

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

MINUTES

Thursday, July 24, 2014
10:00am
455 Golden Gate Ave, Auditorium
San Francisco, CA

Members in Attendance: Chief Wendy Still (Chair), Law Clerk Representative for the Mayor's Office (for Mayor Ed Lee), Commander Redmond (for Chief Gregory Suhr), Cristine Soto DeBerry (for District Attorney George Gascón), Beverly Upton, Steve Good, Ali Riker (for Sheriff Ross Mirkarimi), Craig Murdock (for Jo Robinson), Public Defender Jeff Adachi (also represented by Simin Shamji for a portion of the meeting), Frank Williams, Greg Asay, and James Whelley (for Steve Arcelona)

1. Call to Order and Introductions.

Chief Still called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. 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 May 23, 2014 (discussion & possible action). Chief Still asked members to review the minutes from the May 23, 2014 meeting of the CCP. Chief Still asked for comments and called for a motion to adopt the minutes. Ali Riker moved. Jim Whelley seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 10:09.

4. Overview of State Budget and Policy Developments (discussion only).

Chief Still directed attention towards the Budget and Policy Highlights document found on pg. 15 of the meeting packet, and offered some analysis. In particular, Chief Still directed member attention to information pertaining to the following: Presumptive Split Sentences, Mentally Ill Offenders Crime Reduction Grants, Community Recidivism Reduction Grant, Community Reentry Facilities, Mandate Repayment, and CalFresh Benefits Expansion.

Chief Still inquired if there were any questions. There were none.

Additionally, Chief Still shared that the AB109 funding methodology is up for review, and that she continues to advocate and inform the state of California regarding the broader benefits of having a

funding allocation that rewards counties for preventing individuals from returning to custody as opposed to a methodology that relies on numbers of individuals sent back to prison. Next, Chief Still offered that there soon could be opportunity to work more collaboratively with state parole, and requested member thoughts on more robust collaborative work.

The CCP was in agreement that local criminal justice partners should expand and strengthen a partnership with parole.

Ali Riker mentioned that the Sheriff's Department and Agent Farnsworth/Parole were already in discussions about how to partner for the benefit of clients in a Parole Court.

DPH shared that the BASN Parolee Service Network had expired this year, and that CCSF is now providing services to parolees with no reimbursement. DPH stated that they will reach out to the Collaborative Courts to see if there is opportunity there. Chief Still then shared that she seeks to expand the PAC court and is working with others to create a TAY court.

Cristine Soto DeBerry spoke about the SF Strong Transitional Housing Project that is a partnership of the DA's Office and Delancey Street Foundation, and suggested that a logical partnership with parole could expand SF Strong. Additionally, Ms. DeBerry suggested that the CCP bring Bevan Dufty into the conversation. Chief Still offered that she would reach out to Bevan Dufty and set up a working group for participation by all, and that she would also reach out to Millicent Tidwell, CDCR Undersecretary of Programs to see if Ms. Tidwell could attend a working group meeting to further discuss possibilities of CCSF working more closely with parole.

Beverly Upton stated that the DV committee stands united with the CCP on this front.

PD Jeff Adachi suggested that a new partnership look to innovative model like Stanford University's Project ReMADE, a project that trains formally incarcerated people to run their own businesses.

5. Presentation on FY 14/15 Budget by Jason Cunningham, Fiscal and Policy Analyst, Mayor's Budget Office (discussion only).

Jason Cunningham was unable to attend the meeting. In his absence, Chief Still shared information regarding the distribution of AB109 dollars across San Francisco for FY 14/15, and asked members to review the allocation spreadsheet provided in the packet.

San Francisco's allocation is \$20,696,246. In the fall, there will be another allocation representing growth for FY 13/14 based on state tax receipts and the formula allocation.

Chief Still expressed appreciation that Governor Brown heard the request from municipal police departments, and specifically allocated AB109 funds for policing work.

Turning to SB678, Chief Still expressed tremendous appreciation for CCSF's continuing success around probation failure to state prison. The success has resulted in San Francisco achieving a high performance grant status. Chief Still suggested that it would be a good time for CCSF to look even more deeply at the

return on the AB109 investment, and requested that each department make a future presentation on allocations, challenges, and successes.

6. Presentation on Implementation of AB720 Inmate Medi-Cal Enrollment by Noelle Simmons, Deputy Director of Policy and Planning, Human Services Agency (discussion only).

HSA's Deputy Director of Policy and Planning Noelle Simmons addressed members, and provided information on the implementation of AB720.

The implementation of AB720 is a collaborative effort that includes Jail Health, the SF Sheriff's Department, and the SF Adult Probation Department.

