

Notes from Direct Services Committee 01/10/19

1. Meeting started with a retro check in about discussions of November 2018 meeting
2. Some subcommittee decisions were made at some of the last meetings
 - a. Such as Unexcused Absences
 - b. If members have 2 missed meetings without communication they will be removed from subcommittee
 - i. LB to reach out to members with unexcused absences, and let them know that while they can no longer be a sitting member on the subcommittee, they are welcome to return as the public
 - c. We discussed some of the bylaws of the subcommittee
 - i. Participation is mandatory
 - ii. 2 Unexcused absences will allow for members to be removed
 - iii. LB will send by laws to subcommittee members
 - iv. Apply bylaws, and if we do can people still participate
3. RC SEATS - Mayoral seats needed
 - a. LB to reach out to Mawuil/Mayor's Office for status update
 - b. 2 seats left
 - i. 1 TAY Seat for clients 18-35
 - ii. Someone requested for an application for a possible candidate
 - c. General Application
 - i. Person would sit on Reentry Council
 - d. LB will email Alex Director of CASC application he would like to see who would be a perspective client/ prior client that would be interested
4. WORKGROUPS
 - a. We discussed eliminating the Stop the Violence Workgroup
 - i. Workgroup lead has competing priorities/not enough participation
 - b. In-custody – Breadwinners/Toast Masters is still active
 - i. Destiny volunteered to attend group
 - ii. Angela already provides services in the Pod
 - iii. Victoria may be able to attend/will follow up with Ernest
 - c. Group committed to sustaining a Voting Outreach and Education Workgroup and to CHANGE the working title to "Civic Engagement Working Group"
 - i. The work of this group will be particularly active during election cycles.
 - ii. This group will also lead community engagement/education efforts to inform the community about reentry legislation that was passed at the state level and what is the impact on community
 1. For example – AB 2138 – Occupational Licensing. This workgroup can update the community on this success/the impact of the bill.
 2. LB will send the FAQ sheets for each of the pieces of leg that were passed and call on Direct Services subcommittee members to envision how to present the information to the community during a workshop session.
 - d. Reentry Navigation Workgroup – Victoria is lead. Angela interested in joining

- i. LB to reach out to HSH and set up a meeting of HSH, Victoria and Angela
 - e. The group wants to keep Peer Specialist work on the table and to continue to chip away at how they can support the implementation of more peer specialist opportunities.
 - f. The group wants to keep “Warm Hand-offs and Late Night Releases on the table and continue to chip away at how they can make an impact on improving releases and handoffs.
 - g. Led by PD Demarris Evans, the group will continue to work with SFSD on efforts to reduce the exclusion list for disqualifying offenses so that more inmates can participate in community programs.
 - i. Related to program limitations/prohibitions, the group talked about limited services (in and out of custody) for Trans Men and limited services for Trans Women – wants to continue to support services expansion.
 - h. Justice involved TAY youth
 - i. APD attended the Mayor’s Rise Up, TAY focused, multi-agency and community effort which was hosted by HSH
 - 1. Need more community voices at this conversation. APD will reach out to HSH re: next meeting and inviting more members of the subcommittee
5. RETREAT - Reflections
- a. Last Retreat was very structured and well organized
 - b. We Shepard the Process really well
 - c. Set up was good
 - d. The mix of Policy/Small Group was great idea
 - e. Space was really amazing and set the tone
 - f. Group lead to great conversations
 - g. We all got to meet new people that provide an array of services
 - h. Need a contact list and some background information on the people attending our meetings – LB to look into creating list
6. GENERAL THOUGHTS on COMMITTEE IMPROVEMENTS
- a. Administrative brush ups
 - i. Put approved meeting dates on everyone’s calendars
 - 1. LB to confirm where the meetings are scheduled
 - ii. Take meeting notes and ensure they are shared out
 - iii. More follow up on action items identified
 - iv. We need to have more coordinated efforts across committees
 - v. LB needs to
 - b. We need to better define what the workgroups are doing and why
 - i. Move from staying stuck in abstract to specific action
 - ii. Some of our Groups are very broad and not specific enough
7. NEW IDEAS
- a. Angela discussed Parole Letters
 - i. She receives a lot of them. Can the Direct Services subcommittee provide services information and other details to support strong/viable reentry plans of people returning home from state prison?

- b. PD Demarris Evans who was unable to attend, but emailed information – made a request that this year the group look at strategies for eliminating for profit phone calls from the jails. This has been accomplished in New York.

8. Next Steps

- a. The Reinvisioning the Jail process touched on a lot of the ideas covered by the Direct Services subcommittee.
 - i. LB to see if someone who worked on the process could provide history and
- b. Annual Archdiocese/Reentry Council - Reentry Service Dinner/ Conference
 - i. All hands on deck!
 - ii. We will work with Ernest about Community Appreciation Dinner event and get a list of items the he needs support with report back to the group
 - iii. We need date so we can lock it down
 - iv. We are looking at June 6th at St. Marys waiting for confirmation
 - v. LB to meet with Julio to discuss
- c. Jeanie Austin of SF Public Library shared that the library has funds to support community events/speakers at SF public libraries. She can be reached at Jeanie.Austin@sfpl.org for more information.