

# Reentry Council

## City & County of San Francisco

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### Draft Minutes

Thursday, October 25, 2018

10am- noon

St. Anthony's Foundation

150 Golden Gate Avenue

San Francisco, CA 94102

**Members Present:** Tara Anderson, representing District Attorney George Gascón (co-chair); Jana Taylor, representing Chief Adult Probation Officer Karen Fletcher (co-chair); Sheriff Vicki Hennessey (co-chair); Mawuli Tugbenyoh, Mayor Breed's Representative (co-chair); Angelica Almeida, Department of Public Health; Ian Fregosi representing Supervisor Sandra Lee Fewer's Office; Lucero Herrera, Mayoral Appointee; Aspen Marshall, California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation, Division of Parole Operations; Jeffrey Mori, Office of Economic and Workforce Development; Chief Juvenile Probation Office Allen Nance; Karen Roye, Director, Department of Child Support Services; Emily Cohen Department of Homelessness & Supportive Housing; Susie Smith, Human Services Agency; Lisa Lightman representing Superior Court of California; Laura Moye, Department of Children, Youth & Their Families; Angela Coleman, Board Appointee; Veronica Ramirez, U.S. Probation Office, Northern District of California;

**Members Absent:** James Lowden, Board Appointee, Jose Bernal, Board Appointee; Simin Shamji, representing Public Defender Jeff Adachi (co-chair), Chief William Scott, San Francisco Police Department

#### 1. Call to Order and Introductions

Sherriff Vicki Hennessey (co-chair) called the meeting to order at 10:07 am and she thanked members of the council and members of the public for attending the meeting. Sherriff Hennessey introduced herself then acknowledged her co-chairs. Sherriff Hennessey instructed the other council members to also introduce themselves.

Sherriff Hennessey noted a full agenda and asked everyone for help in sticking to agenda items during discussion. She then introduced Geoffrea Morris, the Reentry Policy Planner for the Adult Probation Department and thanked Geoffrea for organizing the meeting.

#### 2. Public Comment

Public Comment on Any Item Listed Below as for "Discussion Only." (**NOTE:** public comment on items listed as "possible action" will occur during that agenda's time.)

There was no public comment.

#### 3. Introduction of New Reentry Council Members (discussion only)

Sherriff Hennessey welcomed the new Reentry Council members Victoria Westbrook and Theodore "Teddy" Toliver. Victoria Westbrook and Teddy Tolliver briefly introduced themselves. Sherriff Hennessey thanked all the Board and Mayoral Appointees for their participation.

#### 4. Review and Adoption of Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2018 (discussion & possible action)

Sherriff Hennessey asked the Council to review the minutes of August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting. She asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the draft minutes. Jeff Mori suggested a correction - Mr. Joaquin Torres actual title is the "Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development." Sheriff Hennessey asked that the correction to Mr. Torres title be made. Sheriff Hennessey asked if there was a motion to adopt the Reentry Council minutes from August 16, 2018. Jeff Mori motioned to adopt the minutes and Angela Coleman seconded it. Sheriff Hennessey asked if there was any public comment related to the minutes from August 16, 2018. Since there was no comment Sheriff Hennessey asked for a vote. The motioned passed and the minutes were adopted.

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### 5. Staff Report on Activities of the Reentry Council and its Subcommittees (discussion & possible action)

Sheriff Hennessey asked Geoffrea Morris, Reentry Policy Planner from the Adult Probation Department to give the Council members a staff update focusing on the activities of the Reentry Council and its Subcommittees.

#### A. Staff updates (discussion only)

- a. Racial equity work (moved to Item # 6)
- b. Calendar of Meetings and Locations:
  - Geoffrea Morris asked that council members to please put the future scheduled reentry Council meetings in their calendars.
- c. Women's Gender Responsive Work:
  - Geoffrea discussed the Adult Probation Department's (APD) launch of the new Gender Identify Cards. Each APD client will be asked to complete the new Gender Identity card which will provide APD with more accurate and inclusive gender identity data. Geoffrea also announced that APD will be launching a new Motherhood program in January 2019 called, "Mother Matters."
- d. Report on the Mayoral Seats:
  - Geoffrea discussed how difficult it has been to fill the TAY seat. Geoffrea and others are working collaboratively with the Mayor's Office, inclusive of outreach, to fill the seat.
- e. Governor Signed/Vetoed CA Legislation:
  - Geoffrea mentioned that 7 bills supported by the Reentry Council all passed. Geoffrea referred to page 23 of the packet which reflected the status of each piece of legislation. In summary:

