

Reentry Council

City & County of San Francisco

Subcommittee on Direct Services

Draft Minutes

Thursday, November 8, 2018

2:30-4:30pm

555 7th Street, 3rd Floor

San Francisco, California 94103

Members Present: Victoria Westbrook, Simin Shamji (For Demarris Evans), Angela Coleman, Freda Glenn, Monica Wong, Maggie Rivera, Alex Weil, David Wiesner, Ali Riker

Members Absent: Amarita King, Charles Adams, Jeanie Austin, Andres Salas, Majeid Crawford, Destiny Pletsch

Guest Present: Lucero Herrera, Robin Candler, Neely Upamaka, Rexanne Biserra, Ron Kurland

1. Review the draft minutes of September 13, 2018 (discussion and action)

The draft minutes for September 13, 2018 were passed unanimously.

2. Staff Report (discussion only)

a. Unexcused Absences of Subcommittee Members

Geoffrea informed the body that she would be notifying members who have constantly missed meetings without giving prior notice. Geoffrea stated she would begin enforcing the subcommittee rules and removing individuals who are no longer active participants in the subcommittee.

b. New BOS Appointed Reentry Council Members

Geoffrea informed the Direct Services subcommittee that the Board of Supervisors had just recently appointed the following members to the Reentry Council: Seat 1-Jose Bernal (reappointment), Seat 2- Angela Coleman (reappointment), Seat 3- Victoria Westbrook (new appointment) and Seat 4- Theodore Tolliver (new appointment)

c. Mayoral Appointed Reentry Council Seats – Updates

Geoffrea informed the committee that there were two interested candidates for general justice involved mayoral seat. Geoffrea stated she would be working with Mayor Breed's office to fill the general justice involved seat. Geoffrea informed the subcommittee that the Transitional Age Youth seat remained vacant and she encouraged members of the subcommittee to refer a positive transitional age youth to the seat. She also informed the group that this person needed to be between the ages of 18-35 and that the interest candidate had to be involved with the criminal system prior to the age of 25.

d. Subcommittee Retreat

Geoffrea announced the annual subcommittee retreat would be on December 3, 2018 at Pier 1 on the Embarcadero. Geoffrea stated the retreat would be from 9:00am to 1:00pm and that it would encompass both subcommittees, Direct Services and Legislation, Policy, and Practices Subcommittee, members of the reentry community, community stakeholders and city agencies.

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e. Passed/Failed 2018 Legislation

Geoffrea informed the committee of the following bills that were supported by the Legislation, Policy, and Practices subcommittee and provided feedback on whether or not any of these bills were signed by the governor.

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: Bail Reform	YES	YES	YES	YES	SIGNED

SB 906 Veto Message: Currently, peer support specialists are used as providers in Medi-Cal without a state certificate. This bill imposes a costly new program, which will permit some of these individuals to continue providing services but shut others out. I urge the stakeholders and the department to improve upon the existing framework while allowing all peer support specialists to continue to work.

3. Report-backs from the five Workgroup committees:

a. Reentry Dinner/ Reentry Conference

Ernest Kirkwood presented on Reentry Dinner; which is slated to happen on Thursday, June 6, 2019 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm (times may vary) at Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption Event Center located at

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1111 Gough Street. This will be the 3rd Annual Community Appreciation Dinner hosted by Ernest Kirkwood, Restorative Justice Ministry of San Francisco Archdiocese, and the Reentry Council. Ernest informed members that this is a fun event with over 100 participants and that members of the Reentry Community sit down to a banquet style setting and meal.

Geoffrea added the 5th Reentry Conference was held at the same venue and it was a success. She also mentioned that next year the Direct Services Subcommittee should try to have a more of active role in recruiting and helping out at this event.

b. Reentry Navigation

Victoria Westbrook reported back about setting possible meeting with GEO (For-profit reentry program), the vendor for CDCR/ Federal government. There was also discussion about better access to the Sheriff's cab service program regarding late night releases.

c. Alternative to Incarceration (programming credits)

Simin Shamji, sitting in for Demarris Evans chair of this workgroup, brainstormed on furthering the subcommittee's mission and goals under this workgroup. She spoke about the Public Defender's Racial Justice committee and she stated Demarris Evans was also the chair of this committee. She spoke about DMV records being obstacles that Racial Justice Committee were tackling. The conversation leaned to getting the Sheriff department more involved in the conversation regarding alternative to incarceration and programming credits.

d. Stop the Violence in the Tenderloin

Majeid Crawford, chair of Stop the Violence in the Tenderloin, was not present to provide any updates on the status of this event.

e. Breadwinners/ Toastmasters

Ernest Kirkwood, chair of the Breadwinners/ Toastmaster, mentioned removing this workgroup from the list because he was not receiving a lot of interest from members of the subcommittee. Ernest informed the group that Breadwinners had formed a unique partnership with Adult Probation Department and the Sheriff Department. He explained this partnership would allow women presently on probation into the pod to speak about challenges/ successes on probation. Ernest stated these women would basically act like mentor/ inspiration to the women presently incarcerated. Victoria Westbrook express some interest in being a part of this partnership.

f. Justice Involved Homeless Transitional Age Youth Group

Andres Salas, chair of this workgroup, had a schedule conflict and he could not attend so Geoffrea presented to for him. Geoffrea informed the committee of Mayor Breed's Rising Up Campaign; which is aimed to house 500 homeless and at-risk youth. Geoffrea informed the subcommittee that Andres had held a community forum circled around the issue of "Justice-Involved Homeless Young Adults" at Larkin Street Youth Services on November 5, 2019. Geoffrea informed the committee that this meeting was well received and that Andres had become an active member in Mayor Breed's Rising Up Campaign and that he was currently working to ensure that justice involve youth were recognized in the 500 beds goal. He also was working to see if a carve out in some of the 500 beds sought could be devoted to justice involved transitional age youth. There was also a discussion about people renting rooms out in their homes to members of the reentry community.

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4. New Business

a. Eliminating some of the working groups

The subcommittee agreed that some of the work groups should be eliminated. In January, the members plan to reevaluated the work groups and remove whatever work groups that the subcommittee believes are no longer aligned with the Direct Services Subcommittee 2019 objectives.

b. Creating new working groups for 2019

I. Voting Outreach and Education Workgroup

The Subcommittee agreed that there should be a voting outreach and education workgroup.

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

Lucero Herrera informed the subcommittee of this comprehensive study the Young Women's Freedom Center (YWFC) was conducting. She stated the study was slated to be released in January of 2019. She mentioned to the subcommittee that YWFC was working with the Debug Organization. She also stated they were focusing on presently incarcerated community in knowing their rights and assisting them to be active participants in their defenses.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2019 from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. Geoffrea stated she would be sending an email in the next month with an actual location for January 10th subcommittee meeting.