



Removing Barriers and Creating Strategies for Individuals in the Criminal Justice System

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Who We Are

Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health (CCJBH)

- ❖ 12-Member Appointed Council
- ❖ Chair, Secretary of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR)
- ❖ Vice-Chair, Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
- ❖ Department of State Hospitals (DSH)
- ❖ Local experts from both criminal justice and behavioral health systems (e.g., Behavioral Health Directors, Judges, Probation, and Law Enforcement).



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CCJBH Goals and Purpose

Goals

- To improve outcomes for children and youth impacted by the Juvenile Justice System.
- To prevent individuals who are released, from returning to jail, prison and state hospitals.
- To establish innovative and effective ways to continue Diversion and Reentry in the wake of COVID-19 public health emergency.

CCJBH's primary purpose is to investigate, identify and promote cost-effective strategies to:

- **Prevent:** criminal involvement (initial and recidivism).
- **Identify** incentives to encourage state and local criminal justice, juvenile justice, and mental health programs to adopt approaches that work.
- **Improve** behavioral health services.



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CCJBH Council Meetings and Activities

- CCJBH holds Full Council Meetings quarterly
- CCJBH facilitates two workgroups that meet bi-monthly:
 - Juvenile Justice Workgroup
 - Diversion/Reentry Workgroup
- CCJBH produces bi-monthly newsletters
- CCJBH is mandated by Penal Code Section 6044(h)(1), to produce an annual Legislative Report on the Council's activities during the preceding year by December 31st of each year.



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Juvenile Justice



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Juvenile Justice

- CCJBH, through its Juvenile Justice Workgroup, has focused on SB 823 DJJ Realignment, particularly with regard to securing a contractor for the Juvenile Justice Evidence-Based Practices Compendium/Toolkit and understanding trauma as it relates to supporting youth involved in the juvenile justice system.
- Workgroup participants review and provide feedback on deliverables throughout the year, and share information at Full Council meetings.



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Juvenile Justice Toolkit

RFP Concept: Juvenile Justice Professional’s Evidence-Based Practices and Programs Compendium and Toolkit

- Compile the latest information related to best practices and evidence-based programs that have been shown to be effective in serving youth involved in the criminal justice system who have serious behavioral health needs.
- Support counties in building out their local infrastructure to serve the DJJ transition population.
- RFP was released on October 22, 2021, and is due on November 18, 2021.



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Mental Health Diversion



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CCJBH Support for DSH Diversion Programs

- CCJBH'S Role in AB 1810 implementation is to provide consultation to the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) when evaluating proposals from the counties participating in community diversion programs that demonstrate the potential to reduce referrals to DSH for competency restoration.
- In addition, CCJBH has hosted Training and Technical Assistance to counties implementing diversion programs.
- In FY 2020-21, CCJBH hosted 6 online training webinars covering risk assessments and program evaluation.
- In June 2021, CCJBH awarded its Pre-Trial Mental Health Diversion Contract to the Council on State Governments Justice Center to enhance and sustain local capacity for AB 1810 Mental Health Diversion, and to recommend policies that support the adoption of best practices statewide and continue Training and Technical Assistance activities statewide.



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Reentry: The Senate Bill 369 Veto Message Project



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SB 369 (Hertzberg)

- SB 369 would have established the California Reentry Commission, which would have been tasked with developing a new health and safety agenda for those returning home from custody, reviewing the barriers to reentry, and coordinating with other entities to establish a grant program for reentry service providers.
- SB 369 passed both the Assembly and the Senate in the 2019 Legislative Session, but was vetoed by the Governor.
- The Governor's veto message of SB 369 directed CDCR and CCJBH to *"engage with stakeholders, evaluate the barriers to reentry and determine what steps need to be taken to overcome those barriers."*



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SB 369 Veto Message Project

- CCJBH Staff worked closely with CDCR's Division of Adult Parole Operations, Division of Rehabilitative Programs, and CCHCS' Integrated Substance Use Disorder Treatment Team, hereafter referred to as the CDCR Transition Team, on preliminary research (literature review, internal subject matter expertise) to identify reentry/transition barriers and strategies to overcome them.
- Thirty-two barriers were identified at the individual, program/provider and system levels.
- The CDCR/CCHCS Transition Team and CCJBH drafted a report summarizing the research feedback captured from the stakeholder meetings, and on August 27th, CCJBH staff convened Councilmembers to take a final vote to approve it.
- The final report was submitted to the Governor's Office in September 2021.



