

Meeting of the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)

AGENDA

Thursday, September 11, 2014
10:00am
455 Golden Gate Ave, Auditorium
San Francisco, CA

Note: *Each member of the public may be allotted no more than 3 minutes to speak on each item.*

Chief Wendy Still (Chair), Cristine DeBerry (for District Attorney George Gascón), Steve Good, Paul Henderson (for Mayor Ed Lee), Ali Riker (for Sheriff Ross Mirkarimi), Simin Shamji (for Public Defender Jeff Adachi), Noelle Simmons, Garret Tom (for Chief Gregory Suhr), and Frank Williams.

1. Call to Order and Introductions.
Chief Still called the meeting to order at 10:27am once there was quorum. Chief Still welcomed CCP members and interested members of the public. Chief Still asked CCP members to introduce themselves.
2. Public Comment on Any Item Listed Below as for “Discussion Only.”
Chief Still reviewed the agenda and asked for public comment on any of the Agenda items listed for Discussion only. There was none.
3. Review and Adoption of Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2014.
Chief Still asked members to review the minutes from the July 24, 2014 meeting of the CCP. Chief Still asked for comments and called for a motion to adopt the minutes. Paul Henderson moved to adopt the minutes. Simin Shamji seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 10:30am.
4. Discussion and Possible Adoption of Letter of Support of Application to the Board of State and Community Corrections for a Grant in the Amount of \$250,000 to Fund Community Recidivism and Crime Reduction Services Identified by the Community Corrections Partnership.
Chief Still explained that San Francisco has an opportunity to apply for a grant of \$250,000 from the State, via the Board of Supervisors. Specifically, the Budget Act of 2014 (Chapter 25, Statutes of 2014) allocates \$8 million to the Board of State and Community Corrections for the Community Recidivism Reduction Grant described in Penal Code section 1233.10 (Attachment I). She further explained that counties are eligible to receive funds if the Board of Supervisors, in collaboration with the county’s Community Corrections Partnership, agrees to develop a competitive grant program intended to fund community recidivism and

crime reduction services. In developing the grant program, the Board of Supervisors, in collaboration with the CCP, must establish minimum requirements, funding criteria, grant award limits, and procedures for the county to award grants. Each county must notify the BSCC of their interest in participating in this grant program by September 30, 2014. Chief Still proposed to members that the CCP apply the results of the Risk Needs Responsivity (RNR) pilot project, which the San Francisco Probation Department is embarking on in partnership with George Mason University this fall, to the competitive grant program required by this funding opportunity. She referenced the draft letter for CCP members' review and adoption, which would be included in the application to the BSCC and asked for a motion to adopt the letter. Simin Shamji moved to adopt the letter and Frank Williams seconded. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed at 10:37am.

5. Presentation by Leah Rothstein, Research Director at the Adult Probation Department, on the Risk Needs Responsivity Pilot Project (discussion only).

Leah Rothstein explained that the Risk Needs Responsivity (RNR) Project was developed by Faye Taxman of George Mason University who is now partnering with the San Francisco Adult Probation Department in an effort to inform SFAPD's service procurement and delivery system and further align with client needs. This project is being sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. Essentially, the program tool will look at the needs of clients, through data collected by the COMPAS assessment tool currently being used by SFAPD. Data provided by service providers will be analyzed and the RNR tool will identify areas where programs can be improved and provide recommendations for adjustments to the current service delivery system. Because this tool will allow SFAPD to identify areas for ongoing quality improvement within contracted providers, SFAPD will be able to adjust funding priorities in line with RNR findings. The ultimate goal of this project will be to identify the gaps in services for clients and to fill them with appropriate deliverables.

Frank Williams asked Leah how reliable COMPAS is and how often it is updated for clients. She responded that there are several upcoming studies that will examine COMPAS validity and inter-rater reliability. She also assured him that COMPAS assessments are updated every 6 months for clients.

6. Discussion of Letter of Interest, Jointly Submitted by the Sheriff's Department and Adult Probation Department, to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to develop a Community Based Reentry Center.

Chief Still reminded CCP members that CDCR is under a court order to reduce its prisoner population as a result of the *Plata* and *Coleman* litigation against the State. In addition, one of the provisions of the court order authorizes CDCR to enter into contract with counties to transition inmates back to the community up to 365 days prior to their prison release date. As a result of this, there is currently a huge push to get inmates out of CDCR custody 365 days early. She explained that the possibilities for program design are wide open, including locked facilities, step down facilities, transitional housing, and day treatment centers.

Chief Still directed members to a letter of interest submitted jointly by the Sheriff and Adult Probation, proposing to bring both PRCS and parole inmates back to the Reentry Pod in

County Jail 2 up to 365 days ahead of their release. Furthermore, she explained that APD hopes to create a clean and sober transitional housing program for up to 60 individuals at a site on 6th Street. The goal of these efforts would be to transition individuals out of custody through the Reentry Pod, provide them with transitional supportive housing, and eventually transition them to employment opportunities, as well as rental subsidy programs. She also referenced conversations that she had with Mimi Silbert of Delancey Street Foundation about the possibility of partnering with her organization to offer slots to SFAPD clients.

