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Meeting called to order at 4:32 pm by **Co-Chair Brian Bloom**

ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISION/ACTION
<b>Roll Call</b>	Roll call completed.	
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Previous meeting minutes were approved.	
<b>Discussion Item:</b>  <b>Guest Speaker: Juan Taizan, ACBH Director of Forensic, Diversion &amp; Re-entry Services.</b>	<p><b>Juan Taizan</b>, Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (ACBH) Director of Forensic, Diversion, &amp; Re-entry Services provided forensic-related update and discussed behavioral health services provided at Santa Rita Jail.</p> <p><b><u>The Federal Consent Decree</u></b></p> <p>Policies and procedures for the Federal Consent Decree are currently being revised with an anticipated completion date around mid-summer 2023.</p> <p><b><u>Collaborative Groups</u></b></p> <p>The Alameda County Sherriff’s Department, Santa Rita Jail, Adult Forensic Behavioral Health (AFBH), and ACBH work together to</p>	

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	<p>improve progressive changes for mental health services at Santa Rita Jail concerning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Americans with Disabilities Act Regulations</li> <li>• Mandated requirements and safety precautions for COVID-19</li> <li>• Proper classifications of individuals (clients) according to the true safety of their mental health conditions at the point of mental health assessments.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Adult Forensic Behavioral Health and Telecare</u></b></p> <p>Current screening procedures for anyone who comes into the jail is considered a potential client of AFBH.</p> <p>Clinician assessment care includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screening for symptomology</li> <li>• Prior mental health history with Alameda County</li> <li>• Observations for suicide risks</li> <li>• Identifying the level of care that needs to be provided based on the level of mental health acuity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mental health acuity Level [X] (categorizes individuals who do not need; or have not requested mental health services).</li> <li>- Mental health acuity Level [1] (categorizes individuals who are open to AFBH; can function well and are stable enough to be integrated into the general population).</li> <li>- Mental health acuity Levels [2-4] (categorizes individuals who need mental health services)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<p><b><u>Booking Individuals into Santa Rita jail and Providing Mental Health Services</u></b></p> <p><b>Alameda County Sherriff's Department</b> books individuals using their own screening assessment protocols.</p> <p><b>Alameda County Sherriff's Office (ACSO)</b> has a new reception housing unit intended to expedite the Intake Transfer and Release (ITR) process to eliminate delays.</p> <p><b>Reception Housing Units</b> are reserved for those who are not at risk due to mental health, medical complications, or other concerns. Individuals move from ITR to the reception housing units and are given the opportunity to contact family.</p> <p><b>Restricted Housing Units</b> are reserved for individuals who are violent towards staff or other incarcerated individuals. This unit is monitored by the Sheriff's Department based on safety and security.</p> <p><b>Wellpath</b> provides Medical Assessment Tests (MAT) and medical clearances for individuals before booking into Santa Rita Jail. Once booked, a medical assessment is conducted (physical, substance use and withdrawal-symptomology screening), as well as a brief mental health assessment completed by AFBH-ACBH psychiatrists who can write and administer prescriptions and provide treatment plans for monitoring withdrawals and detoxification.</p> <p><b>Telecare</b> (non-profit and community based) is a contracted provider through AFBH that provides overnight mental health assessments within Santa Rita Jail, and the additional recruitment of qualified clinicians.</p>	

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	<p><b><u>Review of Suicides (New Process)</u></b></p> <p>This process occurs at various levels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When an individual completes a suicide, AFBH will be working internally to conduct a review of mental health services to identify gaps within mental health services.</li> <li>• The AFBH Quality Assurance Medical Director will assist to review the deceased individual’s medical records after a completed suicide to help identify any gaps and develop a report for future system improvements related to AFBH services for mental health.</li> <li>• Suicidal deaths are also led by the Sherriff’s Department, from which their internal review is shared and discussed with Wellpath and AFBH.</li> <li>• This review is required to be completed within 72 hours of the post-mortem interval.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>5150 Policies and Procedures</u></b></p> <p><i>John George Emergency Intake:</i> Individuals who have intentionally tried to commit suicide are sent out to John George. AFBH-ACBH is actively involved in the process. Detainment of individuals are monitored in different types of safety calls depending on the level of concern with the intent to keep individuals in a safe and humane environment. Cell-softening structures have been designed to cater to individuals who cannot be stabilized or are on an involuntary psychiatric hold. Documentation is completed and shared between parties transferring and receiving individuals who have been sent to John George and back to Santa Rita Jail.</p>	

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	<p><i>Individuals with Grave Disabilities:</i> Individuals with grave disabilities may exhibit a drastic decline in their activities of daily living and must be re-stabilized on prescribed medications. Involuntary meds are not administered as clients are not forced to take medications; however, John George may administer involuntary meds if individuals are held in their facilities if need be.</p> <p><b><u>Discharge Planning and Workforce Crisis</u></b></p> <p>There is a designated Discharge Planning Team that works 6 days a week, making sure medications for individuals are on file, and ensuring referrals, resources, and full-service partnerships are available to the discharged individuals.</p> <p>There has been great difficulty surrounding the recruitment of qualified staff due to the current economic factors we are facing today. There is also an expectation to onboard master's levelled candidates while highlighting the passion-driven purpose behind the work being done, which has helped in the Board approved salary increases, and incentives attached to the role.</p> <p><b><u>State Guidelines for Reimbursable Services by Medi-Cal</u></b></p> <p>Expected guideline changes are anticipated to be approved by the State by June of 2023.</p> <p>Check-ins require medical and mental health screening and pre-release planning.</p>	

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	<p>Re-entry services and plans are available for incarcerated individuals for up to 90-days. Durations beyond 90-days would require a new re-entry plan.</p> <p>The Sherriff's Department, Social Services and Wellpath work together to enroll released individuals ready for re-entry. This is a dedicated re-entry team that handles warm handoffs coordinating care and resources to individuals integrating back with the community.</p> <p><b><u>Safe Landing Project (Pilot)</u></b></p> <p>The Sherriff's Department now has a dedicated a space for their staff trailer, which is an area designated for their re-entry station for the purpose of assessing individuals re-entering the community. An available shuttle to BART or Roots Community Services along with vouchers for transportation.</p>	
<b>Public Comments</b>	Public comment given.	
<b>Adjournment</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 pm	