

# Reentry Council

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DRAFT Minutes

Thursday, January 28, 2021

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

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Note: *Each member of the public will be allotted no more than 2 minutes to speak on each item.*

### **Members Present:**

Tara Anderson chairing for Chesa Boudin (District Attorney), Chief Karen Fletcher (co-chair) (SFAPD), Sheriff Paul Miyamoto (co-chair) (SFSD), Valerie Ibarra for Mano Raju (co-chair) (Public Defender), Jasmine Dawson (DCYF), Parole Agent Aspen Marshall (CDCR), Gregory Sims (State Parole), Katy Miller (Juvenile Probation), Angelica Almeida (DPH), Anthony Castellano (US Probation), Susie Smith for Trent Rohr (HSA), Karen Roye/(DCSS), Tajuana Gray (OEWD), Commander Peter Walsh (SFPD), Sheenia Branner (Mayoral Appointee), Yolanda Morissette (Board Appointee), Jabari Jackson (Board Appointee).

### **Members Absent:**

James Caldwell (Mayor's Office), Mark Culkins (Superior Court), Oscar Salinas (Board Appointee), Dedria Black (HSH), Norma Ruiz (Mayoral Appointee), Malik Wade (Mayoral Appointee), Michael Brown (Board Appointee).

### 1. Call to Order and Introductions.

Tara Anderson, Chairing on behalf for District Attorney Chesa Boudin called the meeting in order at 10:04am. She thanked everyone for being in the virtual meeting and acknowledge co-chairs, and informed the Council that District Attorney Chesa Boudin extends his apologies for missing the Reentry Council Meeting.

Tara Anderson started by acknowledging the Councils four chairs: Chief Karen Fletcher Adult Probation, Sheriff Miyamoto Sheriff Department, James Caldwell Mayor Breed's Office, Mano Raju Public Defender, and our 5<sup>th</sup> Chair the Formerly Incarcerated Seat held previously Jose Bernal whose term has ended. Tara Anderson also acknowledged that the Reentry Council will have another vacant seat for a Board of Supervisor and that currently we are waiting for an appointment by the President of the Board of Supervisors.

Sheriff updated the Reentry Council by introducing the newly appointed and sworn in Assistant Sheriff Tanzanika Carter.

Assistant Sheriff Carter introduced herself to the Reentry Council and Public. Assistant

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Sheriff Carter previously worked at the Sheriff Department from 1996 to the end of 1999 prior to transitioning to BART for 21 years. Assistant Sheriff Carter is glad to be home and her goals are to be supportive and a link to the Community.

Victoria Westbrook completed Reentry Council Roll Call, and gave a quick update on Zoom functions around the chat options for Public comments. Tara Anderson informed the Reentry Council that we had a packed agenda and our goal was to move through things swiftly today.

No Public Comment.

### 2. Public Comment on Items listed as for “Discussion Only”

No Public Comment

### 3. Review and Adoption of Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2020

Sheenia Branner brought forth motion to accept minutes and Karen Roye seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### 4. Staff Report on Activities of the Reentry Council

Victoria Westbrook informed the Council that the Criminal Justice Racial and Equity Working Group met on January 21<sup>st</sup>. During that meeting the Bright Research Group presented about Safety and Justice Challenge Fellowship Program. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 12pm. The Women’s Gender Responsive work is in the process of securing woman only transitional housing beds in partnership with the Senior Ex-Offender Program (SEOP) and Westside Community Services. Victoria’s goal is to roll out this program next month. In addition, the Adult Probation Department has just on boarded two Willie Brown Fellow who will be supporting the Women’s Gender Response work and our other Fellow will be working with the Housing Working Group, which is a Sub Group of the Direct Services subcommittee. Victoria also informed the group and public about updated Reentry Council Meeting and subcommittee Meeting dates and times for 2021. The Direct Services and LPP subcommittees have been going through some changes. We have had some extensive recruitment to increase membership. We had our subcommittee retreat on December 15<sup>th</sup> and both committees established their priorities for the first six months of 2021, and plan can be found in public packet.

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Destiny Pletsch from Adult Probation also informed the Council that in Partnership with USCF Citywide we recently launched our Community Assessment Services Center Website at [reentrysf.org](http://reentrysf.org).

