

Meeting of the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) and its Executive Committee (CCPEC)

MINUTES

Thursday, February 16, 2017
10 am-12 noon
San Francisco Civic Center Courthouse
400 McAllister Street, Room 617
San Francisco, CA 94102

Members Present: Chief Adult Probation Officer Karen Fletcher (Chair), Tara Anderson for District Attorney George Gascon, Paul Henderson for Mayor Ed Lee, Mark Jacobs for SF Public Defender Jeff Adachi, Craig Murdock for Department of Public Health Director Barbara Garcia, Alexa O'Brien for San Francisco Police Chief William Scott, Ali Riker for San Francisco Sheriff Vicki Hennessy, Beverly Upton (San Francisco Domestic Violence Consortium), and Frank Williams (Senior Ex-Offender Project).

Members Absent: Steve Good (Five Keys Charter School), Jeff Mori (Office of Economic & Workforce Development), Noelle Simmons (Human Services Agency)

1. Call to Order and Introductions.

Chief Fletcher called the meeting to order at 10:07am. She introduced herself and asked others to introduce themselves as well.

2. Public Comment on Any Item Listed Below as for "Discussion Only."

Chief Fletcher asked for public comment and there was none.

3. Review and Adoption of Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2016 (discussion and action).

After members reviewed the minutes, Beverly Upton moved they be adopted. Motion was seconded by Frank Williams. There was no public comment and the motion passed.

4. Staff Report (discussion only): Updated rosters, Meeting schedule, CPOC updates (discussion only)

Karen Shain directed the CCP to the new CCP roster and asked members to update any information that was inaccurate. The next CCP meeting will be on August 17, 2017 in Room 617, 400 McAllister Street, San Francisco.

5. Report on 12/15/16 CCPEC Meeting (discussion only and possible action)

Chief Fletcher discussed the Executive Committee of the CCP which met on December 15, 2016, to discuss common budgetary concerns and budgeting ideas that members had expressed at the CCP meeting last August. It was a far-ranging discussion and many areas of common concern were identified. In particular, there was agreement that the CCP Executive Committee propose that the local innovation fund be administered by the CCP. It was also agreed that any use of the fund would include input by Juvenile Probation.

Some other areas of concern were highlighted at the CCPEC meeting, including the need for interpreter services on an ad hoc basis when clients and others come to offices needing assistance; general agreement about reentry budget transparency; and support for more funding going to Pretrial Diversion Project, as well as support for funding for supportive, transitional reentry housing.

Karen Shain provided the CCP with updates on interpreter services. First, Karen mentioned a need for professional development funds for staff working as interpreters. Next, she suggested an investigation into the possibility that the Department of Human Resources create a designated job classification for interpreters. Last, she stated there appears to be a need for fulltime court interpreters and continuing to learn about the “language line”. Craig Murdock noted that often “language line” does not meet the technical challenges of medical fields and this creates a problem for DPH in using this service.

Tara Agnese mentioned the Office of Judicial Council has information on interpretation resources.

Tara Anderson congratulated the CCP and Chief Fletcher for bringing the budgetary conversation to a public space via the last CCP Executive Committee meeting. Tara discussed the importance of funding pretrial services and the realignment budget. Ali Riker mentioned the SFSD asked for over a million dollars for Pre-Trial last year and only received \$250,000.

Karen Fletcher noted that this is a joint meeting of the CCP and its Executive Committee. She asked for a motion from an Executive Committee member to approve the CCPEC minutes from December 15, 2016. She asked if there were any comments or questions from members about the draft minutes of December 15, 2016, and there were none. Tara Anderson made a motion to adopt the minutes from December 16, 2016, meeting and Alexa O’Brien seconded the motion. CCPEC voted to approve the minutes.

