

Reentry Council

City & County of San Francisco

Subcommittee on Direct Services

Informational Notes

Thursday, March 14, 2019
2:30pm-4:30pm
25 Van Ness Avenue
Lower Level Conference Room
San Francisco, California 94102

Members Present: Victoria Westbrook, Jeanie Austin (SFPL), Dana Drusinsky (For Demarris Evans, Public Defender's Office), Chloe Turner (For Ali Riker, Sheriff's Department)

Members Absent: Amarita King, Destiny Pletsch, Angela Coleman, Freda Glenn, Monica Wong, Maggie Rivera, Alex Weil, David Wiesner,

Inactive Members: Majeid Crawford, Charles Adams

1. Review the minutes of November 8, 2018, December 3, 2018 (Retreat Notes) and January 10, 2019

There were only four members at the meeting so quorum was not met. The meeting notes could not be approved.

2. Review last meeting decisions (discussion only)

- a. 2019 Schedule
The group review the Reentry Council's Calendar
- b. BSCC Grant Information
Geoffrea asked the group if anyone had applied to the Board of State and Community Corrections Grant that was presented in January's meeting. No one present stated they applied for the BSCC Grant.
- c. Mayoral Appointed Reentry Council Seats – Updates
Geoffrea informed the group that a TAY (Transitional Age Youth) Candidate had been identified and that this person was working with Mayor Breed's Office on being appointed.
- d. Eliminating some of the workgroups and workgroup participation
The group thought some of the workgroups should be eliminated; however, since the group did not have quorum, no decisions could be made.

3. Direct Services Results Survey

The group went over the Direct Services' survey that was sent to all members. There were 12-members who responded to the survey. The final results were as followed:

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(1) Centralized Discharge Planning:

The group wanted to coordinate releases with judges so that the release times were in tandem with individuals' reentry service plans. Secondly, the group wanted individuals to be provided with a one-page handout of 72-hour post-releases services. The group also wanted to visit Alameda County and review their court programs and how peer health workers assist clients in court proceeding. Lastly, the group wanted to ensure that TB Test verification was provided at release for anyone that was incarcerated longer than 5 days and that everyone being released from county jail was given an opportunity to meet with a Sheriff's Discharge Planner.

(2) Late Night Reentry Navigation:

The group wanted to support Senator Skinner's Bill, SB 42, Home Safe Act. The group wanted to support the efforts to have the CASC and the WRC opened until 10pm with mental health clinicians, case managers and peer mentors on staff during those hours. The group also wanted individuals to have continued access to county medical and financial benefits up to 10pm at the CASC.

(3) Expansion of Reentry Services for Gender Non-Confirming Community:

The group wanted more programming and funding for the non-binary community in-custody and out-of-custody. The group also wanted Reentry Housing devoted to the transgender/gender variant community. The group wanted on-site mental health services offered through the housing.

(4) After Hours Connection to Mental Health Service and Substance Abuse Treatment:

The group wanted a 24-hour sobering center/ wet center at SFGH that would include 24-hour drop-in psychiatric services and detox.

4. Report-backs from the five Workgroup committees (discussion only)

- a. Reentry Dinner/ Reentry Conference
- b. Reentry Navigation
- c. Alternative to Incarceration (programming credits)
- d. Justice Involved Homeless Transitional Age Youth Group
- e. Civic Engagement Working Group
- f. Reentry Pen Pal Workgroup

This area was tabled for the next scheduled meeting because the group did not have quorum.

5. Member Roundtable and Agenda Items for Next Meeting (discussion only)

Members Jeanie Austin, Victoria Westbrook decided to form a small committee that would begin the preliminary planning of the public safety debate.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.