

Reentry Council of the City and County of San Francisco
Subcommittee Retreat
St. Anthony's Foundation
150 Golden Gate Ave.
San Francisco
November 9, 2017
1:00-4:00pm

Andy Chu (Direct Services) provided an overview of the work that was done last year regarding the relationship between the subcommittees and the Reentry Council. At the January 2017 retreat, it was agreed that communications that a subcommittee wants to send to the Council will be communicated to the co-chairs of the other subcommittee. The co-chairs will then send the communication to their members for comments, concerns, and endorsement. It is hoped that the can be an efficient process...perhaps two business days between time communication is sent to opposite subcommittee and the response. In any event, if there is an urgent need to move forward with the communication, the originating subcommittee can go ahead, but efforts should be made to get input from the other subcommittee.

Jose Bernal (Legislation, Policy & Practices) gave the report from the LPP Subcommittee.

1. State legislation

Presented several bills to the Reentry Council for support:

AB42/SB10 (bail reform) (already approved by City)—held for next year

AB412 Courts/civil assessments (already approved by City)—held in suspense

AB789 (Release on own recognizance)—signed by governor

AB1008 (Statewide ban the box)—signed by governor

AB1115 (Expungement)—signed by governor

SB8 (Diversion: mental disorders)—not taken up by Mayor's committee—held in suspense

SB54 (State Sanctuary) (already approved by City)—signed by governor

SB180 (RYSE Act)—signed by governor

SB185 (Crimes: infractions) (already approved by City)—partially passed in budget

SB222 (Inmates: health care enrollment) (already approved by City)—held in suspense

SB393 (Arrests: sealing)—signed by governor

SB695/421/384 (Tiered registration for sex offenders)—signed by governor

Subcommittee members went to Sacramento twice to advocate for some of these bills.

Did a presentation at the Reentry Resource Fair on policy advocacy

2. Discussed several local initiatives

Incentivize non-profit reentry services (approved by Reentry Council, headed to Board of Supervisors)

End gang injunctions

Racial impact statement on city expenditures

Include reentry population as category in coordinated entry for supportive housing

3. Discussed local administrative change on who pays for medical coverage when clients are just out of jail before they receive Medi-Cal

Amarita King (Direct Services) gave the report for the Direct Services Subcommittee

- Taxi contract with Flywheel for clients that get released after 8pm is up and running, partially as a direct result of our initiative to increase safety and reduce risks for clients being released after hours.
- Conversation with Roma Guy about reenvisioning the jail project to expand visiting rooms and family/children visiting rooms.
- Conversation with Sheriff Hennessey about meals/commissary-quality of food, nutritional value and portion sizes; also, who has contract and when the contract is up.
- Conversation with Angelica Almeida regarding LEAD, a grant San Francisco and Los Angeles Counties were awarded to provide diversion to high need low risk clients, so that they do not incur an arrest or enter the criminal justice process if they engage in LEAD at the CASC.
- Reentry Day at the Library-spearheaded by Wyatt, CJCI, as part of an ongoing outreach by the Main Library to welcome reentry community members and their family members to participate in programs and services such as fine/fee amnesty, library card sign ups, literacy programs, resume writing, internet access. It was very successful with a solid turnout.
- Stop the Violence in the Tenderloin-created and organized by Majeid Crawford, Renaissance, and young community members, with support from Direct Services Subcommittee members.
- We supported and some members participated in the Reentry Resource Fair through SF Archdiocese.
- We did outreach to increase representation from more agencies and concerned community members.
- As a result, we now have members from the District Attorney's office, SFPD, and SF Bar Association.

Ernest Kirkwood (Direct Services) stated that in the past, the subcommittees have come up with generalities, ideas that sound good but have too many moving parts to be achievable. He suggested that each subcommittee come up with 2-3 concrete proposals (NO MORE) that the committee would be able to accomplish in the next year. For each proposal, the subcommittee should be able to state what the particular outcome is that it is looking for. This will help us make progress.

The subcommittees then divided up to make decisions about next year's plans.

Direct Services

Support and invest in community organizations, movements or activities impacting incarcerated and/or formerly incarcerated people in the areas of violence reduction, permanent housing and/or education.

Outcomes will be:

1. Increase resources for community organizations
2. Increase participation in community organizations

Legislation, Policy & Practices

Voted on several proposals. Below are top 5.

1. Peer mentor/counselor certification program
 - a. CA does not have state certification
 - b. Create a San Francisco policy as model for state policy (pilot)
 - c. Possibly get Medi-Cal or possibly HSA funding?
 - d. This would become a comprehensive reentry model
 - i. Peer navigators
 - ii. Paid transitional employment
 - iii. Reentry plan developed in custody—based on risk/needs assessment
 - iv. Part of discharge plan
 - v. Part of in-custody program plan
2. End gang injunctions
3. Defend against efforts to roll back Propositions 47 and 57
4. Support bail reform
5. Support SB708 (Skinner), allowing people to sign up for services while still in custody (this needs to allow people to sign up in multiple counties)

Procedures to accomplish above:

1. (For peer mentorship program) Gather information locally and from New York City
2. (For gang injunctions) Get local political involvement in support Currently, organizers are researching status of gang injunctions (including who is enjoined and impact) and learning from Alameda County how they stopped them
3. (For bail reform) Prep letters of support to authors
4. (For attacks on Props 47 and 57) Get support from City on defense
5. (For SB708) Participate in regular legislative process

Outcomes for LPP Subcommittee work:

1. People have clear plan for release and while in custody
2. People be able to thrive without restrictions of gang injunctions
3. Ongoing progress at state level regarding deincarceration

Both subcommittees will refine their goals and timelines at their January meetings. They will be presented to the Reentry Council in April.