6. Board of State & Community Corrections Recidivism Reduction Grants (discussion only)

Chief Fletcher noted the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) has allotted San Francisco \$475,000 for distribution to community organizations that provide recidivism reduction services to justice-involved adults. The Adult Probation Department has been coordinating efforts to identify these community organizations through a granting process, which has almost reached its endpoint. Lauren Bell explained that the BSCC grants were one-time funds. She stated the solicitation was issued in November 2016, the service categories included community circles, emergency housing vouchers, peer -based mentoring, social activities, welcome home/community appreciation events, and women’s educational achievement. The grants are for \$50,000 each. Lauren suggested that in the future Adult Probation might work with grassroots organizations to help them with their technical skills to apply for grants. She explained that each application was scored and a matrix of scores was compiled. On Friday, February 17, 2017, the grants committee within Adult Probation will meet to discuss the grantee recommendations. The proposals will then be forwarded to Chief Fletcher for final approval. The goal is to make the final selections soon and have the contracts in place by April 1, 2017. Tara Anderson stated that the District Attorney’s Office would like to partner on the technical capacity building of community-based organizations, and Ali Riker suggested bringing in the Controller’s Office to help.

7. LEAD and Proposition 47 Grant Updates (discussion only)

Chief Fletcher introduced Agenda Item #7. The City and County of San Francisco has two opportunities for significant state funding for reentry services. San Francisco’s Department of Public Health has been the lead agency for both applications.

Craig Murdock gave an update on the LEAD and Prop 47 funding applications.

Craig explained that LEAD is a collaborative effort to provide low-level offenders with services. He stated that the funding would expand the CASC hours and staff as the CASC would act as a central hub for LEAD services. Glide Outpatient and the Felton Institute would provide ongoing care to clients. The grant was submitted and DPH is waiting on a response.

Craig went on to explain that the Prop 47 grant is being finalized and the priority for funds will be to expand residential substance abuse treatment services. He said that DPH is working with the Salvation Army to increase treatment and detox beds. He further stated that DPH is also hoping to address the needs of transitional aged youth by partnering with the Felton Institute to provide services to them.

Karen Shain mentioned the Reentry Council is named as the local advisory board if the funds are approved. The LEAD grant is \$5 million, and with leveraged funds, a total of \$7.4 million. Craig Murdock noted that, if funded, LEAD participants will be able to access Prop 47 treatment beds through Salvation Army.

Alexa O'Brien discussed the role of the SFPD as it pertains to LEAD and low level offenders. Craig noted DPH has data on the number of people SFPD dropped off at Dore and the sobering center—approximately 800 people in one year.

Lauren Bell mentioned that there is a planning period written into the grant. The planning period is four months. Tara Anderson mentioned the LEAD discussions have been taking place for a couple of years and they have a lot of information on what worked and didn't work well in Seattle. Frank Williams asked if clinicians would be on site at the CASC. Craig confirmed that there would be.

Mark Jacobs asked if wet housing was included in the LEAD model. Tara Anderson noted the current grant did not include funds for wet housing but that wet housing conversations were ongoing.

8. Roundtable Updates on the Implementation of Public Safety Realignment (AB109) and other comments, questions, and requests for future agenda items (discussion only).

Frank Williams asked CCP members if the CCP would like him to do a presentation on older adults in the criminal justice system and discussed it with reentry. Members agreed they would like to hear about this. Beverly Upton mentioned the Domestic Violence Consortium is working with the Mayor's Office to keep shelter doors open and that domestic violence agencies in San Francisco have signed contracts in place through 2018. Tara Anderson announced the next meeting of the Sentencing Commission will be on March 1, 2017 from 10am to 12pm. Karen Shain stated that the next CCP meeting will include a recommendation for the annual realignment report. The next Reentry Council Meeting will take place on February 23, 2017, at the Bayview Senior Center. Karen also stated that the CASC Expungement Clinic is also taking place on February 23, 2017.

Frank Williams announced that the Bayview Senior Services is hosting the Black Cuisine on March 4, 2017 from 10am to 4pm. Frank also asked if the CCP could apply for prevention campaigns which would allow clients to be paid a stipend for outreach. Chief Fletcher noted that the CCP could not apply for the grant but a lead agency could. Karen Shain will follow up with Frank Williams. Tara Anderson said the Innovative Sub Account Fund might be able to be used for prevention campaigns to provide stipends.

9. Public comment on any item listed above, as well as items not listed on the Agenda.

Chief Fletcher asked for public comment on any item listed above, or on any other topic not listed on the agenda. Robert Cowan, River of Life, discussed expanding his ministry and services at Liberation House. He is looking to partner with the CCP and other reentry agencies.

10. Adjournment.

Chief Fletcher thanked the members of the Community Corrections Partnership and the public for their participation in today's meeting. Paul Henderson moved the meeting be adjourned, Craig Murdock seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 am.