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**Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless
 Commission Meeting
 Friday, March 15, 2024; 9:00am-11:00am
 MEETING MINUTES**

ACHCH Commissioner Present:

Laura Guzmán (Chair)
 Gloria Cox-Crowell (Co-chair)
 Lois Bailey Lindsey (Secretary)
 Josh Thurman
 Lynette Lee
 Marcie Soslau Johnson
 Melissa Hellums
 Michelle Schneidermann, MD
 Sam Weeks, DDS
 Sabrina Fuentes

ACHCH Commissioners Absent:

Gregory Kats
 Gerard Jenkins, MD
 Julie Lo
 Shannon Bernardin-Smith

County Staff Present:

Kerry Abbott, OHCC
 Lucy Kasdin, ACHCH
 Luella Penserga, ACHCH
 David Modersbach, ACHCH
 Aislinn Bird, MD, ACHCH
 Amy Garlin, MD, ACHCH
 Qinglin Wu, ACHCH

Public Present:

Heather MacDonald-Fine, MHA, Alameda Health System
 Dr. Roberta Chambers, PsyD, Indigo Project
 Brenda Whitfield, CCAB
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Item	Discussion/ Recommendations
A. CALL TO ORDER Welcome & Introductions Adopt agenda	Meeting Chaired by Commissioners Laura Guzmán Roll Call of Commissioners Quorum achieved Commission approved the agenda Motion to Approve: Commissioners S. Fuentes; G. Crowell 2 nd Motion Passed: Meeting agenda adopted by Commission
B. PUBLIC COMMENT	No public comment.
C. CLOSED SESSION	No closed session.
D. CONSENT AGENDA	1. Commission approved the Commission meeting minutes – February 16, 2024 Motion to Approve: Commissioners G. Crowell; S. Fuentes 2 nd Motion Passed: Meeting minutes adopted and approved by the Commission.
E. ACHCH DIRECTOR’S REPORT	Lucy Kasdin, ACHCH Director presented Director’s Report and the full strategic plan.

	<p>Commissioner Guzman expressed appreciation for the clarity and proactive language in the plan. She suggested additional context for each strategy to enhance understanding. Commissioner Schneidermann and Commissioner Weeks echoed the importance of explicit language regarding race equity and the provision of care to marginalized communities. Lucy Kasdin outlined the language on disparities that were integrated into the plan and welcomed further feedback to ensure alignment with their goals.</p>
<p>F. ACHCH HEALTH CENTER</p>	<p>Heather MacDonald-Fine, MHA, Alameda Health System presented the Alameda Health System Subrecipient Report.</p>
<p>G. PRESENTATION & GROUP DISCUSSION</p>	<p>Dr. Roberta Chambers, Indigo Project presented the CARE Court overview and implementation planning.</p> <p>Commissioner Schneidermann: What is the significance of LPS (Lanterman-Petris-Short Act) in the context of the discussion? Dr. Chambers: LPS is the statute for 5150s and 5250s for involuntary treatment holds.</p> <p>Question: is Substance Use Disorder (SUD) considered a co-morbidity? A: there would have to have to be a SUD induced psychosis, AND diagnosis of Serious Mental Illness. Regarding bipolar disorder – it is not in the psychotic disorder class and therefore not a criteria for CARE court, unless there is also the presence of a co-morbid diagnosis of SUD psychosis.</p> <p>Dementia, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), intellectual disability, developmental disability are considered medical conditions, and therefore are not a psychotic disorder qualifying diagnoses. A person needs to meets the criteria separate from those conditions, to be eligible for CARE Court. Generally CARE Court has to be considered the least restrictive and be beneficial to the person.</p> <p>Kerry Abbott mentioned that OHCC and ACBH are working together to develop housing using \$46m Bridge Housing for about 200 housing spots. Jonathan, Kerry, Jeanette are working on the second Bridge Housing grant.</p> <p>Q: Is CARE Court it a criminal proceeding? A: No, this is a civil court proceeding. A person who meets CARE Court criteria will be assigned to the Public Defender mental health unit that only works on the civil court side. If effective, people in criminal court could move over to civil.</p> <p>Commissioner Schneidermann: What lessons are being learned from communities that have already launched similar initiatives? A: Cohort 1 counties found that the number of petitions initially are low; all are taking this as an opportunity to engage people. Other lessons were more about the court process and judicial discretion, and how Courts should design the Self-Help centers.</p> <p>Commissioner Schneidermann asked what proportion of people who have petitioned</p>

are folks experiencing homelessness. A: no available data breaking down housing status.

Commissioner Soslau Johnson asked Who owns the process to get an individual to care court. A: starts with the petition, and then the court takes over.

Commissioner Lee: What is the County asking of ACHCH regarding the initiative?
Dr. Chambers: This is an informational presentation because it will effect OHCC. Lucy and Jeanette Rodriguez have participated in the interagency workgroup.
Kerry Abbott added that the interagency group has not included outreach workers; Lucy is participating in the larger stakeholder group.

