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of the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Civilian Oversight
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Civilian Oversight Commission:

I am submitting NAMI's letter for General Public Comment at the 2/18 COC meeting on the CCDP-IST Project in tandem with the letter submitted by the ACLU and Justice LA. We would appreciate it if you would acknowledge our support for this initiative.

Mark Gale
NAMI Greater Los Angeles County, Criminal Justice Chair
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February 8, 2021

VIA EMAIL

Honorable Board of Supervisors
Los Angeles County
Hall of Administration, Room 383
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial Community Care Demonstration Project

Dear Chairperson Solis and our Board of Supervisors:

NAMI Greater Los Angeles County, NAMI Westside Los Angeles, and NAMI Urban Los Angeles join in writing you today to reconsider a decision in support of our county's Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial population. We have been active members and partners in Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for our county's law enforcement agencies, the Permanent Steering Committee of the Office of Diversion and Re-entry (ODR), the Alternatives to Incarceration Workgroup, the recently convened Alternatives to Incarceration Initiative, the Men's Central Jail Closure Workgroup, the Alternative Crisis Response Workgroup, the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Oversight Committee, and the Mental Health Commission where NAMI GLAC CEO, Brittney Weissman, serves as Chair.

Few challenges in mental health are more serious or more complex than the Incompetent to Stand Trial population. Our Misdemeanor Incompetent to Stand Trial (MIST) clients represent the very definition of the phrase "the criminalization of the mentally ill." Our county has addressed this dilemma for our MIST population in the county jail with astounding success through innovative Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR) programming. In addition, since July 2018 ODR's Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial (FIST) program has restored 323 individuals while in the jail, thereby avoiding state hospital placements, and another 226 are currently being restored in the community on active court orders. ODR has successfully managed both programs, and we applaud their effort and success.

When the county decided not to build a mental health jail, there were approximately 300-400 justice-involved persons living with serious mental illness who were acutely ill and required the highest level of mental health care. To date, after five years of implementation of the Sequential Intercept Model, the county has offered no remedy for this population beyond the progress by ODR mentioned above.

Yet the state and county systems supporting the IST population are crashing. IST court calendars continue to increase, jails get more crowded with people who should not be there, wait lists and referrals are rising, and individuals are not moving towards treatment and competency restoration as prescribed by law. FIST clients are the most acutely ill and challenging population in the mental health community to address, and for decades they have been "the forgotten ones" left to languish in the LA County jail. This is unconscionable and we understand an opportunity



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has presented itself to the county to address this long-overlooked issue through state funding for a Community Care Demonstration Project for Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial project (CCDP-IST). We ask the County to fully and transparently investigate the possibility of this pilot, which is in complete harmony with our Care First, Jail Last approach of our Alternatives to Incarceration Initiative. To let this opportunity slip through our fingers conflicts with our criminal justice reform movement.

The program stands to move many more justice-involved individuals with very serious mental illness from jail into a therapeutic environment in the community. According to the Rand study, "Estimating the Size of the Los Angeles County Jail Mental Health Population Appropriate for Release into Community Services" (2020), up to 68% of felony ISTs could be treated in a less restrictive therapeutic setting in the community. The remaining 32% of people with very serious mental illness who are not eligible for community placement will need adequate beds in the jail system to receive their constitutionally mandated appropriate level of care. Those who must move to a state hospital level of care should receive the level of treatment they require while waiting for this transition and, perhaps, many will not need to move to the state hospital at all.

We ask you to request a report from the Department of Health Services detailing the ability of the proposed project and state funding to successfully manage this program. We believe the expertise to address these issues resides in Los Angeles County and we should be part of the solution. In the spirit of our countywide criminal justice reform movement, we also respectfully request full public disclosure and stakeholder involvement in this important decision.

Sincerely yours,

Brittney Weissman, CEO
NAMI Greater Los Angeles County



Mark Gale, Criminal Justice Chair
NAMI Greater Los Angeles County



Harold Turner, Executive Director
NAMI Urban Los Angeles



Erin Raftery Ryan, Executive Director
NAMI Westside Los Angeles



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Judge Peter Espinoza (ret.), Director, Office of Diversion and Reentry
Jonathan Sherin, M.D., Ph.D., Director, Department of Mental Health
Health & Justice Deputies, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

Comment received from Yesenia Reyes:

