nature. CAHOOTS provides mental health crisis intervention and counseling, drug and alcohol-related de-escalation, family dispute mediation, welfare checks, basic level medical care and transportation to social services. It is being considered as a model for Oakland and the city has approved funds to conduct a feasibility study.</p>	

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	<p>Joe Rose, President of NAMI Alameda County South, described NAMI's Mentor on Discharge (MOD) program, which is designed to reduce re-hospitalization of acute psychiatric patients. He stated that the program resulted in a 72% reduction in hospitalization in Alameda County. A grant from BHCS to fund the program has ended and a new grant from Kaiser is currently in effect. Mr. Rose noted that no similar transitional program is available to inmates at Santa Rita.</p> <p>Mental Health Board Member Leftwich provided a brief state legislative update, noting that SB 42, Senator Skinner's "Getting Home Safe Act" had been significantly weakened and would no longer require jails to provide free transportation up to 100 miles away for inmates being released. Senator Skinner introduced the bill in response to last year's tragic death of a Santa Rita inmate who was released at 1:30 a.m. and found dead several hours later.</p>	
<b>Public Comments</b>	Members of the public were actively engaged in the discussions about the CAHOOTS and MOD programs and related topics.	

**Adjourned 2:05 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by Julie Leftwich