



# Santa Cruz County Commission on Justice and Gender

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## Minutes - Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

### Housing and Healthcare Subcommittee

**Date:** Thursday, Jan 9, 2025  
**Time:** 10:00 -11:30 am  
**Location:** Abbott Square  
118 Cooper St. Santa Cruz 95060

1. Roll Call 10:00am

1.1. Present: Brenda Campbell, Evyn Simpson, Sarah Kocjan, Evyn Robles, Sheryl Northeye,  
Janna Rivas (Monarch, representing Leeann Luna), Susan Greene

2. Agenda Review

3. Announcements/Updates

3.1. Point in Time Count (PIT) January 30<sup>th</sup>

3.2. JAG Commission meeting dates for 2025:

February 20, 2025

May 8, 2025

August 21, 2025

November 20, 2025

3.3. January is Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month – also national stalking awareness month. Day of stalking awareness Jan 18<sup>th</sup>

4. Public Comment

*Any person may address the Commission for a period not to exceed 3 minutes on matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission.*

5. Approval of Minutes (Action)

5.1. Motion: Sheryl Norteye Second: Sarah Kocjan

5.2. Ayes: Unanimous

6. Discussion: Looking back and looking forward at subcommittee priorities

6.1. Behavioral Health Needs and Services In and Out of Custody

6.1.1. At November 2024 JAG Commission mtg we heard that people now get released w 30 days of medication but then may have to wait months for an appointment at Emeline to fill a prescription. What is the process and can anything be done to help support people getting prescriptions filled before they run out?

County Behavioral Health representative reported that there are same day and next day appointments at Emeline every day. Also available are bridge medication appts. This will also be repeated at February Commission meeting.

6.2. Administrative Separation

6.2.1. Continued concerns expressed re women in Main Jail, H Unit with more significant behavioral health concerns being isolated for days, weeks, maybe months, and sometimes released from isolation. Psychological effects of solitary confinement discussed and laws dictating prisons use of solitary to be reviewed (even though they do not legally apply to jails).

6.2.2. Last report from SCSO at November 2024 JAG Commission meeting was 6 women were in H Unit restricted to cell 23 hours a day. At the same meeting Chief Dan Freitas reported in his ppt presentation that there were no women in Administrative Separation. Follow up for clarification is planned.

6.2.3. Discussion re inviting NAMI families and/or women who have experienced being in Administrative Separation sharing their experiences and perspectives.

7. Adjournment: 11:30 am

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