

Reentry Council

City & County of San Francisco

Draft Minutes

Thursday, August 16, 2018

11am- 12noon

State of California

Milton Marks Conference Center

455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Diego Room

San Francisco, CA 94102

Members Present: Cristine DeBerry, representing District Attorney George Gascón (co-chair); Chief Adult Probation Officer Karen Fletcher (co-chair); Alissa “Ali” Riker representing Sheriff Vicki Hennessy (co-chair); Simin Shamji, representing Public Defender Jeff Adachi (co-chair); Angelica Almeida, Department of Public Health; Jose Bernal, Board Appointee; Nicholas Persky representing Supervisor Sandra Lee Fewer’s Office; Lucero Herrera, Mayoral Appointee; Dan Kelly, Human Services Agency; Aspen Marshall, California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation, Division of Parole Operations; Captain Valerie Matthews representing SFPD; 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; Mark Culkins, Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco; Laura Moyé, Department of Children, Youth & Their Families; Angela Coleman, Board Appointee.

Members Absent: Mawuli Tugbenyoh, Mayor Breed’s Representative (co-chair); Kimberli Courtney, Board Appointee; Veronica Ramirez, U.S. Probation Office, Northern District of California; James Lowden, Board Appointee

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chief Adult Probation Officer Karen Fletcher (co-chair) called the meeting to order at 11:09 am and she thanked members of the board and members of the public for attending the meeting.

Chief Karen Fletcher introduced the Reentry Council’s co- chairs: Ali Riker, representing Sheriff Vicki Hennessy’s Office; Christine Soto DeBerry representing District Attorney George Gascon’s Office; and Simin Shamji, representing Public Defender Jeff Adachi’s Office. Chief Fletcher informed the members and the public that Mawuli Tugbenyoh representing Mayor Breed’s Office had attended the earlier CCP meeting; however, that he had to leave prior to this meeting starting. She stated he sent his regards. Chief Fletcher then instructed the general Reentry Council members to state their names for the Council.

Chief Fletcher thanked everyone for being at the meeting and instructed attendees that the meeting would be only one hour.

2. 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 item’s time.)

There was no public comment at this time.

3. Review and Adoption of Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2018 (discussion & possible action)

Chief Fletcher asked the Council to review the minutes of April 26th 2018 meeting located in their packet. She asked if there were any comments or questions regarding this meeting.

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Cristine Soto Deberry informed the Reentry Council that there were discrepancies in the minutes under the Gang Injunction sections. She stated the District Attorney's Office was being referenced when the City Attorney's Office should be the one referenced in this section.

Chief Fletcher informed Reentry Policy Planner to make the required corrections to the document. Then Chief Fletcher requested a motion to adopt the minutes. Karen Roye motioned to adopt the minutes and Angela Coleman seconded it. There was no public comment. The minutes for April 26 were approved.

4. Staff Report on Activities of the Reentry Council and its Subcommittees
 - a. Staff updates (discussion only)

Chief Fletcher called upon Geoffrea Morris, Reentry Policy Planner, to provide the staff report.

Geoffrea asked the Council to review page 13 of their packet. Geoffrea informed the Council that she had confirmed January 2019 and April 2019 Reentry Council meetings at St. Anthony's Foundation. She also stated she would be sending out calendar invites for the upcoming meetings.

Next, Geoffrea spoke about the equity work happening through the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) training. She mentioned "Racial Equity Work" had been on the Reentry Council's agenda for almost a year and that presently there were three criminal justice agencies (San Francisco Department of Police Accountability, Adult Probation Department, and the District Attorney's office) involved in the GARE training.

Geoffrea stated that within this year's GARE cohort, she had been able to collaborate with the District Attorney's Office Director of Policy, Tara Anderson to draft a Criminal Justice Policy Racial Equity Statement. She informed the Council that they were the third body she had introduced this policy too. Geoffrea directed the Council's attention to page 14-15 to follow along with her as she read the Draft of the Criminal Justice Racial Equity Statement. She also emphasized the City's Commitment to Racial Equity.

Geoffrea informed the body that at their next meeting she would be seeking a vote from Council to support this Criminal Justice Racial Equity Statement. She mentioned a desire for the racial equity statement language to be included into criminal justice contracts to help combat racial disparities that we see.

Geoffrea informed the Council of the number of vacant and/or expired seats on Reentry Council. She stated presently that the Council has four expired Board of Supervisors appointee seats. She stated many of our Council members are occupying their seats as holdovers. Geoffrea informed the Council that there are presently nine individuals who have expressed interest in being on the Council. She stated these individuals would be presenting in front of the Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee sometime in September. In addition, she informed the body that there were presently two vacant mayoral seats that needed to be filled. She reminded the body that Council member Jared Walker had resigned in July. She informed the Council that she would be working with Mayor Breed's office to fill those seats once the Board of Supervisor appointee positions were filled.