Introduced Reentry Council	RC Endorsement	City's State/Leg Endorsement	Originating House	Passed the Second House	Signed/ Veto Notes
AB2138: Occupational licensing	YES	YES	YES	YES	SIGNED
SB 906: Statewide Peer Specialist Certification	YES	YES	YES	YES	VETOED
SB1393: Sentencing reform – Judicial sentencing discretion regarding prior serious felonies	YES	YES	YES	YES	SIGNED
SB1437: Sentencing reform – Reform to accomplice liability	NO	N/A	YES	YES	SIGNED
SB1105: Expands Vehicle Code Section 41500 immunity to individuals in local detention facilities	YES	N/A	NO	N/A	
SB1025: Sentencing reform – Probation eligibility for drug offenses	YES	YES	YES	NO	
SB1392: Sentencing reform – Judicial sentencing discretion regarding prior prison or jail terms	YES	N/A	NO	N/A	
SB 10: Ball Reform	YES	YES	YES	YES	SIGNED

- f. San Francisco Youth Commission:
  - Geoffrea asked the Council to turn to page 24 of the packet which is a flyer for town hall event discussing issues that impact of justice-involved homeless adults between the ages of 18-25.
  - Geoffrea also asked members to note the flyer in their packet, advertising a 11/5/18 Town Hall discussion sponsored by Adult Probation focused on issues facing justice involved TAY.
- g. Status on Reentry Council Ordinance Renewal:
  - Geoffrea noted the Rules committee supported the continuation of the Reentry Council and that it would go to the full board for approval.
- h. Report back on the Reentry Conference and Resource Fair
  - Geoffrea Morris introduced Steve Adami, the Adult Probation Departments Reentry Services Manager. Steve provided a brief recap of the San Francisco Archdiocese's Reentry Conference and Resource Fair that took place on September 7, 2018.
- i. Funding the Getting Out and Staying Out Guide Resource Guide:

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- Steve Adami reported to the Council that the revisions to the 2018/19 were nearly done and that he or Lauren Bell would be reaching out to other departments regarding sharing costs of producing the printed guide. He mentioned the last time the guide went to print that 3500 copies were printed but this time they would be printing only 1200 copies. Steve also provided a brief update of the work going on to turn the resource guide into an online, searchable, directory. Steve mentioned they have been working closely with The Last Mile (a coding program in San Quentin State Prison) to complete the digitized version of the guide.. Tara Anderson from the District Attorney's Office asked if General Funds dollars could be utilized rather than asking every year. Steve mentioned that since the Council is an unfunded body, APD would be seeking contributions from individual departments.

### **B. Subcommittee Updates:**

#### **a. Subcommittees Retreat on December 3, 2018:**

- Geoffrea mentioned the upcoming Subcommittee retreat on December 3, 2018 and shared that the retreat will result in a subcommittee strategic plan that will be reviewed by the Council.

### **6. Regular Update on Activities of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, Sentencing Commission, Collaborative Courts, and Community Corrections Partnership, LEAD, Prop 47 (discussion only)** JJCC:

- There were no new updates to report.

#### **Sentencing Commission:**

- Karen Roye stated the last meeting was held September 12, 2018. She mentioned the meeting covered three key areas: 1) SF's Racial Equity Statement which was adopted by the sentencing Commission; 2) presentation on procedural justice by the DA's Office's Katy Miller, and 3) presentation on taking action to eliminate racial disparities by W. Haywood Burns Institute. The next Sentencing Commission meeting will be held December 12, 2018 focusing on jail reduction using the MacArthur grant.

#### **Collaborative Courts**

- Lisa Lightman provided a report on Collaborative Court activities and referred the Council to page 26 and 27 of their packets regarding data collected by the collaborative courts. She noted that Young Adult Court has expanded and received much attention. Lisa also mentioned that Collaborative Courts was pursuing two grants intended to support Drug Court and Veterans Court. Jeff Mori asked for clarification around YAC court graduation rates.

#### **Community Corrections Partnership (CCP):**

- APD Chief Deputy, Jana Taylor, reported on the August 16, 2018 CCP meeting. Two new members were appointed to the CCP—Stephanie Garcia Cedric Akbar.

#### **LEAD:**

- Angelica Almeida provided an update on LEAD and Prop 47. The LEAD grant is scheduled to end in June 2019. To date, LEAD has received 212 referrals—primarily out of the Mission district and the Tenderloin.