Tara Anderson expressed gratitude to the hard work from the behind the scenes, Workgroup levels, and subcommittees work. She was very excited for priorities that have been identified

5. Regular Update on Activities of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, Sentencing Commission, Collaborative Courts, Community Corrections Partnership, LEAD, Prop 47, and STARR (discussion only)

Chief Katy Miller give a quick update on the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC). Chief Miller informed everyone that the JJCC is in every County, and it is the holder of our Juvenile Justice Coordinated Action Plan. The JJCC's last meeting was on December 14<sup>th</sup> and we discussed reinvigorating that body to be become the container for the various Juvenile Justice fighting efforts happening right now. We looked at data and reviewing important trends and tasks upon us. Our next meeting will happen in February and amending Bi-laws to make sure the body is more inclusive and structured to do the work. The one specific subcommittee that has already been created is charged with figuring out how San Francisco will work with closure of Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). Our first meeting to discuss plans for DJJ Closure will be Thursday February 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:30. We hope people and join the public meeting.

Karen Roye from DCSS informed the Reentry Council about the Sentencing Commission meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup> 2020. The Sentencing Commission had presentations on Jail Population Trends and their Annual Report that will be released soon if not already. There was also presentation given by Lizzie Buchen from the ACLU of Northern California on 2020 Criminal Justice Legislation and revisions to Penal Code. The Sentencing Commission will be meeting again in March 2021.

Angelica Almeida from DPH informed the Reentry Council that the LEAD Grant ended in September 2020 and many lessons were learned from that Grant. The Core pieces of the program have continued to support diversions from custody, and have low threshold services thru our Prop 47 STARR Grant. Currently there are two rounds of the Prop 47 funding as of now we are a No Cost Grant Extension. We did have a slow start with the Grant, but we do still have remaining funds and we can find creative opportunities to

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spend those unused funds. That allowed us to increase Detox and Residential Treatments Capacity at Salvation Army. During COVID-19 we found that there was a high Occupancy Rate and individuals being discharged from Custody quickly and being open to Treatment options. It has been great resource for individuals who have had contact with the Criminal Justice System. We are working with our Grantor the Board of State and Community Corrections to think of other ways to spend down funds. We have set aside some funds for potential barrier support for individuals leaving treatment and needing housing support. We also purchased Telehealth Equipment since COVID-19 changed the way we engage with individuals. The STARR Grant is our Second round of Prop 47 both are simultaneously funded. We are working with the Board of State and Community Corrections to ensure we can spend all of our funds down by deadline.

Chief Fletcher from Adult Probation gave an update on the Community Corrections Partnership that is directly related to State Realignment AB-109 that is close to its 10 year anniversary. The Executive Committee of that body are scheduled to meet on February 12<sup>th</sup> at Noon. Our goal is to continue to have discussion on a more thorough evaluation of how we have rolled out funding for AB-109 that goes directly to the Sheriff Department and Adult Probation Department. Those funds are used to help support individuals who are returning home.

Collaborative Courts Representative not in attendance at today's meeting.

Tara Anderson asked Reentry Council has any questions or comments about the amazing work going on in these collective spaces. No comments from Council Members.

6. Proposed Reentry Council Subcommittee Rules Amendment (discussion & possible action)

Tara Anderson informed the Council the info is in our materials packet on pages 14 to 18, and called upon Victoria Westbrook give more information around about the rules being amendment.

Victoria Westbrook provided some clarity on the purposed changes. The actual changes are on page 15 of the Packet. The only change we are purposing to make is before the Council only approved new rosters for subcommittees in July's Annual Meeting. Due to different changes we've made to the Direct Services Committee such as changing time frame that Committee met, and providing Incentives as Stipends for Justice Involved People. Due to the active recruiting that has occurred we would like to make changes to

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rosters at other times during the year. The reason why this is important is because people stop attending Committee meetings which leads to issues and problems around Quorum. Additionally we now have three chair people for Direct Subcommittee and two chairs for the LPP.

Tara Anderson asked if members has any questions about the proposed amendments to the Sub Committee rules or by laws. No Questions or Concerns.

Chief Kathy Miller motions follow by Chief Karen Fletcher. All in favor motion passed.

### 7. Updated Direct Services Legislation, Policy, and Practices Subcommittee Rosters (discussion & possible action).

Tara Anderson informed Council that information is in pages 21 to 24 in materials. Over the past several years, the Direct Services subcommittee has struggled with membership. In the July 2020 Staff from Adult Probation proposed incenting participation to Justice Involved individuals by providing stipends. In August 2020 when Victoria Westbrook took over Interim Reentry Policy Planner she did an extensive work to increase the subcommittee membership. At one of the subcommittee meetings she had 60 plus individuals participating and most of the participants were Justice Involved. The updated subcommittee Rosters being on page 21 of the packet.