Buenos días comisionados

Mi nombre es Yesenia Reyes

Estoy haciendo un llamado en apollo de mi compañero Cristobal Guardado

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Community Trauma	As we are aware that there are many Christian extremists that have the same ideology as white supremacist in your workforce. What are current or future plans to ensure that people of color are safe and not killed or brutalized by your employees?	
The Sheriff's Police shootings of unarmed African American men..	The Sheriff's Chief have the audacity to ask a sports legend to donate a reward for the apprehension of this violent and dangerous individual, When the same community has deep resentment of the same policing tactics of your deputies in the very same community's you police let's look at the percentages of police violence against people of color vs people of non-color in other community's. We demand answers to like what transpired in the Latasha Harlins murder or Myrtice Richardson murder in Malibu after leaving the Sheriff's station being released after midnight in the dark canyon mountains of Malibu unescorted to walk miles in complete darkness the Golden State Killer was 400 miles away so it wasn't this ex-police officer we demand answers to the unjust beatings and murders by deputies in the County jail system or just riding a bike on the wrong side on the street and being shot 7 times in the back unarmed wait! Darryl Gates LAPD war on drugs incarcerated over 50,000 African American young men in LA county along with Sherriff Corona who served time in prison.. Lee Baca and his underlings who impeded in one of many Federal investigations is now serving time in Federal prison how many of there predecessors turned a blind eye to this racist and corrupted policing system? There was a Black decorated military veteran who exposed systemic racism in Law enforcement his name was Christopher Dorner like Colin Kaepernick and BLM! so Mr. Sherriff your department should be donating reparations to the very same community's that you police and when you finish paying the punitive damages to "All" and with some "Real Reforms"...you may even get an answer for What your searching for!	Dionza Douglas
Public Comment: CCDP-IST Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial;	The three affiliates of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) would like to submit out letter to the Board of Supervisors to the COC in support of the Community Care Demonstration Project for Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial identified and supported by the ACLU and Justice LA. We share their support for developing this program further in Los Angeles County in order to reduce the inappropriate and unnecessary detention in the county jail of individuals declared IST who are charged with felonies which will further advance the county's initiatives to reduce the jail population of those living with serious mental illness. We would like to submit our letter to the Commission in support.	Mark Gale

OIG Review and Analysis of Misconduct Investigations and Disciplinary Process I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to Sheriff Villanueva and the brave men and women of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for their service to the Citizens of Los Angeles County. Silence Dogood

I am concerned that the OIG report "OIG Review and Analysis of Misconduct Investigations and Disciplinary Process" is biased, meant to harass the LA County Sheriff's and Sheriff's Deputies and to ignite tension and incite conflict amongst the Citizens of LA County.

At the December COC meeting IG Max (Gustaf Edler) Huntsman acknowledged he was under criminal investigation by law enforcement. It is highly inappropriate and certainly unethical for IG Max (Gustaf Edler) Huntsman to conduct any IG investigation that pertains to a law enforcement, while under criminal investigation.

IG Max (Gustaf Edler) Huntsman simply has too much incentive to disparage law enforcement for his personal gain.

It is also important to note that the Scope of the IG Report prepared by Max (Gustaf Edler) Huntsman covers the time period 2015 through 2019. Sheriff Villanueva was only Sherriff of LA County for approximately one year. Hardly enough time for Sheriff Villanueva to make sweeping policy changes, especially due to the attacks by COC Chairman Patty Giggans and her friend of 40 years Sheila Kuehl.

Conversely, Max (Gustaf Edler) Huntsman has been the IG since 2014. It is IG Max (Gustaf Edler) Huntsman that failed to address issues of

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On October 6, 2020, interrupting the de-escalation process, LASD fatally shot a Harbor-UCLA patient, Nicholas Burgos. This is yet another example of why armed sheriff's deputies should do not keep in mental health crises safe. The \$35,724,000 spent contracting Sheriffs to be stationed at various Department of Health Services facilities should be divested from law enforcement and reinvested into establishing dedicated de-escalation teams at each hospital, hiring community advocates who can de-escalate conflict while acting as patient advocates, investing in mental health services and response teams, and training private security, hospital staff, and providers in de-escalation, anti-racism, and trauma-informed care that is patient-centered and ethically sound. In particular, the County should fully fund dedicated Code Gold behavioral response teams who are housed at care facilities. Furthermore, the new law on police deadly force that took effect this year, AB 392, emphasizes the importance of using alternative safety measures instead of police force whenever possible to defend the sanctity of life and protect people with disabilities, including mental health disabilities, from police violence. Health care responses to behavioral health crises are alternatives to armed law enforcement responses that already function in County hospitals. This should inform how the County decides to promote health and safety on its medical campuses.