#### **Prop 47:**

- Angelica Almeida provided an update on Prop 47. The PROSPER grant is currently serving clients at Harbor Lights until 2020.

There was no public comment.

### **7. Presentation on Racial Equity Statement (discussion and possible action).**

At the August Reentry Council meeting, a Racial Equity Statement was presented to the Reentry Council for consideration. Since that meeting, the Racial Equity Statement has been passed by various criminal justice governing bodies, as a guiding principles to address and eliminate racial disparities within the criminal justice system.

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Sheriff Hennessey called upon Geoffrea Morris and Tara Anderson to talk more about the Racial Equity work happening through the Government Alliance on Racial and Equity (GARE) initiative and why the Reentry Council should formally endorse the Criminal Justice Racial Equity Statement.

Geoffrea Morris directed the Council to the Racial Equity statement on Page 30 of the packet and shared how the statement was born out of GARE. Tara Anderson informed the Council that as a next step, discussions on how to develop strategies to implement the statement throughout the criminal justice partners would take place through a Sentencing Commission work group. Tara Anderson highlighted the enthusiasm Chief Nance shared in ensuring participation by the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council as well.

Karen Roye expressed appreciation for the racial equity work taking place among San Francisco's criminal justice partners, but asked that there be a broader reach to support this work. Jeff Mori seconded the comments.

Ian Fregosi shared that Supervisor Fewer intends to develop an Office of Racial Equality that aligns with the Criminal Justice Racial Equity statement and the broader work of GARE. Susie Smith stated that as a GARE participant, HSA has closely reviewed outcomes and would be happy to be a partner and shared lessons from the process.

Laura Moye expressed the challenges associated with undergoing this type of work, particularly around outcomes. She expressed the need for support at the City level, such as the Mayor's Office or Board of Supervisors, to identify and employ tools and strategies to tackle this important work. Susie Smith supported Laura Moye's comments and the need to identify additional resources to do this work.

Geoffrea Morris noted that although the statement is geared to criminal justice stakeholders, it has the potential to be expanded other areas.

Sheriff Hennessey asked if there were comments or questions regarding the Criminal Justice Racial Equity Statement. Sheriff Hennessey then asked if there a motion to adopt the Criminal Justice Racial Equity Statement? Allen Nance made the motion. Karen Roye seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

### **8. Racial Disparities in Decision Point Analysis**

Sheriff Hennessey noted that during the August 16, 2018 Reentry Council Meeting, Council Member Cristine DeBerry representing the District Attorney's Office asked for Decision Point Analysis updates from the following Departments: SFAPD, SFSD, SFPD, the Public Defender's Office, and the District Attorney's Office. She asked that each of those departments provide a report on the status of their Decision Point Analysis as it pertains to Racial Disparities. Sheriff Hennessey asked if any departments were ready to provide an update.

SFAPD: Lauren Bell provided an update for APD Research Director Tara Agnese who was unavailable to attend the RC meeting:

APD's decision points are: Presentence investigation recommendations, recommendations for early termination, PRCS flash incarcerations, motions to revoke. For Flash: APD is currently looking at PRCS flash incarcerations.

For Presentence recommendations: APD has pulled a random sample of presentence reports and developed data collection protocols and coding schemes for quantifying information from these reports.

APD is also pursuing funding from the Arnold Foundation for this project.

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District Attorney's Office: Tara Anderson provided an update on the District Attorney's Office Decision Point Analysis which highlights how factors of each case are typically determined prior to the District Attorney's Office decision making process. Tara stated the difficulty in moving forward without a clear understanding of the SFPD's Decision Point Analysis.

The SFSD, SFPD, and the Public Defender's Office were unable to provide an update.

Sheriff Hennessey asked if there was any public comment—there was none.

### **9. CalFresh Presentation by San Francisco Human Services Agency (discussion only)**

Susie Smith and Olga Valasquez from the Human Services Agency presentation gave an overview of CalFresh and highlighted a policy shift regarding a work requirement for single able bodied adults without children.

The presentation mentioned the concerns of immigrants participating in public benefit programs as a result of President's Trump's comments. There has been a decline in benefit enrollment among undocumented citizens, most notably CalFresh, despite having no real policy change yet. In October the Department of Homeland Security proposed a new rule to determine as part of its consideration of green card applicants, if the applicant is likely to rely on public assistance. HSA has been actively opposed to the proposal and concerned about the impact this policy would have.

