

<b>Committee Members:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Brian Bloom</b> (Co-Chair, District 4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Juliet Leftwich</b> (Co-Chair, District 5); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Lee Davis</b> (District 5)
<b>ACBH Staff:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Angelica Gums</b> ; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Asia Jenkins</b> ; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Dainty Castro</b> (Administrative Liaison)
<b>Unexcused Absences:</b>	

Meeting called to order at 2:03 PM by **Co-Chair Brian Bloom**

ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISION/ACTION
<b>Roll Call</b>	Roll Call completed.	
<p><b>Continued Discussion of April 22, 2021 Report of the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, “Investigation of Alameda County, John George Psychiatric Hospital and Santa Rita Jail”</b></p> <p><b>Guest attendee: Department of Justice Attorney Jessica Polansky</b></p>	<p>Co-Chair Bloom introduced Department of Justice attorney, Jessica Polansky.</p> <p>Jessica Polansky, one of the DOJ lawyers who helped investigate the matter involving Alameda County and the mental health system provided comments on issues raised by the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The DOJ reviewed the county’s publicly run mental health system, community-based services and the condition of the people with mental health disabilities at the Santa Rita jail. DOJ concluded that both have problems in terms of the county’s existing system. A lot needs to be done to ensure that people can be served into the communities so that they can be stable and be as productive as possible.</li> <li>DOJ also raised concerns about the mental health treatment in the jail who are placed in restrictive housing or solidarity confinement. People with mental health disabilities in the jail do not have access to all the programs that other prisoners might have.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DOJ is hopeful to work together with the county to come up with a resolution that is mutually agreeable.</li> <li>• The county and plaintiff in the litigation brought by the Disability Rights of California (DRC) last summer have agreed for DOJ to participate in the upcoming medication session.</li> <li>• The parties in the Babu litigation have already agreed to involved DOJ in terms of providing comments regarding the settlement draft.</li> <li>• DOJ is interested in hearing from people about their opinion regarding gap in the system as well recommendations or ideas to address the issues.</li> <li>• DOJ confirmed that they have interviewed individuals with lived experience and family members in addition to other stakeholders.</li> <li>• DOJ acknowledged the high cost of living in Alameda County. Community based providers need to be able to afford to live in the county. However, there should be a way to leverage both federal and state funding such as MHSA, and funds through Medicaid.</li> <li>• Many systems have to figure out how to work out the continuity of care. It is a challenge and occurs in most systems but can be solved.</li> </ul> <p>(Document attached)</p>	
<p><b>Discussion of Committee Recommendations to Mental Health Advisory Board regarding Formal Board Response to April 22, 2021 Department of Justice Report</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-chair Julie Leftwich suggested to have a special meeting prior to the next meeting and to draft a letter to address the DOJ report and budget issue.</li> <li>• Co-chair Brian Bloom shared how pleased he was that Supervisor Chan had suggested to revisit the allocation for the Santa Rita jail and the Sherriff. He also shared that Supervisor Valle may have gone on record regarding parity between money spent in jail-based treatment and money spend on outpatient treatment.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member Lee Davis acknowledged Boona Cheema, Chair of the Berkeley Mental Health Commission who was on the call. The Commission is interested in collaborating with the MHAB regarding the DOJ response.</li> <li>• Alka Raghuram was also acknowledged as a filmmaker who is working on a video response.</li> <li>• JIMH Taskforce will present their final report in June.</li> </ul>	
<b>Next Steps</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-chairs Bloom and Leftwich to draft a response to the DOJ report. Target completion date is prior to the next Criminal Justice Committee meeting</li> </ul>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Adjourned at 3:59 PM	