

**Alameda County Mental Health Advisory Board
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE Minutes
July 31, 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 Advisory Board Members:

Present: Brian Bloom, Julie Leftwich

Absent:

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Roll Call / Introductions		
Emergency Action		
Approval of Minutes	The June minutes were approved.	
Correspondence		
Action Items		
Chair's Report and Discussion	<p>Chair Bloom announced that the Fremont Police Department (FPD) is disbanding its Mobile Evaluation Team (MET), an innovative program focused on de-escalation, due to budgetary and staffing constraints. Because of those constraints, the FPD will no longer be represented at the Criminal Justice Committee meetings. FPD reported to Chair Bloom that 5150 reports by the Department decreased 26% during MET's operation over the last 5 years. It is unknown whether individuals who were not the subject of 5150 reports were admitted to Santa Rita. Chair Bloom will follow up with FPD.</p> <p>Chair Bloom introduced guest speaker Sonja Tonneson, Deputy Director of Root and Rebound, a reentry advocacy center based in Oakland.</p>	
Discussion Items	<p>Ms. Tonneson described the services provided her organization, which focuses on the collateral consequences of incarceration. In 2015, Root and Rebound published "Roadmap to Reentry: A California Legal Guide" for people preparing for reentry and for their families. It provides guidance regarding the myriad of challenges those individuals may face, e.g., those related to parole and probation, public benefits, voting, employment, education and housing. The publication is available in prison libraries and to jail inmates upon request. It is also on Root and Rebound's</p>	

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	<p>website. Ms. Tonneson stated the organization does not work within prisons or jails, but the organization staffs a Friday call-in number.</p> <p>Ms. Tonneson stated that in Alameda County, the average probation is 5 years, compared to the statewide average of 3 years. Chair Bloom noted that judges will order a 5-year probation, even when the District Attorney, Public Defender and Probation Department have all agreed to 3 years.</p>	
Public Comments	<p>Members of the public were actively engaged in the discussion. One new meeting attendee of note was Jessica Polansky, an attorney with the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice (DOJ). Ms. Polansky and others from DOJ were in Oakland for a week as part of their investigation into alleged abuses of inmates at Santa Rita.</p>	

Adjourned 2:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Julie Leftwich