

Reentry Council

City & County of San Francisco

APPROVED MINUTES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

10am- 12pm

Members Present:

Sheriff Paul Miyamoto (Chair), Mano Raju, (SF Public Defenders office), Chief Cristel Tullock (SFAPD), Tara Anderson for Chesa Boudin(DA, Angelica Almeida (DPH), Anthony Castellano (US Probation), Allyson West for (Superior Court), Onyanga Dean (State Parole, CDCR), Chief Katy Miller (Juvenile Probation), David McCahon for Susie Smith (HSA), Freda Glenn for Director Karen Roye (CSS), Ken Nim for Tajuana Gray (OEWD), Antonio Napoleon (Mayoral Appointee), Allen Harven (Mayoral Appointee), Sheenia Branner (Mayoral Appointee), Michael Brown (BOS Appointee), Jabari Jackson (BOS Appointee), Commander Rachel Morran (SFPD).

Members Absent:

James Caldwell (for Mayor Breed), Noelle Simmons (HSH), Yolanda Morissette (BOS Appointee), Oscar Salinas (BOS Appointee), Jasmine Dawson (DCYF).

Vacancies:

Representative from the Board of Supervisors.

1. Call to Order/Role Call.

Sheriff Paul Miyamoto, called the meeting to order. He thanked Council members and members of the interested public for attending the meeting. He acknowledged the other five Co-Chairs:

- Mano Raju, Public Defender.
- Chesa Boudin, District Attorney.
- James Caldwell, representing Mayor London Breed's Office
- Cristel Tullock, Chief of Adult Probation
- Jabari Jackson, representing the Justice Involved members

Victoria Westbrook completed Reentry Council Roll Call.

2. Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under California Government Code Section 54953(e). (discussion and possible action).

- a. The Reentry Council will consider adoption of a resolution making findings that newly-enacted Government Code Section 54953(e) requires in order to allow the Reentry Council to hold meetings remotely, as currently required under local law, without complying with infeasible Brown Act requirements.**

Public Defender Raju asked for a motion to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings under California Government Code Section 54953(e).

Sheenia Branner made the motion.

Seconded by Chief Miller.

No Public Comment.

Motion Passed

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3. Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement

Sheriff Paul Miyamoto read the Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement.

4. 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).

Sheriff Paul Miyamoto asked if there was any public comment

Reese Isbell, a tenant on Minna Street spoke about the upcoming Minna Project. He was concerned about the extreme amount of drug dealing and drug using on Minna Street. He stated that he calls the Police about five times a day. However, Drug dealers simply return when Police leave.

Tom Wolfe shared the same sentiments as Reese.

No other public comment

5. Review and Adoption of Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2022 (discussion & possible action).

Sheriff Miyamoto asked for a motion to adopt the minutes from January 27, 2022.

Susie Smith made the motion to adopt.

Sheenia Branner seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

6. Staff Report on Activities of the Reentry Council and its Subcommittees (discussion only).

a. Staff updates

- i. Not Returning to In-Person Meetings at This Time
- ii. APD Reentry Services
- iii. Housing Survey Update

b. Subcommittee updates

- i. Direct Services Subcommittee
- ii. Legislation, Policy, and Practices Subcommittee
- iii. Women 1st Subcommittee

Sheriff Miyamoto asked Victoria Westbrook to provide the staff update.

Victoria indicated that the Reentry Council meetings will continue to be remote until further notice.

Victoria Westbrook invited Steve Adami, Director of the Reentry Division of Adult Probation to speak about APD Reentry Services. Steve Provided information about the Minna Project, a 12-24 month, culturally responsive, dual diagnosis transitional housing program with onsite supportive services. Adami further explained, that the program is a partnership between the San Francisco Adult Probation Department (SFAPD), the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH), Westside Community Services and Positive Directions Equals Change and, through this dynamic and unique partnership, participants will receive onsite clinical services, case management, reentry planning, benefits acquisition, and assistance with permanent housing placement. Steve stated that there would be clients moving in the first week of May 2022.

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Steve Adami introduced Destiny Plestch, the Reentry Services Manager for the Reentry Division of the Adult Probation Department, who provided an update regarding the Direct Services Subcommittee's Housing Survey which launched in October 2021 to better understand the housing needs of justice involved people. Destiny indicated that once all the data has been collected and analyzed, it will be presented to the reentry council at a later date.

Victoria Westbrook thanked the Public Defender's Clean Slate Program staff for partnering with the Reentry Division to host the Clean Slate – Expungement Workshop at the CASC on April 26, 2022. Victoria further explained that the event was very successful with a good turnout of participants. There will be more Expungement Workshops at the CASC moving forward. The next one is planned for June, date TBD.

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

Chief Katy Miller provided an update on the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council.

Angelica Almeida provided an update on the STARR grant and their application for new Prop 47 funds. She thanked the Reentry Council Members for their support.

Freda Glen provided an update on the Sentencing Commission.

Sherif Miyamoto asked council members if there were additional comments.
No additional comments.

