

**MINUTES – Approved  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2022**

**IDEAL CRISIS SYSTEMS COMMITTEE  
MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

OCTOBER 14, 2022 ♦ 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM  
1400 EMELINE AVE, ROOMS 206-207, SANTA CRUZ  
Microsoft Teams Meeting (831) 454-2222, Conference 645 815 203#

**Present:** Jeffrey Art, Jennifer Wells Kaupp, Laura Chatham, Michael Neidig  
**Absent:** Serg Kagno  
**Staff:** Jane Batoon-Kurovski

- I. Roll Call. Meeting called to order at 3:32 p.m. by Jeffrey Art.
- II. Public Comments-  
Richard Gallo – Wants Stepping Up Initiative to be a part of behavioral health in jail system so the mental health community can receive adequate behavioral health care needs while in Santa Cruz County jail. He submitted the video of Stepping Up Initiative a few weeks ago.
- III. Adoption of AB361 – Resolution Authorizing Teleconference Meetings  
Motion/Second: Laura Chatham / Michael Neidig  
Passed unanimously.
- IV. Approve August 12, 2022 Minutes. (October 14, 2022 Agenda amended to state: Approve August 12, 2022 minutes, removed: Approve September 9, 2022 minutes from that Agenda).  
Motion/Second: Laura Chatham / Michael Neidig  
Passed unanimously.
- V. Consider asking Santa Cruz Mayor Fred Keeley or Joy Schendledecker to become involved in panel discussion as they both support CAHOOTS and MERT for 24/7 crisis response. Consider asking Jennifer Wells Kaupp or Hugh McCormick to join panel for based on their expertise to explain services.
- VI. Articulate and introduce Roadmap with an objective of recommended next steps and framework plan for Ideal Crisis System. Educate benefits for a healthier community before the presentation so individuals can ask well informed questions.
- VII. Questions to panel-
  1. How can we do it fast?
  2. What can we do to get CAHOOTS system response?Articulating the pressure of it needs to get done swiftly.
- VIII. Panel Discussion Objective-
  1. Educate the community on the “Roadmap to the Ideal Crisis System” and on potential programs from other parts of the country

2. Recommend next steps for supporting, improving, and adding to our current services including short-term and long-term solutions.

Motion/Second: Michael Neidig / Jennifer Wells Kaupp

Passed unanimously.

- IX. Action Item- Each committee member think of what kind of format and who they want to be involved specifically by title and organization to participate in this. Send Jeffrey Arlt what format ZOOM, hybrid, 90 minutes, or 2 hours and what participants you want and Jeffrey will document.
- X. Bring to the attention to the Local Mental Health Advisory Board- Personal items belonging to those being released from Santa Cruz County jail should be given to them immediately upon release.  
Motion/Second: Laura Chatham / Jennifer Wells Kaupp  
Passed unanimously.
- XI. Ask the Local Mental Health Board if they would support Ideal Crisis System committee up in wanting to recommend a statement that there be a separate wing for those who need mental health care in Santa Cruz County jail and that those being released from Santa Cruz County jail receive their personal items immediately upon release.  
This boiler plate recommendation will include stated recommendation, successful examples, cost benefit, and restatement. Possible example to include is the creation of Monterey County's separate jail wing for those needing mental health care.  
Motion/Second: Michael Neidig / Laura Chatham  
Passed unanimously.
- XII. New Business- None.
- XIII. Adjournment  
Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.