Commissioner Guzman asked if Care Courts will pre-empt people who applied for housing through the Coordinated Entry system. Will new housing development initiatives only benefit people within the Care Court system? Will others with significant disabilities also be considered.
Kerry Abbott responded that the County received Bridge funds specifically to house people who meet Care Court criteria. There is also a second Bridge funding opportunity, which if Alameda County is awarded, can be offered to people with waiting in the Coordinated Entry system who have Serious Mental Illness before they become Care Court eligible.

Commissioner Guzman: Is involvement in the care court process a criminal procedure if it involves public defenders? Dr. Chambers: providers are not mandated to report.

Q: How much are agencies receiving?

Dr. Chambers responded that ACBH is getting less than half of what the services will cost. ACBH CARE Court costs include staffing an outreach team to do eligibility; and they issued an RFP for more organizations to provide Full Service Partnerships (FSP) services. Courts are organizing resources to get the Self Help center operational, e.g., a judge ready. The Public Defender may receive new funds too; not clear if they will absorb the costs. The amount the agencies receive also depends on planning estimates of number of people to be served.

Commissioner Thurman: Will there be adequate staffing in ACBH (Behavioral Health Care), courts, and the public defender's office? What is the timeframe to hire since the County hiring process is slow. Dr. Chambers responded that ACBH is procuring services through an RFP process.

Jonathan Russell asked about the breakdown of the 300 - 800 individuals eligible for the program based on different demographics and backgrounds. What percentage are unhoused, NAMI, etc.?

Dr. Chambers responded that of the 800 potentially eligible people, the majority are known to multiple institutions: John George psychiatric, HCH, Santa Rita jail, emergency depts. About half of the 800 have been in Santa Rita.
Youth - 15 - 20% are Transition Age Youth (TAY). 50% are African American, 25% are other people of color.

	<p>Commissioner Crowell gave an example: if I'm an African American male, in an encampment, no medication, in psychosis, and an outreach team comes, and then the outreach team petitions Care Court but I don't want to go to Care Court. How do I get to the Care Court? Does someone come pick me up?</p> <p>Dr. Chambers responded that a Public Defender will be assigned to represent the person, and ACBH is ordered to go out with licensed behavioral health professional to do the assessment. Ideally ACHCH partners with ACBH team to let the person know that they have a court date. ACBH will offer to get the person to court. Person can waive appearance and the Public Defender will represent them.</p> <p>Q: How much of this process has been determined? Dr. Chambers: the State has determined most of the process; the County now has to figure out operations, e.g., how to station evaluators at Santa Rita and other locations.</p> <p>Amy Garlin: Where in the process are clinical assessments conducted, by whom, and how do they factor into adjudication and planning? Dr. Chambers: After the judge says the petition makes the face-value standard, ACBH has a licensed behavioral health professional does the assessment.</p> <p>Commissioner Fuentes: County gets penalized? Difficult for us to find people who we work with weekly and who we know by name. Dr. Chambers: the County may not be fined if the County can show efforts to outreach. ACBH is trying to figure out how to place evaluators where people are already are – Emergency Depts, John George psychiatric, Santa Rita Jail because of short time frames.</p> <p>Commissioner Schneidermann: What are assertive community treatment (ACT) and Full Service Partnership (FSP), and how do they relate to the initiative?</p> <p>Commissioner Guzman: How have "care courts" changed the ability for family members to request involuntary treatment?</p> <p>Ale del Pinal: Does there need to be a crime for someone to be eligible for the initiative, or is it mandated for people experiencing psychosis?</p> <p>Amy Garlin: What if HCH clinicians disagree with the appropriateness of the CARE court process initiation?</p> <p>Amy Garlin: Can HCH refuse to participate in facilitating a process they do not believe to be just?</p> <p>Commissioner Thurman: What transportation issues, especially for those living in the Tri-Valley, are being addressed in the initiative?</p>
H. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consumer/Community Advisory Board (CCAB) – report from March 8, 2024. 2. Budget & Finance Committee – no report. 3. Clinical Quality Committee – no report.

	4. Executive Committee – report from March 4, 2024.
I. OTHER ITEMS	1. Announcements 2. Next Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Quality Committee: May 6, 2024; 9:30am-11:00am • Executive Committee: April 8, 2024; 12:00pm-1:00pm • Community Consumer Advisory Board (CCAB): April 12, 2024; 12:00pm-1:30pm • Commission: April 19, 2024, 2023; 9:00am-11:00am
J. ADJOURNMENT	Meeting adjourned at 11:00am Verified by Lois Bailey Lindsey, Secretary <small>DocuSigned by:</small>  _____ Date: 5/30/2024 <small>41EBB6BD80641F...</small>

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