Alternatives to Incarceration Working Group

Session
Thursday, May 23, 2019
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Hubert Humphrey Health Center
Second Floor Auditorium
5850 S. Main St., Los Angeles, CA 90003
Welcome

Dr. Robert K. Ross, President and CEO
The California Endowment
Purpose

To build consensus for the *Interim Report’s* key goals.
Facilitator

Rigo Rodríguez
Main Objectives

1. **Understand** the *Interim Report’s key goals*.

2. **Endorse** the *Interim Report’s key goals*. 
• To endorse the range of strategies for each goal, OR

• To prioritize or rank the strategies.
Agenda

Presentation – Understand Key Goals

Deliberation – Endorse Key Goals

Next Steps – Upcoming Meetings

Public Comments

50 min

30 min

5 min
Fill Out A Public Comment Card

If you wish to speak on any item
Operating Norms

• One mic, one speaker
• Offer what you can, ask for what you need
• Take space, make space
• Brave space
• Offer respect
• Listen for understanding
Table
Introductions

- Name
- Organization
Mission

To provide the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors a *Roadmap*, with an *action oriented* framework and *implementation* plan, to scale alternatives to incarceration and diversion so *care* and services are provided first and jail is a last resort.
Alternatives to Incarceration – Planning Process

February/March
ATI Work Group
- Ad Hoc Committees
- Justice System Reform (JSR)
- Community-Based System of Care (CBSOC)

May 23
ATI Work Group
Racial Justice Retreat 4/26
Reach Consensus

June 5
Interim Report
- Persons with Behavioral Health Needs
- Key Goals
- Addendum

October/November
ATI Work Group
Reach Consensus

December
Final Report
- Roadmap
- Action Oriented Framework
- Implementation Plan to Scale Alternatives to Incarceration & Diversion
- Multiple Populations
- Comprehensive
- Addendum

Process Values: equity and racial justice; inclusion of many voices; human-first language.

More extensive Community Engagement, ATI Work Group, Ad Hoc Committee Meetings

Implementation planning
Community Based System of Care Ad Hoc Committee

Key Goals
Goal 1

• Increase Access and Remove Barriers to Community Based Services by addressing the Social Determinants of Health
Goal 1: Description

- Develop policies and expand programs that ensure that people with mental health needs and substance use disorder, their loved ones, and community members have multiple points of access to the full continuum of services and that match the individual’s current needs (from low to high levels of care) through a combination of County-operated and not-for-profit community-based organizations services throughout Los Angeles County while creating alternatives to incarceration at every level of the criminal justice system. This recommendation impacts intercept zero (which enables people to access services before any contact or involvement with the criminal justice system has occurred) and intercept five (prevent recidivism). All services should be implemented in a need-aligned and equitably-distributed manner.
Goal 2

• Increase Access and Remove Barriers to Community Based Services by addressing the Social Determinants of Health
Goal 2: Description

• Remove barriers to accessing all necessary and complimentary integrated not for profit community-based services related to mental health needs, substance use disorder, and poor social determinants of health while providing community members with the necessary tools, support, and incentives to attend and participate in services.
Goal 3

• Expand the Community Based System of Care
Goal 3: Description

• Scale up effective culturally competent mental health and substance use models that are community based that already exist at critical intercepts with a priority on intercepts zero and five that enables people to access services before any criminal justice system involvement. Develop contracting policies and procedures that make it less difficult for culturally competent nonprofit community partners to become part of the funded integrated system of care and invest in those relationships long term. Develop capacity among local providers to compete for county contracts and provide high quality services. Address the distribution of resources by the geographic and racial impact of services equitably.
Goal 4

• Expand the Community Based System of Care
Goal 4: Description

• Remove barriers that prevent not for profit community-based service providers from accessing county funding, contracting opportunities, technical assistance, and incubation opportunities.
Goal 5

• Coordinate Community Based Services
Goal 5: Description

- Create an Alternatives to Incarceration Coordination Initiative within the county governance structure to oversee program implementation and equitable distribution of resources. The Initiative would create policies and procedures to connect all county capacity building and services provision efforts. This Initiative would create linkages in service provision for county departments, non-profit community-based service providers and the community at large so that mental health needs, substance use disorder, and poor social determinants of health are supported and treated through an integrated model.
Goal 6

• Expand Community Health Worker and Peer Support Models to Provide Holistic Support
Goal 6: Description

• Will be further developed by Community Health Workers across Los Angeles County.
Justice System Reform
Ad Hoc Committee

Key Goals
Goal 1

Improve Diversion Opportunities within the Court System
Goal 1: Description

• Formally implement recent legislative opportunities for earlier diversion away from the justice system for people with behavioral health needs, from the booking stage throughout the court process.
Goal 2

• Reduce Pretrial Detention and Increase Services
Goal 2: Description

• Substantially and sustainably reduce pretrial incarceration of people with clinical behavioral health needs while strengthening public safety by instituting a presumption of release and using a public health approach that links accused persons to services and programs without additional justice system contact to reduce the financial burden on the accused by upholding the presumption of innocence.

