

**Sacramento County Mental Health Board
Justice Committee Meeting
October 2, 2024
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Melinda Avey, Corine McIntosh Sako, Maria Padilla-Castro, Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Staff: Nicole Cable, Tianna Hammock, Jenine Spotnitz, Houa Yang, and Office of County Executive (OCE) Staff: Catherine York

Members Absent: Michael Gayent

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Committee Members & BHS Staff Supporting the MHB Justice Committee • Acknowledgement of Conduct Agreement • Announcements by MHB Justice Committee Members

Vice Chair Melinda Avey convened the meeting at 4:35, introductions were made, and the conduct agreement was acknowledged.

Member Corrine McIntosh Sako announced that she will be stepping out of Mental Health Board (MHB) Justice Committee. Today's meeting, October 3, 2024, is her last.

- II. **Public Comments Relating to the Sacramento County Justice – Items Not on Agenda**

There were no public comments.

- I. **Discussion/Action Item:** Continue to discuss the Justice Committee Goals for 2024 – Public Comment Related to Feedback on Areas of Interest for MHB Justice Committee to Consider

Due to time constraints, all members present agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

- II. **Presentation:** Presentation on pre-release and re-entry services offered by divisions under the Department of Health Services and is being coordinated by DHS Director Tim Lutz. Director Lutz and staff.

Representatives from BHS and OCE provided an overview of justice-involved services. Key points from their presentation included:

- Sequential Intercept Model (SIM): This framework helps understand and improve interactions within the criminal justice system for individuals with mental and substance use disorders. SIM maps the pathways from initial contact to system exit, identify gaps, resources, and opportunities at various stages.
- California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Initiatives: These include pre-release medical application processes, 90-day pre-release services, behavioral health (BH) linkages, Enhanced Care Management (ECM), and community support services.

- **BH linkages:** Launched on October 1st, BHS has developed a referral form and website for out-of-county correctional facilities to facilitate assessment and linkages.
- **Community Partnerships:** Collaborations with community-based organizations (CBOs) and managed care plans aim to provide comprehensive support for individuals transitioning from incarceration to the community.
- **Medi-Cal Enrollment:** Efforts are underway to assess and enroll eligible incarcerated individuals in Medi-Cal before their release.
- **Social Health Information Exchange:** Plans are in place to enhance coordination and support rapid screenings and assessments through this exchange.
- **90-Day Pre-Release Services:** Set to be implemented soon, these services will offer a subset of Medi-Cal services to eligible individuals in the 90 days prior to their release. This includes medication management, discharge planning, and partnerships with CBOs for warm handoffs and connections to services upon release.
- **Reentry Planning:** BH linkages will facilitate warm handoffs and connections to services upon reentry, including providing a 30-day supply of medications upon release.
- **Challenges and Solutions:** Addressed challenges and solutions related to late-night release and the need for a dedicated facility to provide a 'soft landing' for individuals upon release.
- **ECM Services:** Intensive community-based care coordination, and community support services, including housing-related supports.
- **Misdemeanor Mental Health Diversion (MHD) Program:** Partnership between public defenders, Probation, and BHS. BHS staff conducts assessments and group support sessions through MHD.

III. Adjournment

Vice Chair Avey adjourned the meeting at 5:25pm.