

Proposition 47 Jail In-reach Local Advisory Committee Agenda

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LAC Members:

<input type="checkbox"/> Alison Lobb	<input type="checkbox"/> Andrea Tavenier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sean Kelson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Evans	<input type="checkbox"/> Will Gayowski	<input type="checkbox"/> Shannon Petersen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Desiree Ohlstrom	<input type="checkbox"/> Michael Gause	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sharmalee Rjakumaran
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Goldman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monica Savon	<input type="checkbox"/> Judge Shelly Averill
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Elliott	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nour Maxwell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carrie Coen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lynne Slater	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judge Karlene Navarro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad McMasters
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary-Frances Walsh		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sharilyn Shaeffer

Topic	Key discussion points	Next Steps
Introductions	Committee members introduce themselves	
Review of Agenda	David Evans reviews the agenda	
Overview of Prop 47 Jail In-Reach Program & Purpose of LAC	David Evans gives an overview of Prop 47 Jail In-Reach program and the purpose of the LAC	
Implementation Update: ◇ Successes ◇ Barriers ◇ # of Referrals ◇ Other data?	Lisa Elliott updates from InterFaith Shelter network. She reports receiving 16 referrals this quarter. These referrals are coming from MH diversion, Public Defenders, JMHCP, Jail mental health, probation, behavioral health, and Whole Person Care. The majority of referrals are coming from Public defenders, JMHCP, and Jail Mental Health. They're continuing to see 15 clients from the previous quarter. Some clients who have left have returned to services. Individual and group meetings for those services have been useful. Continuing to meet clients who have been re-detained in jail. They're providing transitional services like food and housing assistance, basic necessities, transportation services, re-entry services, etc. Challenges are being met and successfully navigated. Sharilyn asks how they're being	

notified of people who are back in jail. Lisa reports that continues to be a challenge, but someone is checking a database on a regular basis to help identify these people. David asks if there is any data on clients who are misdemeanor Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST). This data was not available at the time of the meeting. Michael Reynolds asks what are the most common barriers seen while providing services to those who are transitioning after release. Lisa reports that housing is always a challenge, and most often initially is basic necessities like getting a phone, ID. Transportation is sometimes needed. Lisa reports they are providing assistance to getting prescriptions, food stamps, etc. Lisa reiterates that housing is always an issue. Shelter housing is most often full. IFSN transitional housing may work out but does not always. Lisa says if a client has to be out on the street, they provide necessities such as sleeping bags, tents, etc. Michael informs the committee that WCCS has a program called Transitions Into Housing which is free to anyone. It's a Peer-to-peer program that meets with an individual up to five times a week wherever they are located. Lynne asks a question how can InReach serve the Public Defenders in mental health Diversion while looking at misdemeanor IST no longer being dismissed, but being transitioned to CARECourt. She adds that to engage InReach with misdemeanor IST population, it will need to be done the moment the referral is received as they only have 30-days to ascertain whether they will do Mental Health Diversion. David informs Jail In-Reach can coincide with Mental Health Diversion program. Desiree Ohlstrom asks about how many individuals are staying in services. Lisa responds that clients tend to be released and find themselves back in custody pretty quickly. The majority of contact has

been made while in custody. A handful of clients have come out of custody and reengaged. Desiree shares a success story with Interfaith. Elizabeth Goldman shares that when an individual gets released from jail who is receiving medication, Wellpath asks them what their plan is, and also where they'd like their medication called in. Wellpath helps the individual find the pharmacy again and calls in the prescription(s). Lynne asks how much lead time WellPath might need in order to get prescriptions called in. Elizabeth says they can call it in same-day, unless it's a Sunday. Michael Reynolds mentions inResponse as a possibility to provide transportation including medication pick-ups as a possible resource. Desiree shares that inResponse may be unavailable at times for this service. Wellpath can call in prescriptions for a 2-week supply. David Evans asks Lisa about challenges working in a custodial environment, for example putting buss passes or information on someone's property or getting access to certain people due to jail clearance. Lisa reiterates that they don't always know when a client will be released. They sometimes know it might be soon, but specifics are difficult to pin down. They try to leave contact information and sometimes buss passes so that if they are released, they have something. There was a time that Interfaith was not allowed to leave those things at the front desk for clients. A solution has been identified to make this possible. Friends Outside program can assist with getting documents signed. David Evans asks about the possibility of InterFaith employees being able to apply for a D-Pass. Chad McMasters is happy to assist with this and informs the group it is about a 3-month process for the background check. Des reports not all employees are willing to go through the background check required for a D pass. Sharilyn

asks if there is anything that can be done on CrimNet to note when a client is within our program. Chad McMasters says it is possible. David adds there may not be time or resources to implement a new process with CrimNet. David asks Lisa if she needs anything to improve service for these clients. Lisa says she's not sure how to best track when someone returns to jail and asks for suggestions from the committee. Des adds it is hard to flag when clients are reincarcerated. If Interfaith has a list that can be sent to WellPath, perhaps that could be hung in the Jail Mental Health office to be checked regularly. Elizabeth Goldman says they are also surprised when people return or are released from jail. She agrees that a list would be helpful. She says she's happy to search a list of names periodically, but they too are not notified. Des suggests letting clients know that if they do return, to mention it to someone within the MH program they were in previously. Judge Navarro asks what is the best way to reach Lisa, and if they can suggest to clients to reach out to Lisa directly when out of custody regarding housing. Lisa adds clients that are released on probation could qualify for a housing program, but it is separate from Jail InReach. Judge Navarro asks specifically about those who are being Diverted. Monica Savon responds; There is not enough housing in Sonoma County. Coordinated Entry is the step in the door for clients to start on the path to housing. ISFN is one of the places that can start that process.

Lisa will send a list of clients to Elizabeth.

Local Evaluation Plan Update

Evaluation timeline
 Infographic – Year 1
 Jan 2024 – Dec 2024
 Infographic – Year 2
 Jan 2025 – Dec 2025
 Final Local Evaluation Report (FLER)
 June 2026

Discussion	<p>Bridge Housing is set to launch December 1st if not in the new year. 43 beds available. Referral will be done with a one-page form which is sent to Bridge Housing and evaluated. The housing is for 6-12 months. Single adults, no children, no families. Coed facility. For Mental Health and/or SUD services, also for those people who are not connected to services but have mental health needs. Des asks about restrictions for this housing. Smoking? Yes, outside. Emotional Support animals/pets? Dogs are allowed. Other pets are being negotiated. Lisa asks if a few beds can be designated for Jail In-Reach program? David answers; Unfortunately, no. Further restrictions and allowances will be identified once a contractor is identified.</p>	
Community Q&A	No comments or questions from the community.	
Next Meeting	January 15, 2025 12:30pm	