Reentry Director, Lauren Bell then reviewed the Reentry Council Voting Procedural Review. Lauren stated she wanted to make sure that moving forward all Council members were aware and knew the rules around the Council's Voting Procedure. Lauren stated each member that is present at the meeting must vote yes or no unless excused from voting due to a conflict of interest. She stated in order to excuse a member from voting, the Council would have to make a motion excusing that member and the body would have to vote by majority of members to excuse the member. Lauren referenced the City Attorney's Good Government Guide; which ultimately leaves the issues of whether or not an issue is of conflict is up to the members to determine if the request is due to a conflict. Lauren stated City Attorney's office is available as needed to guide us about whether or not an issue is a conflict. If there is no conflict (by reasonable standard) but the member would like to abstain, a member (including the member who wants to abstain) can request a motion to abstain. That motion must be seconded and it must be open

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for public comment and prior to the full Council taking a vote. Whatever the majority rule is determines what happens next for the Council member.

Lauren provided best practice approach to these formalities. She stated if members believe there is a conflict with an item on the agenda that the member can bring up the conflict to the Council at the beginning of the meeting and that the Council can then move forward with protocols as outlined above.

Reentry Services Manager, Steve Adami, then presented on an upcoming event. Steve informed the Council that Julio Escobar from San Francisco's Archdiocese was hosting a Reentry Conference and Resource Fair. Steve stated this is an incredible event with lively breakout groups and resources. Steve encouraged the Council to share this information with their clients. Steve stressed the desire to have more clients at this event. Steve also spoke about a desire to reach out to clients at 111 Taylor. Prior to concluding, Steve informed the Council of one other item: Getting Out and Staying Out (GOSO) Resource Guide. Steve stated APD is almost done with finishing updates to the guide. He also informed the body that APD would be working with a coding program at San Quentin Prison to create a searchable directory that could much more broadly accessible.

b. Subcommittee updates (discussion & possible action)

- i. Roster Confirmations page 17 to 20
- ii. Subcommittee Rules
- iii. Direct Services Subcommittee
- iv. Policy Subcommittee

Geoffrea sought confirmation for two subcommittee rosters. She instructed the body to look at pages 17- 20. Geoffrea informed the body that pages 17- 20 included the names of the updated members. Simin Shamji motioned to confirm the roster for the Reentry Council's two subcommittees. The motion was seconded by Karen Roye. The Council unanimously approved the new subcommittee members' roster.

Geoffrea then informed the body that in the past year, the two subcommittees had struggled to make quorum during their meetings. Geoffrea stressed the need for quorum to support the working groups in their efforts to streamline supportive services and bring those conversations to the larger body regarding the issues that were most impacting the reentry community.

Next, Geoffrea stated there was a robust group of members on both subcommittees. She stated each subcommittee knows and understands what is required from them and they know what they want to do. Geoffrea informed the body that the direct services subcommittee has six workgroups. She briefly read the name of the direct services workgroup and its chair to the Council. She read the following:

Work Group 1: Reentry Navigation chaired by Victoria Westbrook

Work Group 2: Reentry Dinner chaired Ernest Kirkwood and Julio Escobar

Work Group 3: Alternatives to Incarcerations chaired Damaris Evans from the Public Defender's Office

Work Group 4: Stop the Violence Tenderloin Chair Majeid Crawford

Work Group 5: Bread Winner and Toast Masters Ernest Kirkwood

Work Group 6: Homeless Transitional Aged Youth Reentry Services chaired by Andres Salas.

She informed the body that Andres was slated to begin convening meetings with community stakeholders and different agencies represented on the Council for his workgroup.

Chief Fletcher informed the Reentry Council that they would be taking two votes: 1) confirming the subcommittee members' rosters 2) subcommittees' governing rules. Simin noticed a clarification amendment was needed under the subcommittee's attendance requirements. Simin suggested the following amendment to "Attendance Requirement" of the subcommittee's rule: "In the event that any subcommittee member misses three

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regularly scheduled subcommittee meetings in a twelve-month period without prior notice to given to the Reentry Council Planner, The Reentry Council Planner shall certify that fact in writing to the appointing authority.”

The body accepted Simin’s clarification amendment with a motion led by Karen Roye and seconded by Simin Shamji. The Council unanimously approved the subcommittee rules.