No Comments or Questions. Chief Fletcher brought forth Motion and Sheenia Branner Seconded Motion.

All in favor motion passes.

### 8. Justice Involved Co-Chair.

Tara Anderson informed Council that last year they voted to add a sixth Co-chair which would be justice involved. This officer is decided by a majority vote of the sitting justice involved council members. This co-chair seat became vacant when Jose Bernal's term ended last year. I am happy to announce Jabari Jackson as the new Justice Involved Co-Chair.

Jabari Jackson informed the Public and the Council that it is an honor and it is our time to

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do the work. He was honored and grateful to be a part of the work to create change.

9. Creating a 3rd subcommittee of the Reentry Council, the Women 1st Subcommittee, specifically to address issues related to justice involved cis and trans women and gender non-confirming individuals (discussion and possible action)

Tara informed Council that there are no items in packet related to information. She called upon Victoria Westbrook to give Council update on a Agenda Item Nine. She informed the Council that although woman make up a small population of our incarcerated community. They rate at which Woman are incarcerated is increasing across the Country. In April of 2013 the Woman's Community Justice Reform Blue Print was completed. The Blue Print outlined multiple strategies to reduce recidivism and improve Reentry outcomes for Justice Involved Woman. Victoria's Woman Gender Response Coordinator Position grew out of recommendations from this Blue Print. In June of 2018 Geoffrea Morris created the Woman Justice Reform Initiative. Our next step or goal or step should be to create a 3<sup>rd</sup> subcommittee that is focused on Issues related to Justice Involved Woman and Gender non-confirming folks. As a way to continue to have a platform to advance and keep body informed.

Karen Roye DCSS commented in support of this movement and it is well overdue. Our goal should be to lift the voices of Women and Non-Gender Confirming People. She then followed by Motion to approve 3<sup>rd</sup> Committee seconded Sheriff Miyamoto. All in Favor motioned carries.

Victoria informed the Council that she will be reaching out to various Community Groups that work with Justice Involved Woman and Gender Non-Conforming People. To schedule and begin meeting for the first 6 to 12 months of 2021.

10. Proposed amendment to the Reentry Council Bylaws, adding the reading of a Ramaytush (pronounced rah-my-toosh) Ohlone Land Acknowledgement at the beginning of Council meetings (discussion and possible action)

Tara Anderson informed Council that n December 8, 2020, the Board of Supervisors amended their Rules of Order, adding Rule 4.7.1 which declared that the President would read a Ramaytush (rah-my-toosh) Ohlone Land Acknowledgement after the Roll Call during Board of Supervisor Meetings. The motion amending the Rules of Order of the Board of Supervisors begins on page 25 of the public packet.

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On page 29, please find the proposed amendment to the Reentry Council Bylaws codifying the reading of similar Ramaytush (rah-my-toosh) Ohlone Land Acknowledgement at the beginning of Reentry Council meetings.

Tajuana Gray OEWD commented that as a part of our Racial Equity Plan we have been working with our Boards and Commission to have it adopted. Based on history of harm it's a great first step in acknowledgment around Racial Equity and that Harm.

Tara Anderson proposed that we take on a similar amendment to our bylaws. She gave thanks to bringing this forward so we can honor the land and engage in these conversations.

No other Member Comments.

Tara Anderson informed the Reentry Council that the G. Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement which would read: At the beginning of each meeting, after the Call to Order, the Chair shall read the following Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement: "The Community Corrections Partnership of San Francisco acknowledges that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. As the indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost, nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the Ancestors, Elders, and Relatives of the Ramaytush Ohlone community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples."

Motion by Susie Smith HSA and Seconded by Jabari Jackson. All in Favor motion passed.

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

Tara Anderson gave the floor to Chief Karen Fletcher. We wanted to honor Norma Ruiz who was not able to make it today for her service. Her term has come to an end and she has been very engaged for the last 2 years. We hope that next time we can give her a

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Certificate from the Reentry Community and also a Certificate of honor prepared by Supervisor Stephanie for her service on the Reentry Council.

Karen Roye DCSS informed the Council Members that she wanted to Report on COVID-19 and the impacted on the Reentry Community. She wanted to have a better understanding of the needs of the Reentry Community during this time.

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

No Comments or messages in Zoom Chat. Tara Anderson gave thanks to Victoria for running a smooth Reentry Council Meeting via Zoom.

13. Adjournment

Suzie Smith HSA Motion to Adjourn Seconded by Chief Miller. All in Favor motion passes Meeting Adjourned.