Ashley

2C

We urge you to use your power to create stronger internal and - more importantly - external mechanisms for LASD transparency and accountability. To create a stronger and more transparent complaint process, the County should more deeply involve the Office of Inspector General (OIG) and the COC. The OIG must be utilized to provide real-time monitoring of complaints; create mandatory review of the thoroughness of criminal misconduct investigations; and participate in any disciplinary panels, meetings, or case review boards. Finally, we call for the robust involvement of the Office of the Public Defender Law Enforcement Accountability Project (LEAP), as they can ensure that evidence of deputy misconduct, bias, racism, violence, or dishonesty is uncovered. The Sheriff's adamant refusal to be held accountable requires you, the civilians tasked with overseeing LASD, to do everything in your power to reduce the harm that LASD perpetrates in our communities.

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We've been getting reports from public defenders and community members that they are seeing more and more "thin blue line" or "Blue Lives Matter" messages displayed prominently by Sheriff's deputies, especially in their official capacity. The flag has appeared on desks and in deputies' electronic signature blocks. These are violations of LASD policies, according to its own manual. The COC and OIG should investigate the prevalence of Sheriff's deputies' use of the "thin blue line" flag or similar "Blue Lives Matter" messages, especially when displayed in an official capacity. This needs to be eradicated.

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Thank you, we are grateful for your leadership,
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Thank you, we are grateful for your leadership,
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DAIN MCCCLURG

We know law enforcement in Los Angeles has a "shoot first" policy. They are literally trained to kill and ask questions later. In no way does LASD keep patients, or anyone else in care settings, safe. We need community care advocates who know how to de-escalate and whose priority is safety not shooting.

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Caroline Diehl

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This agenda item brings up is the presence of sheriff's deputies in the hospitals and care settings. On October 6, 2020, LASD fatally shot a Harbor-UCLA patient, Nicholas Burgos. This was the second incident of a patient in a mental health crisis being fatally shot by law enforcement at Harbor-UCLA in the last 5 years. Judy Branfman

In the wake of the killing of Ruben Herrera at Harbor-UCLA, a protocol was developed to prevent any future violence against patients by law enforcement. The Code Gold protocol was designed to limit law enforcement intervention during patient mental health crises in the hospitals by deploying a multi-disciplinary team to de-escalate. The initial protocol included the joint response by Sheriffs, however, the consistent success of Code Gold deployment proved that Sheriff response could be delayed. At Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Sheriff response was initially delayed to 5 minutes, however increasing success resulted in a 20 min delay in response by Sheriffs. It should be noted that Nicholas Burgos was shot within the 20-minute delay, by a Sheriff deputy who actively interrupted the de-escalation process.

In 2019-2020, the County spent \$35,724,000 in contracting Sheriffs stationed at various Department of Health Services facilities. These funds can and should be reallocated toward creating additional dedicated de-escalation teams at each hospital, hiring community advocates who can focus on de-escalating conflict while working as patient advocates, investing in mental health services and response teams, and training private security, hospital staff, and providers in

Agenda Item 2C: About Item 2C, Feb 18, 2021:

Judy Branfman

OIG Review and Analysis of Misconduct Investigations and Disciplinary Process

As community members already know well, and the OIG report confirms, that we just can't expect the police to police itself. The County should strengthen internal mechanisms—and more importantly, create external mechanisms to bring about real transparency and accountability.

I hope you will work to increase transparency of Deputy Discipline and Use of Force. The County should start by mandating automatic, expedited publication of records designated as public records relating to personnel investigations, discipline, uses of force and deputy misconduct. The County could adopt an ordinance or other policy mandating the publication of documents related to uses of force and deputy misconduct once they become public records in order to affirmatively comply with its obligations under the Public Records Act without the need for the public to file a PRA request—costing unnecessary taxpayer funds.

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<p>General Public Comment - FIST (Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial) Program Funding</p>	<p>On FIST Program Funding, Feb 18, 2021: The County has committed to creating a plan to close MCJ, but that commitment towards a Care First vision is an empty promise without investing in proven diversion models, like ODR's FIST (Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial) program.</p>	<p>Judy Branfman</p>
	<p>The state of California agrees with this Care First vision, offering LA County nearly \$200 million this year for the Community Care Demonstration Project, and \$137 million of ongoing funding every year. If the County truly believes in the Care First vision it claims to support, the Board cannot in good conscience reject hundreds of millions of dollars that would support our most vulnerable community members.</p>	
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