

Reentry Council

City & County of San Francisco

DRAFT Minutes

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2020 10am- 12pm

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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:

Sheriff Paul Miyamoto (Chair) (SFSD), Chief Karen Fletcher (SFAPD), Manohar Raju (Public Defender), Chesa Boudin (DA), District Attorney Chesa Boudin (DA), Jasmine Dawson (DCYF), Parole Agent Aspen Marshall (CDCR), Sheenia Branner (Mayoral Appointee), Angelica Almeida (DPH), Anthony Castellano (US Probation), Angelica Almeida (DPH), Alyson West (Superior Court), Paula Hernandez (Juvenile Probation), Susie Smith (HSA), Karen Roye/(DCSS), Tajuana Gray (OEWD), Commander Peter Walsh (SFPD), Angela Coleman (BOS Appointee), James Caldwell (For Mayor Breed), Norma Ruiz (Mayoral Appointee), Oscar Salinas (Board Appointee), Michael Brown (Board Appointee), Jabari Jackson (Board Appointee), Yolanda Morissette (Board Appointee)

Call to Order and Introductions.

Paul Miyamoto, San Francisco Sheriff called the meeting in order at 10:04am. He thanked everyone for being in the virtual meeting and acknowledge his five co-chairs,

- Paul Miyamoto, San Francisco Sheriff introduced board of supervisors appointed counsel members. Yolanda Morissette, Jabari Jackson, Michael Brown, and Oscar Salinas.
1. 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).

No Public Comment.

2. Brief Discussion on America’s Current Racial Climate and Global Pandemic and the Impact on the Formerly Incarcerated Community.

No discussion on this agenda and no public comment.

3. Review and Adoption of Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2020 (discussion & possible action).

Sherriff Paul Miyamoto asked to review the meeting minutes of July 23. Sherriff Miyamoto further asked for comments or questions about the draft minutes to the council members. No one responded. A motion was brought forth by Norma Ruiz and seconded by Sheenia Branner. Motion passed.

4. Staff Report on Activities of the Reentry Council and its Subcommittees (discussion & possible action).
 - a. Staff updates: Racial Equity Work- Criminal Justice Work Group ii. Subcommittees updates iii. Women’s Gender Responsive Newsletter. Sherriff Paul Miyamoto calls on Victoria Westbrook to recap the reentry Council’s activities and its sub-committees. Victoria states that the regular and staff updates are in the (packet) on pages 23-30. And they are starting on 31 for item number 5.
 - b. Victoria Calls on Paula Hernandez from the San Francisco Juvenile probation department for a verbal update since she was not included in the packet. Paula states that she has updates for the J. J. C. C. She further explains that the J. J. C. C. has not met, and that there is not any meeting scheduled. She noted the recent legislation passed through the California Governor’s office sb823 closure of D. J. J and realignment of that population. All intakes will stop for new youth effective July 1, 2021. D. J. J. is no longer a dispositional option for youth. However, the disposition created another office in charge of managing and caring for the youth named The Office of Youth and Community

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Restoration. The department will sit under the Health and Human Services department, leaving the board of state and community corrections. The most important part for this group is that each local J. J. C. C. is tasked with a local plan and has to reconvene the individuals who are mandated to the J. J. C. C. Furthermore, a local alternative for D. J. J. this local plan has to be submitted to the board of supervisors for approval by the J. J. C..

c. Subcommittees updates

This plan must also be submitted to the new State office by the physical year 2022-2023. Probation departments are also being surveyed if any counties are interested in what kind of local options are available with current and existing facilities space. The Juvenile Probation Chief Miller has been part of those conversations. More information is to follow. There is currently four San Francisco youth in D. J. J.

The Juvenile Probation Chief also appointed a new Juvenile Hall director his name is Bobby Uppal. Mr. Uppal comes from the Juvenile Placement Unit, and he brings a wealth of diversity and experience with placement and programming that is going to be an asset to the facility.

Sherriff Miyamoto called for more comments.