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Lived Experience Projects



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Lived Experience Projects

CCJBH awarded LEP contracts to Cal Voices, the Anti-Recidivism Coalition (ARC), Transitions Clinic Network (TCN), and the Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partners (LARRP) to:

- Lift up the voices of individuals with lived experience given their behavioral health conditions and involvement in the criminal justice system.
- Raise community awareness about the needs of those who are reentering communities from incarcerated settings and have behavioral health conditions.
- Inform policies related to issues faced by the justice-involved population who have behavioral health conditions.



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Lived Experience Project Updates

- LEP contractors assisted with collecting stakeholder feedback on SB 369.
- Cal Voices: Recruited an additional two Ambassadors to represent the Superior and Southern regions.
- ARC: Disseminated a press release in March and will be launching trauma-informed storytelling trainings.
- TCN: Established their TCN Advisory Site Committee and held monthly meetings.
- LARRP: Launched their Leadership Academy, and leaders have attended stakeholder meetings.



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Public Health Meets Public Safety Project



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Public Health Meets Public Safety

- Public Health Meets Public Safety (PH/PS) is a two-year project being conducted in consultation with the Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center.
- Project goal is to marshal data to inform policy decisions that seek to reduce the number of adults and young people with behavioral health needs in California's justice system.
- CSG leveraged the CCJBH Lived Experience Contractors to inform the PH/PS project through a facilitated focus group.
- CSG has developed a dashboard for publicly available data that can be used to better understand the intersection of justice & behavioral health, which may be accessed on the CCJBH [website](#).



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PHMPS Data Inventory

The screenshot shows a Tableau Public dashboard titled "Inventory of Priority Datasets". The dashboard includes a search bar, filters for "Report Data Domain" (set to "All"), "Access" (with "Publicly available" selected), and "Data Level" (set to "All"). Below the filters, there is a list of datasets:

- Adult Probation data:** The California Department of Justice (DOJ) collects summary data on probation populations from county probation agencies. The data includes monthly counts for felony and misdemeanor probation entry and exits by county and type of placement.
- American Community Survey:** The American Community Survey (ACS) is an ongoing national Census survey that provides annual information on the U.S. population at geographic levels. Data collection includes information about demographics, family status, healthcare, education, employment. The ACS is one of the only national surveys that includes individuals who are incarcerated at the time the survey is conducted.
- Annual Probation Survey and Annual:** The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) collects probation and parole data through annual surveys conducted by census. These data provides and assesses all aspects of the courts, the total number arrested and across probation and parole supervision activities.

At the bottom of the dashboard, there is a link to read the report: <https://www.podool.com/3/2020/08/2020-08-20-2020-08-20-2020-08-20/>. The dashboard is branded with the CCJBH logo and contact information: "Contact kevin@occmehresearch.com" and "Go to Dashboards".

Data Inventory
Viz Author: CCJBH



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Public Health Meets Public Safety

- CCJBH staff continue to meet with CSG on a bi-monthly basis and quarterly with the LEP Advisory Team to provide project updates.
- Activities are as follows:
 - **November 2021:** Focus Groups with Individuals with lived experience
 - **December 2021:** Develop Framework
 - **March 2022:** Complete Data Dashboards
 - **May 2022:** Development of Policy Briefs
 - **June 2022:** Develop Future Strategy



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Medi-Cal Utilization Project



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Medi-Cal Utilization Project

- The Medi-Cal Utilization Project (MCUP) takes place through an ongoing collaboration between CDCR and DHCS.
- The goal is to track health services access and utilization for people involved in the criminal justice system and to inform quality improvement efforts as necessary.
- CCJBH re-established a Data Sharing Agreement with DHCS in March 2021, and received a current data file, which has been used to analyze data that will be reflected in our 2021 Legislative Report.
- Also, CCJBH will be posting the data to the CHSA Open Data Portal, and developing factsheets based on focused analyses.



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Medi-Cal Utilization Project

- Data analysis on the following metrics has been conducted for individuals transitioning from incarceration in FY 2017-18:
 - Medi-Cal Enrollment
 - Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan Enrollment
 - Mental Health (Non-Specialty and Specialty) Service Utilization
 - Substance Use Disorder Treatment Utilization
- Because of reporting lag, the impact of recent initiatives (e.g., Integrated Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program) is not reflected in these findings. Other initiatives (e.g., Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System) may not be reflected.
- Statewide reporting on these metrics has been included in the 2021 CCJBH Annual Legislative Report.



