

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, June 27, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

**Supervisor Elisa Márquez, Chair
Supervisor Nate Miley, excused**

**Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Suite 512
Oakland, CA 94612**

Webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/99247500951>

SUMMARY/ACTION MINUTES

I. Reimagine Adult Justice Initiative Status Update

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Wendy Still, Public Safety Advisor to Alameda County Public Protection Chair and District 2 Supervisor Elisa Márquez, presented a PowerPoint presentation to update the Committee on the Reimagine Adult Justice Initiative.

There is alignment between RAJ and the "Care First, Jails Last" initiative, highlighting shared goals in justice reform and mental health services.

Out of 53 RAJ recommendations, 22 are being tracked, many align with existing county efforts, including CalAIM and behavioral health programs.

The RAJ supports the sheriff's strategic plan, focusing on health, reentry, accountability, and racial justice. Progress includes significant task completion and ongoing strategic development.

Collaborative efforts with courts and departments aim to expand diversion opportunities, consolidate resources, and reduce service duplication. A new pretrial referral system enhances arraignment decisions by providing judges with tailored information about defendants' needs.

Efforts are underway to develop automated interfaces for sharing critical data among departments, enhancing service delivery and coordination.

The next steps include to finalize Reimagine Adult Justice with a comprehensive report on establishing site and service centers, further align initiatives, and transition ongoing tasks to appropriate agencies.

Speakers

Myrna Schwartz, Kelly Abreu, Richard Spiegelman, Jean Moses and John Lindsay-Poland commented on the Reimaging Adult Justice Initiative update.

Purpose:

- Report progress**
- Advocacy or Education**
- Request Public Protection Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other:

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelly Abreu commented on issues with emergency medical services, specifically ambulance delays and rising costs. He referenced a recent grand jury report that identified time spent at hospitals as a significant factor contributing to delays in emergency medical services. Under the county's current ambulance provider contract, prices have significantly increased from 2017 to 2019, costs rose by 3% annually. The county has repeatedly delayed addressing the ambulance provider contract, which has exacerbated financial strain and operational challenges.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned to Thursday, July 25, 2024.

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