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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
9.		<b>Favor</b>	Abbey Springer	<p>Thank you Supervisors Hahn and Solis for bringing this motion to the table today. ODR's FIST (Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial) program is a tried and true diversion model that has proven itself to not only be effective, but also cost-effective. We urge the Board to stay true to the County's Care First vision by accepting all funding to support the expansion and extension of the FIST program. There is a desperate need for these services, and we cannot in good conscience turn away funding that would benefit our most vulnerable community members.</p> <p>I strongly support the Board's commitment to make a plan to close Men's Central Jail—however, commitment towards a Care First vision is an empty promise without investing in proven diversion models like FIST. In order to close MCJ, the County must lower its jail population by about 4,500 people. Ensuring that ODR has increased funding to move hundreds of people charged with felonies and found incompetent to stand trial out of the jail by doubling the size of its community based restoration program is an essential component of the plan to close MCJ.</p> <p>Currently, there are over 6,000 people in our county jails—or 40 percent of the county jail population—with serious mental health needs, and about 375 are awaiting transfers to the California Department of State Hospitals (DSH), which has essentially halted accepting transfers under COVID-19. There is a dire need for an expansion and extension of FIST. It is inhumane for people charged with felonies and found incompetent to stand trial to languish in cages in the county jail for months or even years while they await transfer to state mental hospitals. Allowing ODR to expand its proven practices treating FISTs by joining the Community Care Demonstration Project is the right thing to do. The Board needs to reclaim and reimagine the county budget process in order to fulfill the promise of racial equity. We cannot continue with business as usual.</p> <p>This should be a simple expansion of a program that ODR has proven to work over the past 3 years to produce improved health outcomes and improved public safety outcomes by serving our loved ones in community-based settings. The Courts and the State have made clear that they are willing to rely on the models that ODR has developed, including the program to serve the needs of those who are charged with felonies but found incompetent to stand trial. There are nearly 400 people in the jails currently, who are stuck there only because they have been found to have such significant mental health needs, that they cannot assist in their own defense or understand the legal proceedings against them. Instead, they are languishing in our jails because there is no mechanism to move them out. ODR and the network of specialized providers that serve this population are ready to take our loved ones out of the jail, and serve them with dignity in the community.</p>



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Sarah Bowers	<p>Yes. Please stay true to ATI by accepting all funding to support the expansion and extension of the FIST program. The program is very effective, very needed, and very cost-effective.</p> <p>In order to close down Men's Central Jail the county has to invest in other models like FIST to lower jail population. ODR needs as many funds as it can get to implement and expand FIST.</p> <p>What concerns me is that expanding FIST should have been easy, but that getting the money the State is trying to send is being delayed and postponed. Why? We have a lot of evidence and studies that FIST is effective, but no investment to expand it has been seen. The County has not allocated funding to ensuring that our loved ones with mental health needs are not being held in the jails disproportionately because of their clinical needs.</p> <p>No other entities in the County have found mechanisms to serve this population safely in our community, besides ODR, and the State is offering funds to expand the beds to begin to make a dent in this population.</p> <p>I demand that the County recognize this human rights atrocity, and pursue every funding opportunity to take this money. This should not be a difficult choice.</p>



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