



Alameda County
Mental Health Advisory Board

Mental Health Advisory Board Agenda Criminal Justice Committee

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 ♦ 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Teleconference: (877) 336-1831 | Meeting ID: 848 0431 4905 | Passcode: 973454

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Committee Members:	Brian Bloom (<i>Co-Chair, District 4</i>); Juliet Leftwich (<i>Co-Chair, District 5</i>); Terry Land (<i>District 1</i>)
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4:30 PM I. Call to Order and Introductions

4:35 PM II. Approval of Minutes

4:40 PM III. This month the Committee is focusing on the promise and challenges of Alameda County's Behavioral Health Court (BHC). This is one of the largest diversion courts in the county, tasked with diverting mentally ill defendants out of jail (and out of the criminal-legal system) and into community-based treatment. Much like the committee's meeting in February on the Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) Diversion program, this meeting will involve the folks who are on-the-ground, working in this court – D.A.s, Public Defenders, the Judge who presides over the court, as well as ACBH personnel. These participants' expertise, knowledge, and experience will allow for a rich and informative discussion.

In addition to explaining how the BHC operates, the discussion will also address how the Court can promote the goals of the county's "Care First, Jails Last" policy, specifically on what type of treatment programs are necessary so that more mentally ill defendants can be diverted from jail

5:45 PM IV. Public Comment

6:00 PM V. Adjournment