In short, AB720 permits the enrollment of county jail inmates into healthcare coverage while they are in custody. Additionally, it authorizes the Human Services Agency to suspend, not cut benefits to inmates. The Sheriff's Department is named as the enrollment authority for inmates of County Jail.

The current plan is to pilot the initiative, and focus on inmates who are 30-90 days to release, plus all inmates of the Reentry Pod. There will be approximately 150 people in the pilot group. The Sheriff's Department Deputies will help inmates fill out the forms, and will pass the forms along to the Sheriff Department's Community Programs Division. Jail Health and the Community Programs Division will complete the document.

The goal is to finalize eligibility prior to release. Eligibility will be good for one year, after which time a person must renew eligibility.

There is an additional goal of linking inmates to other benefit such as CAAP and CalFresh while they are in custody.

The 150 people in the pilot project will be tracked and supported post release. The pilot project will allow the collaborative to gauge if the enrollment and retention effectiveness, workload, and best practices. The hope is to expand to all inmates regardless of release date.

Parallel to the pilot project, DPH has been working with Jail Health and the Sheriff's Department to enroll inmates. DPH estimates that approximately 200-300 inmates have been enrolled.

Cristine Soto DeBerry inquired if mental health services are available through this work. Ms. Simmons clarified that healthcare coverage does include mental health and substance abuse services. It also allows for reimbursement of non-specialty mental health services for individuals without acute issues. DPH is seeking best methods of implementing the acute and non-acute services, and will update CCP members on services roll out as the plan is formalized.

Chief Still stated that sex offender treatment services required under the state of California's Containment Model are billable under Medi-Cal if the client meets medical necessity. She also shared that inmates in state custody are also participating in pre-release healthcare and benefits enrollment.

Ms. Simmons underscored that starting April 1, 2015, the lifetime benefits ban for people with certain drug felony convictions would be lifted.

7. Presentation by Steve Good, Executive Director, Five Keys Charter School on Introduction of Tablet Technology in Partnership with Adult Probation Department and Sheriff's Department (discussion only).

5 Keys Charter School Executive Director Steve Good introduced CCP members to a burgeoning Tablet Technology project that 5 Keys is rolling out in partnership with the San Francisco Sheriff's Department and the San Francisco Adult Probation Department.

5 Keys Charter School received funding from the California Wellness Foundation to implement a tablet project to both bridge the digital divide for criminal justice involved individuals, and to increase access to learning, and to reentry content.

In short, the tablets will be uploaded with curricula of courses taught in custody. Clients can access course curricula outside of regular class times. The tablets will include links to other web based resources to help augment the curriculum. Some specific curricula on the tables will include basic digital literacy, MS Office certification, coding curriculum, and Wordpress – web page design.

The tablet project will focus on inmates in custody, but 5 Keys is looking into how it may roll out the tables into the community at places like the Community Assessment and Services Center.

The tablets will be secured inside of an indestructible box, will be constantly monitored by staff, will offer very limited and monitored web access, and include a tracking mechanism, and an on/off switch that is all controlled by assigned program administrators.

8. Update on Implementation of Secure Reentry Program Facility Contract with California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (discussion only).

Matt Freeman, Chief of the Custody Division at the Sheriff's Department provided a status update on the implementation of the Secure Reentry Facility contract with California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR).

The Sheriff's Department entered into a contract with CDCR for the purpose of bringing eligible individuals to San Francisco County Jail, Reentry Pod 60 days prior to release so that individuals can connect with the Reentry Pod, and Community Assessment and Services Center team. To date one inmate has returned early, but was only in the Reentry Pod for a short time. The Sheriff and Chief of Adult Probation are talking with CDCR about expanding eligibility beyond the 60 days.

A steady flow of eligible clients continues to be housed in the Reentry Pod. The Reentry Pod continues to have full day, wrap around support services focused on cognitive behavioral groups, relapse prevention, educational and vocational programming, and other therapeutic interventions.

9. Regular Update on the Implementation of the *San Francisco Women's Community Justice Reform Blueprint* (discussion only).

There was a May 28, 2014 Women's Blueprint meeting that was well attended, and was another demonstration of commitment by the diverse collaborative.

Chief Still reported that Cameo House, the alternative sentencing program is now fully active, and has capacity for up to 11 women, and 22 children. APD is also continuing to consolidate and create gender responsive case loads. A next step is to activate the Women's COMPAS.

Ali Riker shared that the Sheriff's Department is exploring new uses of the Women's Reentry Center, and seeks to update the kitchen and create an in-house vocational program.

10. Formulating Strategic Priorities for Implementation of Comprehensive Criminal Justice Reform in San Francisco (discussion and possible action).