Victoria Westbrook replied No.

Sherriff Miyamoto moved on to item number 6 on the agenda.

Public comment: Andres Salas thinks it's a great idea to give stipend, he loves the idea of providing food. The amazing amount of work is mind blowing.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

N/A

6. Reentry Council Appointment to the Sentencing Commission (discussion & possible action).
* Sheriff Miyamoto states that counsel has appointed two members to the sentencing commission Kevin Row is the official representative in the commission and the non-profit representative that works with the reentry population.

In March of 2019, Kevin Henderson stepped down from the sentencing commission, leaving the seat vacant. On July 23rd, 2019, the counsel allowed Jose Bernal to sit in as the interim appointee to the sentencing commission during the seat's open application. The Statement on interest was posted on the SF reentry website for the open position on July 30, 2019. Furthermore, four e-mails were sent out through the reentry counsel's mailing list. A total of 8 applications were submitted who met the criteria for the Sentencing Commission.

Sherriff Miyamoto asked if everyone had a chance to review the applications.

* No one responded.

Victoria Westbrook stated that Ronnie Nunez withdrew from his application, so now theirs is only seven applicants. Victoria Westbrook called on each presenter to give a presentation of two minutes after a motion would be set for a placement to fill the sentencing commission.

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Victoria Westbrook calls on Aaron Burris who is a business developer for inside circle, a non-profit organization in California. Before being a developer, he was chairman of the board. He currently sits on two other non-profit boards in an advisor capacity. He was released from prison five years ago. He has helped offenders connect into reentry services once released. Aaron also mentors 25-30 ex life-term inmates in the bay area and helps them with life skills. Runs three projects in offenders institution in New Jersey, Peer too Peer mentorship in Illinois, and Keep the offender in the community in Georgia

Next Victoria Westbrook calls on Aaron Lowers and Ennis Johnson and both did not respond.

Next, Victoria Westbrook calls on Michael Brown to the floor, an incase manager with Five Keys, in collaboration with a roadmap to peace. Michael Brown has experience working with transitional age youth providing court advocacy creating and executing reentry plans. Michael is part of the Mission part collaborative and Latino Taskforce and part of their violence prevention committee. Michael Brown was previously incarcerated. More letters of endorsements came in late in support for Michael Brown.

Next, Victoria Westbrook calls on Oscar Pena Formally incarcerated. He has served as a senator for two years and served as a student body president for two years at City College of San Francisco at the Ocean Campus. He brings nine years of volunteer experience in eight different jail/prison institutions and is currently working on his master's at SF State.

Next Victoria calls on Stephanie Gray who works with non-binary Trans Women and Men. Gray spoke about the injustice of Trans treatment in prison and her personal experience.. However, she states she would stand up for all inmates. She now works with safe house.

Next Victoria Calls on William Palmer who is an advocate and served a 33 year sentence. And has work directly with the Sherriff department. Furthermore, Rudy from United Playaz called to advocate for William Palmer stated by Steve Adami.

- Sherriff Miyamoto tanked all the applicants

Sherriff Miyamoto asked the counsel for a motion of recommendation

- Chief Probation Officer Karen Fletcher nominated William Palmer
- Tajuana Gray seconded the motion for William Palmer
- Sherriff Miyamoto asked for any public comment
- Rebecca Jackson made a public comment she stated that it is important to have a Black person at are at the table since the African American Community is the most affected by sentencing.
- Johanna Fernandez made a public comment and stated that there should be young representation and a person who recently has been affected by incarceration and the criminal justice system.
- Geoffrea Morris made a comment stated that a person who has 31 years incarcerated is the best person to be on the sentencing community because that person was formally a lifer.
- No further public comments

Sherriff Miyamoto calls for a vote. William Palmer was appointed into the sentencing committee chair, votes passed unanimously.

7. Discussion on Supporting the Black Community through Utilizing a Portion of Police Funds. (discussion only & possible action).