8. Racial Equity Work Updates – Criminal justice Racial Equity Workgroup Update and other Departments are welcome to provide a Racial Equity Update for their Department (discussion only).

Sheriff Miyamoto introduced Victoria Westbrook to provide an update regarding the Criminal Justice Racial Equity Workgroup.

Victoria Westbrook provided an update on the Criminal Justice Racial Equity Work Group. The next meeting will be on May 19, 2022 at 10:00am.

Precious Malone, Racial Equity Leader for SFAPD, provided an update on the Adult Probation Department's racial equity efforts.

Tara Anderson provided an update for the District Attorney's Office racial equity efforts.

Angelica Almeida provided an racial equity update for DPH.

Commander Morran provided an update about the racial equity efforts by the San Francisco Police Department.

Carolyn Goosen provided a racial equity update for the Public Defender's Office. She spoke about the new "Be The Jury" pilot program recently launched by the Public Defender's Office in which jury members who make under \$80,000/year and whose employers do not pay for jury duty leave will get paid \$100/day while on jury duty.

Tajuana Gray provided an update regarding racial equity efforts of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD).

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Sheriff Miyamoto provided an update regarding the racial equity efforts of the Sheriff's Office. He explained that they have standing meetings and are currently prioritized continued work on a formal mentoring program.

9. Fair Chance Ordinance (discussion & possible action).

Sheriff Miyamoto introduced Victoria Westbrook to begin this agenda item.

Victoria Westbrook introduced this agenda item and called Steve Adami to the floor. Steve Adami and Council Member Micheal Brown presented on the discrepancy between the 7 year look back period established by the Fair Chance Ordinance and the 13 year look back period used by the San Francisco Department of Human Resources (DHR) when hiring for City jobs.

Steve requested that the Reentry Council vote to support and send a letter to DHR asking them to modify their policy to make their look back period align with the look back period established by the Fair Chance Ordinance.

Sheriff Miyamoto asked for a motion to send the draft letter to DHR regarding changing their lookback period so that it is in alignment with the Fair Chance Ordinance.

Chief Tullock made the motion to adopt.

Susie Smith seconded the motion.

Motion Passed unanimously.

10. Current State Legislation (discussion & possible action).

a. AB 1670, AB 1816, AB 2023, AB 2250, AB 2706

b. SB 936, SB 990, SB 1008, SB 1106, SB 1427

Sheriff Miyamoto introduced Victoria Westbrook to begin this agenda item.

Several Council Members felt unable to vote on these bills because they needed additional information that was not yet available.

Sheriff Miyamoto made a motion to table this agenda item to provide council members time to conduct their own research and to submit questions about the legislation to Victoria to address prior to the next meeting, in which the Council would then vote on the 10 bills brought before them today, should they still be alive in the California Legislature and not already rejected by the State Legislative Committee.

Carolyn Goosen seconded the motion.

The motion passed and the agenda item was tabled.

11. Council Members' Comments, questions and Requests for Future Agenda Items (discussion only)

Jabari Jackson requested that Pre-Trial Diversion present in an upcoming meeting since they were unable to do so in January's meeting. He further commented that it is alarming to me that 55% of people released pre-trial re-offend during release and furthermore that the ones with violent offenses are reoffending at an alarming rate. He continued by saying that the Reentry Division of SFAPD has built an amazing platform of reentry services and he pleaded that the Reentry Council advocate to expand the Probation budget to implement more reentry services.

Victoria explained that the Pretrial diversion presentation and a presentation by the CDCR was slated for July, but will now most likely be pushed to the October meeting because the July meeting will now be taken up with voting on the legislation.

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Tajuan Grey spoke about CityBuild and other OEWD programs, explaining that she would send flyers to the council members.

Victoria told Tajana that if she sent the flyers to her, she would make sure to send them to the Council members, as well as, the larger Reentry Division distribution list

12. Public Comment on any item on today's agenda, or on other business within the purview of the Reentry Council (discussion only)

Juthaporn Chaloeicheep expressed concerns about the "Be The Jury" pilot program because she believes that disenfranchised members of the community are not invited to jury duty enough. She also expressed concern about the Clean Slate Program because it is contingent on all restitution fines being paid. She believes that this disproportionately impacts poor people because they cannot pay their restitutions even if they are greatly reduced by SF. She also urged the council members to support AB 1816.

Bobby Jones-Hanley expressed concerns for the Council members inability to vote on the legislation brought in today's meeting. It seemed to him that the council members wanted "perfect" information and perfect bills, which is simply not realistic because legislation continuously evolves and changes as it goes through the until it is ultimately passed and signed by the Govenor. He also felt disrespected because he and many members of the LPP subcommittee do so in a voluntary capacity and all of the time, effort and energy they spent going through the bills and preparing them to present to the council was for nothing. He would hope that council members would remain cognizant of the time and effort put in by subcommittee members.

There was no other public comment.

13. Adjournment.

Sheriff Miyamoto asked for a motion to adjourn.

Chief Tullock made the motion to adjourn.

Tara Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.