



Alameda County
Mental Health Advisory Board

Mental Health Advisory Board Agenda Criminal Justice Committee

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 ♦ 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Teleconference: 1 (571) 317-3116, Access Code: 770-722-253

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| Committee Members: | Brian Bloom (<i>Co-Chair, District 4</i>); Juliet Leftwich (<i>Co-Chair, District 5</i>), Lee Davis (<i>District 5</i>) |
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- 4:30 PM I. Call to Order & Roll Call / Introductions
- 4:40 PM II. Approval of August Meeting Minutes
- 4:45 PM III. Discussion regarding the proposed settlement in the “Babu” case (*Babu v. Ahern*). See attached proposed Consent Decree.

As you may know, this case was filed in federal court in 2018 on behalf of individuals who are now, or in the future will be, incarcerated at Santa Rita Jail. The lawsuit alleged, among other things, that Alameda County failed to provide adequate mental health care in the jail and that specified conditions at the jail (including, but not limited to, excessive use of isolation; insufficient out-of-cell time and programming; and inadequate classification systems) were unconstitutional.

The parties have arrived at a settlement of the lawsuit which proposes a consent decree in which Alameda County will agree to implement a wide variety of measures that are set forth in some detail in the proposed Consent Decree. The federal court will maintain jurisdiction over the case for at least six years during which time the court will monitor, and if necessary, enforce the terms of the Consent Decree.

The settlement of this lawsuit under the terms proposed will have a significant impact on how the county treats mentally ill individuals who are incarcerated at Santa Rita Jail and will also affect how the county spends its precious resources (the proposed settlement calls for a huge increase in custodial (ACSO) and mental health (ACBH) staff at the jail).

The purpose of this meeting is to learn more about the proposed settlement’s terms and the specific measures that are proposed; and to discuss its implications for the county.

Please note that the monthly Mental Health Advisory Board Meeting on Monday, September 20th will also include a discussion of the proposed settlement in the Babu case and its implications for the county.

- 6:00 PM IV. Adjournment