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Sherriff Miyamoto mentions a discussion to provide changes to funding in the form of stipends for the formally incarcerated co-chairs and another incentive to formally incarcerated members in the last meeting. It was submitted to the supervisor Fewer's office on August 17, 2020 for consideration.

Victoria Westbrook stated that the budget was submitted. However, the budget was not processed. Victoria further noted that they would reach out to several city departments next week to see if they can contribute 400 dollars to work order and fund the stipends program.

8. San Francisco Recovery Summit Working Group Presentation (discussion & possible action).

Sherriff Miyamoto mentioned the recovery summit working group presentation. In 2018, the adult probation department's Reentry team in partnership with UCSF/Citywide and The Senior Ex-Offender program, launched the recovery summit. After the 2018 summit, a collective of people in recovery congregated to discuss addiction and recovery challenges in San Francisco. The collective's goal is to identify recommendations for Treatment and Addiction outcomes. Steve Adami, an Interim Director, presented summary data collected as well as recovery and addiction recommendations.

Geoffrea Morris states that she comes not as a college but as a daughter of an addict and a felon. Morris furthers stated that her father was kicked out of several programs. However, she signals that the short sobriety stints in the program made her father stronger. Morris says that her father's turnaround was due to peer-based recovery programs. She further explains that if her father were an addict in the present time, he would not be able to get sober because most of the programs her father was helped by are no longer available. She highlighted the fact that her father did not get sober until the age of 44. Morris compared the overdose rate of San Francisco with the Chicago murder rate. Morris called there to be culturally specific and rational relevant peer-based recovery programs. Morris wants San Francisco to accept her recommendation to expand treatment options, including abstinence, faith-based treatment programs, and the creation of black-led and black serving treatment programs.

Cedrick Akbar states want an anti-racist approach to treatment and agenda. Furthermore, Removing current and historical barriers to health care. Black voices should not be excluded from the drug pandemic narrative. 2. Akbars recommendations are for the black community leaders to take place in all stages of public health policies, development, and implementation. Expanded treatment to black communities, increased funding for treatment, wrapped around services for all substance abuse, and racial impact statements for drug addiction—one to two years of funded services for individuals who are using or in recovery.

Craig Johnson wants treatment on demand restored. Craig Johnson calls for faith-based programming.

Jeris Woodson talks about her experience own experience and how there were no programs to help her. Woodson calls for long term treatment in the community.

Rico Hamilton calls for expansion for drug and alcohol treatment. Expansion of long term treatment. Black lead abstinence programs.

Alisea Clark calls for treatment stay to be expanded to one-two years of treatment. Including abstinence-based programs.

Adrian Maldonado reemphasized the words of Geoffrea Morris and Cedric Akbar.

Tom Wolf explains the importance of 12 step-based absence treatment. Encouraged people to be

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proactive and make a change.

Jabari Jackson- reemphasized the collective's words on recovery and faith-based.

Traci Watson- Challenges with Homeless community and lack of treatment, More women's programs.

Lisa Wood- Would like expanded treatment programs.

Andrea Kennedy-Spoke that it's great that San Francisco funds abstinence-based programs. However, that it is bad that San Francisco does not fund faith based programs.

Eric Turner- calls for treatment on demand.

Michael Hawkins- Expanded treatment models.

Deborah Turner- Calls for more funding for more spaces and places.

Allen Harven: Calls for more extended programs.

Johnny Robles: Echoed the thoughts of the collective.

Richard Beal- calls for faith-based programs.

Sherriff Miyamoto calls for a motion.

- Jabari Jackson supports the motion.
- Karen Roye seconded the motion.

7. State Legislation (AB 88 and SB 118) and State Proposition (Prop 17, 20, 25) (Discussion only & possible action).

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

N/A

9. Public Comment on Any Item Listed Above, as well as Items not Listed on the Agenda.

No public comment.

10. Adjournment.

Sheenia Branner motioned to adjourn. Sseconded by Aspen Marshall. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:18 pm

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