5. Reentry Council Ordinance – Report Review and Extension Request (discussion & possible action)
Lauren Bell, Reentry Services Director, provided an update on the Reentry Council Ordinance, Report, and Extension Request. Lauren directed the Council to page 26 in their packet. Lauren informed the Council that the ordinance establishing the Reentry Council would expire on June 1st 2019. She stated since the inception of the Council, there has always been quorum. She stated pursuant to the ordinance, the Board of Supervisors requires the Council to submit a report documenting the work occurring on the Council. She stated this report was actually due on July 1, 2018 but due to transition in the position we missed the deadline. She told the Council that a letter was sent to the Mayor’s Office and Board of the Supervisors requesting an extension on the July 1, 2018 deadline. She stated the report focused on Justice Reinvestment Initiative work which was just beginning when the first report of this nature was submitted. She also referenced the updated ordinance that was also in the Reentry Council’s packet and she thanked Supervisor Fewer for carrying the updated Ordinance. She stated the updated Ordinance seeks to extend the sunset date to July 1st 2024, and she stated the Council is also seeking for the annual report to be done every other year.

Cristine Deberry in reviewing the document, she informed the Council that her office had completed a study on decision point analysis. She stated the Sheriff’s Department and APD office were still working on their prospective analysis. Lauren stated Cristine’s suggested amendments could be included during the Board of Supervisors’ presentation.

Jeffrey “Jeff” Mori, Office of Economic and Workforce Development, informed the Reentry Council that this report might have missed it; however, he stated OWED has been supportive with the CASC in establishing its employment program. Lauren again stated Jeff’s suggested amendments

Lauren Bell informed the Council that the report being submitted to the Board of Supervisors was a report capturing all the work the Council had did or performed during the past several years with a focus on Justice Reinvestment Initiative outcomes. She stated the report was written in a manner that did require input from every department represented on the Council but rather to focus on what the Council did as a whole. Lauren suggested adding Jeff’s suggestion into the presentation of the JRI Work during the Board of Supervisors meeting.

Karen Roye, Director of Department of Child Support Services, stated her department had been engaged in the GARE training since the very beginning.

Chief Fletcher asked if there were any other comments about the report at this point.

Laura Moye of Department of Children, Youth, and Families stated her department had also been engaged with the GARE Programming since its inception.

Lauren Bell stated the importance of these efforts and that “we [should] keep moving forward and highlighting the services provided.

Chief Fletcher asked if there was a motion to submit the Reentry Council’s Renewal Report to the Board of Supervisors with requests from Jeff Mori and Cristine De Berry that when the Report is presented to the Board of Supervisors that we include references to OEWD’s services for justice involved San Franciscans and the SFPD’s decision point analysis work. Jeff Mori made the motion which was seconded by Simin Shamji. The Reentry Council’s Renewal Report with amendments was passed unanimously.

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6. Regular Update on Activities of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, Sentencing Commission, Collaborative Courts, and Community Corrections Partnership (discussion only)

Chief Fletcher asked if any Reentry Council member had any reports on activities on any of the listed partnerships.

Karen Roye reported on the Sentencing Commission. She stated they met June 6th 2018. She stated there were updates to the Justice Dash Board, which is an ongoing project to track criminal justice contact. She stated there was also a presentation on San Francisco's participation on MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge and that there was an invitation to apply to be a sentencing site.

Karen stated the Sentencing Commission staff has submitted the grant application on June 15th and is now awaiting their decision. She stated the Sentencing Commission voted to allow the Sentencing Commission staff to participate in working on GARE related work (ie. Criminal Justice Racial Equity Statement). Karen stated the next Sentencing Commission meeting is scheduled for September 12th 2018 at 10:00am in the San Francisco District Attorney's Law Library. She stated all meetings are all open to public.

Chief Fletcher asked if there were any other updates on the listed items. Seeing no further updates, Chief Fletcher moved to agenda #7.

7. Young Women Freedom Center Bill of Rights by Council Member, Lucero Herrera (discussion only)

Chief Fletcher called Council member, Lucero Herrera, to speak. Council member Herrera, who is also program manager for the Young Woman Freedom Center, presented to the Council the Young Women's Freedom Center Bills of Rights.

Council member Herrera stated on July 20/22nd, her organization had their first "Sister Warrior" convening. Her organization expected 100 women but 207 formerly incarcerated women came from all of over state to discuss what they needed and a vision for dignity and respect. At this convening, the 207 women in attendance created the Bill of Rights for system involved formerly incarcerated woman and young girls. Council member Herrera stated, "Our job in the Reentry Council is to support our men and women from our communities as they make their way back in to the community." She stated this Bill of Rights informs people how we (reentry community) would like to be treated, how they would like to be informed, and how to support specific groups like theirs. She stated San Francisco's Youth Commission has adopted the Bill of Rights, and the San Francisco Department of Status of Woman is using the Bill of Rights as a framework for their annual report. Council member Herrera stated she would like for the Reentry Council to adopt the Bill of Rights. She stated this adopting the Bill of Rights will then mean that we are prioritizing the voices of men and women in the reentry community.

