



Alameda County
Mental Health Advisory Board

Mental Health Advisory Board **APPROVED** Meeting Minutes
Adult Committee

Thursday, April 26th, 2022 | 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

This meeting was conducted exclusively through videoconference and teleconference

Committee Members:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christina Aboud (Co-Chair); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Warren Cushman (Co-Chair); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Bloom (<i>District 4</i>)
ACBH Staff:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dainty Castro (<i>MHAB Liaison</i>)

Meeting called to order @ 4:23PM by **Co-Chair Warren Cushman**

ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISION/ACTION
Roll Call	Call to order & Roll Call/Introductions completed.	
Approval of Minutes	N/A	
Discussion Items	<p>Discussion regarding CARE Courts and State Legislation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor Newsome’s CARE court proposal earlier this year has come into focus with these new bills (SB 1338 & AB 2830). Both bills were introduced in February 2022 but have significantly amended as recently as early April. • SB 1338 is set for hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee on April 26, 2022. • Important: CARE (community assistance recovery, and empowerment) Court proposal cannot be considered without inputting the context of all legislation. The other legislation is pending in Sacramento. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator Eggman is the sponsor of this Bill (a package of 8 other bills all related to Mental Health). A particular Bill he is focusing on is to expand the definition of great disability, and a couple are based on data retrieval and analyzing data. • In order to be eligible to be in a CARE court, the client must meet the following requirements: Must be 18 years of age or older, have a diagnosis of schizophrenia spectrum or other psychotic disorder, not clinically stabilized in on-going treatment with the county behavioral health agency, currently lacks medical decision-making capacity and resides in, found in, or facing criminal/civil court proceedings in the county. • In addition to counsel the client has the right to have a supporter at all stages of the proceeding. This is a new resource available to those who need additional support. • After the client has been evaluated and placed in the program, a one-year status conference is set to determine whether the client graduates from the program or continue the CARE plan for up to one more year. The graduation plan is a strategy to support a successful transition from the court jurisdiction and may include on-going behavioral health care services, such as medication management, peer support, housing support, etc. • If, at any time during the proceedings, the court determines by preponderance of evidence that the respondent is not participating in CARE proceedings, after the respondent receives notice, or is failing to comply with their CARE plan, the court may terminate the respondent's participation in the CARE program. • What happens if the County is not complying with Court orders? If, at any time during the proceedings if the County is not complying with Court orders, the Court may fine the County up to \$1000 per day for noncompliance. • The supporter is an individual who is specifically trained in mental health and their intended goal is to promote autonomy and informed decision-making and prevent more restrictive protective mechanisms, such as conservatorship. In addition, the client may have the supporter present at all proceedings. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a lot of money on the table (\$32 billion surplus) because of the stock market performance during the pandemic. The state has a tremendous amount of money that they are going to allocate to sheltering homeless individuals and providing mental health services. • Governor Newsom says homeless population in California has increased over 160,000 people statewide. • What is the CARE plan? A housing plan must be part of the CARE plan, but CARE Courts cannot order housing or require a County to provide housing. However, CARE court clients shall have priority for any bridge housing if funded. <p>Other Adult Committee Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Adult Committee is back! What is coming up next? There are a couple of ideas being generated for discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ John George Psychiatric Hospital ✓ Housing and homelessness issues ✓ Kate Jones Report (Adult & Older Adult SOC Director) ✓ Raise a Language Culture & Linguistic Competency piece for many of the immigrant refugee community's language access. 	
Public Comment	No public comment given	
Adjournment	Adjourned at 5:25 PM	