Recipients of SSI/SSIP benefits are now eligible for CalFresh as of September 2019 as a result of changes in state legislation. HSA estimates that this change could double the CalFresh recipient population.

Olga Valasquez spoke to the council regarding the work requirement rules that went into effect in August 2018. She explained that these rules are not new, but rather the rule went into effect in tandem with San Francisco's overall low unemployment rate which disqualified the county from receiving the waiver any longer. The work requirement applies to able bodied adults without dependents and requires beneficiaries to work at least 20 hours unless there is an exception, of which there are many (listed in packet).

The City and County does not support this rule and is trying to have as little service interruption to this population as possible. There is an estimated 2000 individuals who are affected by this rule change but 80% are exempt and can retain their benefits. Exemption screening is underway to ensure that as many clients are screened out of this process as possible so the time limit would not apply to them.

Tara Anderson asked if HSA staff would be willing to present on these changes to other departments.

Angela Coleman, Victoria Westbrook and Teddy Tolliver asked questions related to the changes.

Karen Roye commended the efforts of HSA in their response to their work around this rule change. She noted that there was collaboration to reach parents involved in the Child Support system. She asked if there was any opportunity to go have another waiver-HAS clarified that was dependent on the unemployment rate.

No public comment.

### **10. Young Women Freedom Center Bill of Rights by Council Member Herrera and Brief Introduction to Women's Gender Responsive Services Analysis and Report by E.D Jessica Nowlan,(discussion and possible action)**

At the 8/16/2018 RC meeting, Lucero Herrera shared the Young Women's Freedom Center's Bill of Rights. At today's, 10/25/18 meeting, the Young Women's Freedom Center is asking the RC to fully endorse the statement. Sherriff Hennesy introduced Lucero Herrera and Jessica Nowlan.

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Lucero shared how it came to be and how the effort has expanded outside of CA to an international level. She highlighted a few of the Rights from the Bill, and emphasized how women who have been system involved are best positioned to change it.

Jessica Nowlan also spoke to the importance of the Bill of Rights and also provided an overview of women's gender responsive, peer based research that was recently completed, and would soon be formally released. The research involved hundreds of peer interviews with incarcerated and previously incarcerated cis and trans women, and included a coding of answers making the report very responsive to the sentiments and solutions offered by project participants.

Sheriff Hennessey asked if any of the council members have a comment or question regarding the Young Women's Freedom Center's women's gender responsive report? Sheriff Hennessey then asked for a vote to take action on the Young Women's Freedom Center's Bill of Rights. She asked if there was a motion to adopt the Young Women's Freedom Center's Bill of Rights for System involved and Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls in California. Ian Fregosi made the motion, Angela Coleman seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

### **11. Gang Injunctions (discussion only)**

In Jose's Bernal's absence, Geoffrea Morris updated the Council on activities related to Gang Injunctions. There was a request for information from the City Attorney's office that has gone unanswered. Ian Fregosi, shared how Supervisor Fewer who held a hearing on Gang Injunctions felt unsatisfied with the level of information gathered from that hearing. Her office will continue to put pressure on the city attorney to get answers regarding the gang injunctions to see if gang injunctions as a practice is even necessary

No Public Comment

### **12. Council Members' Comments, Questions, and Requests for Future Agenda Items (discussion only).**

**Jeff Mori introduced Tawanna Grey from the Office of Economic Development who will be supporting the Reentry Council as an alternate representative.**

Angela Coleman asked a question regarding HSH's ability to do in custody assessment. Sherriff Hennessey stated that the Sheriff's Department and HSH are in conversations to identify and include homeless inmates in assessment efforts.

Mayor's Office representative Mawuli Tugbenyoh shared that Mayor London Breed issued an executive directive requiring all city agencies and departments that collect demographic data to update their forms, both paper and electronic, so that they include the option of nonbinary in addition to male and female when asking about gender identity. The directive also requires annual diversity training, inclusive of gender identity training for all departments. This directive is in response to Presidents Trump's comments on transgender identity, and underscores that we as a City reaffirm the existence of the trans community.

### **13. Public Comment on Any Item Listed Above, as well as Items not Listed on the Agenda.**

No Comment

### **14. Adjournment.**

Sheriff Hennessey thanked everyone for attending the Reentry Council meeting. She mentioned the next reentry Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 10:00 am at St Anthony's Foundation, located at 150 Golden Gate Avenue. Sheriff Hennessey asked if there was a motion to adjourn? Jeff Mori made the motion. Ian Fregosi seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion passed ending the mtg. at 12:08pm.

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