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2025 Goals



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Review of CCJBH's 2025 Goals

1. Decrease the rate of mental illness and SUDs in jails and prisons to be similar to the prevalence rates in the community.
2. Increase the capacity of community-based services so that they are equipped to meet the needs of people with numerous and complex challenges.
3. Support workforce development that can lead to effective, integrated correctional and behavioral health services.
4. Continue to support data-driven practices and policy-making among criminal justice and behavioral health systems.

Updates on each of these goals will also be included in
CCJBH's Annual Legislative Report.



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Forensic Peer Support Specialists



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Forensic Peer Support (FPS) Specialty

- With the passage of SB 803, Peer Certification, CCJBH embarked on a project to research a certification process for Forensic Peer Support Specialists.
- As part of the information gathering, CCJBH staff met with:
 - Georgia's Mental Health Consumers Network
 - Pennsylvania's Mental Health Consumers Network
 - Yale Program for Recovery and Community Health
- CCJBH staff are currently working on drafting a report summarizing findings from this research, and recommending a FPS specialty that may be utilized within and across the health care, behavioral health, justice, and social support systems.



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Forensic Peer Support (FPS) Specialty

- CCJBH continues to work on a report in favor of an FPS specialty.
- CCJBH has participated in listening sessions convened by the MHSOAC Client and Family Leadership Subcommittee and CalMHPA.
- **Upcoming activities:**
 - With the support of CSUS staff, CCJBH is planning focus groups to engage stakeholders to gather feedback on the CCJBH FPS recommendations report (currently being drafted).



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CalAIM and Behavioral Health Transformation



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- **CalAIM:** CCJBH staff are participating DHCS' CalAIM Justice-Involved Advisory Group and working sub-groups. CCJBH also participates and aids in identifying subject matter experts to advance justice-related proposals, including developing a [Brief Overview of the Department of Health Care Services \(DHCS\)' California Advancing and Innovating Medical \(CalAIM\) Proposals that Impact the Criminal Justice Population](#).
- **Behavioral Health Transformation:** CCJBH staff continues to participate on the:
 - DHCS Behavioral Health Stakeholder Advisory Committee
 - DHCS Justice Workgroups
 - CHSA Behavioral Health Task Force
 - CHSA Office of Youth and Community Restoration Committee



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Housing & Homelessness



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Housing & Homelessness

- CCJBH continues to collaborate with key partners to further efforts to study strategies to improve housing outcomes for individuals in the intersection of criminal justice and behavioral health.
- CCJBH, in partnership with the CSG Justice Center, hosted a Housing Report Launch event on August 18, 2021, and is now working to develop a webinar series on the recommendations.
- CCJBH is working with the CSG Justice Center to implement the policy recommendations established in CSG's report, [Reducing Homelessness for People with Behavioral Health Needs Leaving Prisons and Jails](#), including co-hosting a webinar series to dive deeper into the recommendations.



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***Awareness Activities:
Mental Health
Suicide Prevention
SUD Recovery***



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May is Mental Health Awareness Month

- Throughout the month of May, CCJBH featured a number of resources located throughout the state, in support of Mental Health Awareness, and disseminated this information weekly via our listserv.
- Additionally, CCJBH hosted weekly informational Webinars featuring:
 - CalHope
 - Council of State Governments Justice Center
 - Housing and Community Development
 - CCJBH Lived Experience Project
 - Nevada County Behavioral Health
 - Santa Barbara Behavioral Health



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September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and Recovery Awareness Month

- Throughout the month of September, CCJBH shared a number of resources located throughout the state, in support of Suicide Prevention Awareness and Recovery Awareness, and it disseminated information weekly via our listserv.
- Additionally, CCJBH hosted weekly informational webinars featuring the following:
 - California Department of Public Health
 - California Mental Health Services Authority
 - California Department of Health Care Services
 - Anti-Recidivism Coalition
 - California Correctional Health Care Services, Integrated Substance Use Disorder Treatment
 - Transitions Clinic Network
 - Amity Foundation



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Upcoming Events

[Full Council Meeting](#)

Friday, December 10, 2021 2:00-4:30PM

Please visit our website at www.cccjbh.ca.gov!

Email: CCJBH@cdcr.ca.gov

If you would like to be added to CCJBH's listserv, click [HERE](#).

THANK YOU!



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Behavioral Health Care Symposium 2021
Forward Motion:
Moving a Crisis into Action



Questions?



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Thank You

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