• The broader goal is to reduce the entire pretrial population in comprehensive ways that recognize and address the disproportionate impacts of race, socioeconomic status, and other factors that contribute to pretrial detention.
Goal 3

• Reduce and Improve Interactions between Law Enforcement and People with Mental Health Needs; Increase Diversion Opportunities and Improve Training for Law Enforcement
Goal 3: Description

• Scale up mental health and community-based response to behavioral health crises to substantially reduce contact between people with behavioral health needs who are in crisis and law enforcement. When there is contact between people with behavioral health needs who are in crisis and law enforcement, ensure that law enforcement has the training and partnership with behavioral health personnel to respond appropriately to each situation and to divert many more people into community-based treatment and services.
Goal 4

• Increase and Improve Access to Treatment Services for Court-Involved Clients
Goal 4: Description

• Expand and ensure easy access and timely linkage to treatment services for clients involved in the court process to a broader range of behavioral health programs and expand the diversity and capacity of those programs. Create a flexible and integrative service model across the Departments of Mental Health, Health Services and Public Health, in order to provide the most responsive system possible to client’s service and housing needs. Streamline the referral process from arraignment to disposition, and avail judges and attorneys of the general menu of options available to qualifying clients requesting mental health, substance use disorder, or co-occurring treatment services.
Goal 5

• Improve Reentry Practices
Goal 5: Description

• Improve pre-release and reentry practices to ensure that individuals, including those with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders, can transition directly from jail into appropriate community-based treatment and services.
Community Engagement

Key Goals
Goal 1

- Implementation of 7 community engagement workshops that elevate community recommendations
Goal 1: Description

• Seven workshops will be held across the County (South LA, East LA, Antelope Valley, San Gabriel Valley, Long Beach, Pacoima, and Pomona) to solicit recommendations and feedback from community members, particularly those most impacted by incarceration, about available and needed services, supports, and policies that promote alternatives to incarceration. Facilitated discussions and interactive activities will be offered at each workshop to understand what services and supports prevent incarceration and assist those re-entering their communities after incarceration. Stipends should be offered to community members to cover costs related to workshop participation, along with translation, childcare, and availability of resource staff to help connect participants to needed services.
Goal 2

• Engagement of Currently Incarcerated People
Goal 2: Description

• Hold three workshops in the county and/or local jail system and 1 workshop in a juvenile hall to solicit feedback from individuals that are currently incarcerated in LA County. Workshop attendees should be able to participate without any risks; information gathered at the workshop will be treated as confidential and will be shared without attribution or identifying information. Additionally, incarcerated individuals should be allowed to provide information through anonymous surveys or postings that will be managed by the Health Agency. The Office of Diversion and Reentry, Department of Mental Health, the Sheriff’s Department, and other partners should help plan for workshops to be held between June and December. The outreach for engagement of currently incarcerated people may also include connecting to family members who currently have a loved one incarcerated in Los Angeles County.
Goal 3

• Advisory Collaborative of Impacted People
Goal 3: Description

• The creation of an advisory collaborative is necessary to ensure there is continuous feedback and accountability to the prioritized communities and LA County at large in the implementation of the comprehensive roadmap. The advisory collaborative will communicate community solutions to the ATI work group and can serve to review recommendations and drafts of the final report. The advisory collaborative can also interface with local law enforcement to support the communication of community needs and feedback after the workshops. Possible sources of support for the Advisory Collaborative include the Whole Person Care Re-entry Health Advisory Collaborative and the DPH Office of Violence Prevention Community Council.
Funding
Ad Hoc Committee
Key Goals
Goal 1

• Advocate for Medi-Cal Coverage
Goal 1: Description

The County should advocate for changes that would expand services and populations covered by Medi-Cal to support integrated service delivery to system-involved individuals and their families, which could provide a source of sustainable funding to support ATI recommendations related to an integrated system of care.
Data & Research
Ad Hoc Committee
Key Goals
Goal 1

• Improve data transparency.
Goal 1: Description

• Expand justice data transparency including access, analysis, and metric design by those most impacted by the justice system.
Discussion

• Questions of Understanding?
• Friendly Amendments?
• Public Comments – Sign Ups?
• Ready to Vote?
Deliberation & Decision
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Community Based System of Care
Ad Hoc Committee

Key Goals
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• Increase Access and Remove Barriers to Community Based Services by addressing the Social Determinants of Health
Motion 1: Endorse Goal 1.

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Goal 2

• Increase Access and Remove Barriers to Community Based Services by addressing the Social Determinants of Health
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• Expand the Community Based System of Care
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• Expand the Community Based System of Care
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Justice System Reform
Ad Hoc Committee

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Motion 1: Endorse Goal 1.

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Goal 2

• Reduce Pretrial Detention and Increase Services
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Goal 4

• Increase and Improve Access to Treatment Services for Court-Involved Clients
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• Improve Reentry Practices
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• Engagement of Currently Incarcerated People
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• Advisory Collaborative of Impacted People
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Data & Research
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Next Steps

Key Goals
Next Steps

• **June 11**: Board of Supervisors Meeting
• **June 14**: ATI Work Group Meeting
• **Survey**: Planning Process Reflections
Public Comments

Additional?