Chief Still addressed the need for a citywide criminal justice master plan, particularly given the remarkable decline in numbers of individuals on supervision in the City and the low county jail count even in the era of Realignment, and recounted that CCP members have signaled interest in creating a unified master plan that takes into consideration policies, practices, services, and capital projects like the replacement jail project, and reentry focused housing.

Chief Still directed members to the color document in your materials labeled San Francisco Comprehensive Criminal Justice Master Plan, and shared that it reflects contributions from members since the last CCP meeting. Chief Still informed the members that the table is a draft document for discussion, and assured members that staff would take notes and compile everyone's contributions into an expanded document. Chief Still suggested that at the next meeting that the CCP members discuss what components to prioritize, and set them to a timeline.

The Chief asked CCP members for their thoughts on Master Plan priorities.

Craig Murdock offered the continuing need for stabilization, and affordable, long term housing for this population. Simin Shamji (representing Public Defender Adachi who had to leave the CCP meeting early) stated that the plan should focus strongly on substance abuse treatment, and that sentencing reform and a discussion of racial disparities should also be a part of the discussion. She also suggested that the plan include expanded collaborative courts.

Commander Redmond stated that the San Francisco Police Department should understand services resources, and have as many options as possible for solving problems. More specifically, the Police Department should have expanded resources for addressing individuals with mental health challenges. The Police Department is interested in street level referrals.

Ali Riker offered that the plan should reflect a strong partnership of DPH and SFAPD so that individuals in the system go through a continuum of care. Additional elements should include pre-booking diversion, cross system reforms, and a deeper look at the impact of mental illness on pretrial detention and racial disparities.

Cristine Soto DeBerry stated a concern with the budget process, and questioned if it was in alignment with a criminal justice planning process. The DA's office requested new funds for programs and initiatives aimed at being innovative and reducing recidivism, and they were not funded via the budget process. Ms. DeBerry questioned how well these bodies influenced budget decisions, and offered that the Board of Supervisors and Mayor's Office don't have the same expertise as members of criminal justice planning bodies, but they are making budget decisions. As a specific example, she shared information on the DA's Office Alternative Sentencing Planner (ASP) position. The DA's office estimates that the ASP

has shaved \$5million from CDCR due to avoided state prison convictions. Yet the DA's office didn't get funding for two additional ASP positions.

Ms. DeBerry also suggested that the plan make recommendations for two additional, broad goals: Develop a plan for sharing data across systems, and within a context of parallel justice, also include recommendations for victims of crime. She also stated the need for the plan to address housing for victims of domestic violence and human trafficking.

Chief Still shared that APD asked for funds for victim services and were unsuccessful in receiving support for proposed projects, but wants to restart the dialogue very soon.

Beverly Upton stated that the DV community supports data driven ways of focusing more intense work on individuals that need it the most. She underscored that the DV community works with victims every day who are cowering in the shadows, and that DV providers house 20-30 families who are literally running for their lives. Ms. Upton concurs that there should be a CCP driven agenda for budget advocacy. Lastly, Ms. Upton recommends that the Master Plan focus on trauma informed services, and recommend expanded clean and sober living.

Frank Williams made statements focused on the overrepresentation of African American men in the criminal justice system, and the importance of continued focus, and problem solving of this complex issue. He stated a need to look at improvements in the education system. He also stated the need to continue to look at how discrimination impacts men of color and overrepresentation in the system. He stated that community, violence prevention programs, like Brothers Against Guns and Young Community Developers need to be funded. He stressed that the Bayview Hunters Point community produces the highest number of individuals in the criminal justice system, but the funds don't return to the community. He also stated that the plan should include greater opportunities for formerly incarcerated individuals to make a difference in their communities.

Chief Still offered that in addition to addressing racial disproportionality, criminal justice partners need to keep looking at bail reform, and reminded members that the JRI will evaluate racial disproportionality in San Francisco, and make recommendations for improvements. The Chief also shared her desire to open a Community Assessment and Services Center in the Bayview.

Chief Still stated that Master Plan next steps include filling in all of the components, and prioritizing the components. She stated that Stanford University will help with the development of the Master Plan.

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

There were no comments, questions or requests for future agenda items offered during this item.

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

Laura Thomas of the Drug Policy Alliance encouraged the CCP members to use the Master Plan development process as an opportunity to think big, to think of criminal justice in 2050, not just 2015. She also encouraged the CCP to ensure the engagement of formerly incarcerated individuals and the community in the Master Plan development process.

13. Adjournment.

Beverly Upton moved to adjourn. Cristine Soto DeBerry seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 11:55pm.