Chief Fletcher asked if there were any questions or comments from the Council

Karen Roye, Director of Department of Child Support Services, stated this is an important time to lift and support our women coming home. She stated the Council members needed to keep this on the top of their mind since the Bill of rights was such an important issue. She also thanked Council member, Herrera, for her presentation.

Council member, Angela Coleman, asked Council member Herrera, if the Bill of Rights was for men and women?

Council Member Herrera informed Council member Coleman that this Bill of rights is for Women and Young Women, but we would like to use it for men who have woman on the outside.

Christine Soto Deberry, representing the District Attorney Office, thanked Council member Herrera for introducing the Bill of Rights. Christine stated this is in important to the work we do. Cristine the need to know

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how we interact with people in court and she also stated the need to also think about procedural justice while we going through these challenging process.

Council member Jose Bernal asked that this item be an actionable item on the next agenda.

8. Gang Injunctions (discussion only)

Council member, Jose Bernal, provided a brief update on San Francisco's gang injunctions. Council member Bernal stated the SF No Gang Injunction Coalition held a rally and the rally was accompanied by a great article in the Chronicle. He also stated there was a hearing that featured a lot of speakers. Council member Bernal stated there are still a lot of unanswered questions from the City Attorney's department. Jose stated "we will still be working to get answers." He stated there are still 52 people on the gang injunctions list. He stated the community continues to try to remove remaining individuals off this list.

Simin Shamji, representing Public Defender's Office, requested that gang injunctions stay on our agenda until they do come to an end on this Board.

Captain Valerie Matthews stated to the Council that individuals are afforded an opportunity to opt out of the gang injunction. She stated there is some support to remove yourself from the list. She mentioned individuals can be on the opt out list, if you have had no police contact within 5 years. She stated then an individual can request for their name to be removed from the list. She stated this was a measure put in place to help the community at large. However, she stated "on case by case basis, we need to look at the individuals." Captain Matthews stated we need ask some other important questions regarding individuals on the list, such as: Are those folks still in the area? What are they doing? She stated we want the best for everyone. She stated "I don't think anyone should be held back if they did something while they were young and now they have grown up."

Council member Bernal highly recommend that Captain Matthews see the hearing that was held at City Hall and what happened at that meeting. Council member Bernal stated "We can't say what works for Gang Injunctions since there is no evidence for the Gang Injunctions." Moreover, Council member Bernal stated, "we have compelled the City Attorney to provide us with numbers." He stated to Council that "We can't say that since gang injunctions crime has gone down, and it is a deterrent." He stated without the City Attorney's Office providing the necessary information.

Captain Matthews asked Council member Bernal, whether the individuals on the list had tried to get their name off the list.

Council member Bernal responded to her inquiry by saying "we had one try to remove themselves and they were denied."

Council member Bernal also stated "we have also asked the City Attorney. how many people have placed themselves on opt out list."

Christine Soto Deberry, representing District Attorney's Office, stated the City Attorney's Office needs to take it upon themselves to purge this list; instead of individuals having the burden to get themselves off the list. Christine referenced the District Attorney's office current work on marijuana expungement. She stated 22 individuals applied on their own to have their marijuana cases expunged. However, Cristine noted that there were 9,000 individuals with marijuana convictions. She stressed the onus to expunge names from the list should be on the Agency and not the individual. She stated if the list is to be preserved than government needs to make sure that this list is focused on people who need this extra attention by being on the list, and that the list should not be used to capture a "broad swaths of entire communities"

Chief Fletcher stated it was great ideas to keep this on our agenda and that procedurally we need to see how we can identify and support folks getting removed off the list.

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Simin Shamji, representing Public Defender, stated “ we should really try to end these gang injunctions.”

Lauren Bell , Adult Probation Reentry Director, stated it would be nice if our subcommittee checks in about this and sees how this issue should be further addressed by the Board of Supervisors in some other way to keep it moving forward.

Captain Matthews spoke about the current list and the role that each department can play in this process.

9. Council Members’ Comments, Questions, and Requests for Future Agenda Items (discussion only)

Chief Fletcher asked if members had any request for a future agenda item. Simin stated she had two requests: 1) Keep the Young Women’s Freedom Center Bill of Rights on the agenda; 2) Keep Gang Injunctions on the agenda.

Cristine Soto Deberry stated she would like to suggest updates from the other departments regarding their Racial Disparity decision point analysis.

10. Public Comment on Any Item Listed Above, as well as Items not listed on the Agenda

There was no public comment for this item.

11. Adjournment

Chief Fletcher thanked everyone for coming out and she stated she hoped they had enjoyed their summer. A motion to adjourn was offered by Simin Shamji and seconded by Karen Roye. The meeting was adjourned shortly after 12:00pm.

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