Noelle Simmons inquired about the length of possible stay for clients at this proposed transitional housing facility and Chief Still said that it would be up to a year.

There were no other questions or comments at this point.

7. Formulating Strategic Priorities for Implementation of Comprehensive Criminal Justice Reform in San Francisco, and Developing Year Three Realignment Plan and Report. Chief Still began by thanking all members who contributed to the drafting of a criminal justice master plan framework. She then introduced Jennifer Scaife, Director of the Reentry Division, to walk members through the drafts and discuss the next steps on creating the Realignment Plan.

Jennifer began by thanking members for their contributions and acknowledged that the current plan is still very much a work in progress. She reminded the CCP members that the initial idea was to partner with Stanford or another institution that has experience in creating a master plan for a jurisdiction. She acknowledged the feedback received from DA's office, indicating that some of the ideas were to add a column "Goals" in order to attract outcomes and to add "Precharging" as a point along the process. This would allow the DA to exercise more flexibility and creativity. Jennifer reiterated the global recommendation to think about victims at every point. It has been suggested that a possible partner document or additional columns be added that would run parallel to address victims.

Jennifer then asked Cristine DeBerry from the DA's office for additional comments. Cristine acknowledged that much more work is needed and reminded members of the importance of calling out certain populations – victims, juveniles, and the community. She stressed the value of finding ways to engage the community in the public safety challenge and need to discover how to motivate them.

Simin Shamji followed by complimenting the draft as a great start. She stressed the importance and need to be explicit about identifying funding resources to each step. She suggested adding a column, "Resource Identification and Funding Sources".

Chief Still suggested that we look at other universities with expertise that could lend itself in helping us through this process. She stated that the MacArthur Foundation is getting ready to issue grants to programs whose goal is to reduce reliance on incarceration and create alternatives to incarceration.

Noelle Simmons suggested thinking about housing strategies outside of “capital expenses”, indicating that there are lower cost interventions that need to be considered.

Jennifer closed by saying that she hopes to continue to expand this conversation during the Realignment planning meetings every Friday. She announced that we received approval from BJA for funding for Phase 2 of the JRI and this funding will cover all three strategies.

8. Regular Update on the Implementation of the *San Francisco Women’s Community Justice Reform Blueprint*, with Presentation by Danielle Evans, Director of Women’s Services, Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice.
Danielle Evans, Director of Women’s Services at CJCJ, gave an overview of Cameo House, the APD funded alternative sentencing program. She explained that Cameo House is trying to identify women who are most at risk and screen them for the program and offer intensive clinical services, as an alternative to incarceration. She explained that Cameo House is an evidence based treatment that provides a highly structured program, including a full time therapist, a child advocate, individual and group therapy, and gender responsive curricula. In addition, there is daily nutritional programming, recovery groups, and case management, with treatment plans aimed at linking women to services which address socioeconomic barriers. Danielle reiterated that the overall goal of the program, in partnership with HSA, is permanent placement in housing with life skills that will allow participants to be successful. Steve Good applauded this program and called for replication so that more parenting women may stay with their children in lieu of jail. Cristine DeBerry commented that additional programs like Cameo House are needed as alternatives to the jail rebuild. She reiterated the importance of rethinking the jail rebuild and challenged CCP members to deliver these alternatives to the Mayor and the Board.
9. Roundtable Updates on the Implementation of Public Safety Realignment (AB109) and other comments, questions, and requests for future agenda items.
Chief Still called for requests for future agenda items. Steve Good suggested a report on the Adult Education Consortium findings and Ali Riker requested an update on JRI. Cristine DeBerry would like to ask HSA and DPH to bring numbers on mental health and substance abuse services and utilization in hopes of identifying service needs and gaps. She indicated that this should shape the type of locked facility San Francisco will use to replace the current jail and noted that these demographics should drive additional facilities. Frank Williams would like to do a presentation focused on the specific needs of the older adult population (seniors). Chief Still followed by stating that we need data prior to the development of a master plan. Finally, Chief Still announced that after five years with San Francisco Adult Probation, she will be retiring at the end of 2014. Members noted her extraordinary contributions to the shape of community corrections in San Francisco and expressed regret about her departure.
10. Public comment on any item listed above, as well as items not listed on the Agenda.

Chief Still thanked members and the interested public who attended the meeting and invited any members of the public to come forward to public comment. There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment.

Chief Still thanked members and staff and announced that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, November 6th. Simin Shamji took this time to thank Chief Still for her work and her vision and reiterated that she will be missed. Simin Shamji motioned and Paul Henderson seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:52pm.