

# Reentry Council

## City & County of San Francisco

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### Subcommittee on Direct Services

#### DRAFT NOTES

Thursday, March 8, 2018

2:30-4:30pm

555 7<sup>th</sup> St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**Members Present:** Amarita King, Ernest Kirkwood, Angela Coleman, Majeid Crawford, Demarris Evans, Destiny Pletsch, Ali Riker, Maggie Rivera, Damoun Bazorgzabarbab (for Alex Weil), Monica Wong

**Members Absent:** Jose Bernal, Maeve Elise Brown, Kim Courtney, Andy Chu, Noah Eastman, Lt. Steve Ford, Bobby Jackson, Wyatt Lim-Tepper, Jeff Mori, Curtis Penn, David Wiesner

**Guests Present:** Steve Adami, Cedric Akbar, Erin Crane, Ian Harriman, Rachel Kinnon, Geoffrea Morris, Lorna Trinh, Victoria Westbrook

1. Staff Report – Karen reported on the work of the gang injunction coalition which held a community meeting in the Bayview on March 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be a public hearing at the Board of Supervisors in April—date still to be determined. Karen also reported on the measure currently before the Board of Supervisors to end criminal just fines and fees. The Sheriff has already stopped charging for electronic monitors and Karen Fletcher has announced plans to end probation fines. It was agreed that this was enormous victory for our city. There is now work to forgive past debt so that people who currently owe money can free up that debt so they can participate in record clearances.
2. Report-backs from last meeting
  - a. Reentry Dinner – about 200 people attended the event. It was extremely successful. There is now talk of getting funding from the Archdiocese for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event.
  - b. Reentry Navigation – This group did not meet since the last meeting.
  - c. Alternative to incarceration (programming credits) – This group has not met since the last meeting. This led to a conversation about discharge planning. The Sheriff has contracted with Westside to provide discharge planning for people coming out. She has also approved providing cabs and one night at a hotel if people are released at night. The priority at this time for discharge planning are people who have medical needs or are otherwise vulnerable, as well as high users of the jails.
  - d. Stop the Violence in the Tenderloin – Majeid reported on all of the positive work that has come out of the last Stop the Violence event last summer. Next event is tentatively scheduled for 9/24/18.
  - e. Breadwinners/Toastmasters – Ernest explained how the Breadwinners/Toastmasters work came about. Members are asked to let him know if they want to join the working group.

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- f. Medication-Assisted Treatment for Substance Use Disorders—Amarita attended a workshop on this topic. She found it extremely helpful in terms of providing a public health rather than criminal justice approach to substance use.
  - g. Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome—Geoffrea attended a meeting about this.
3. Checkr Presentation (discussion only)—Ian Harriman talked about the work of Checkr. Karen will send out the slide presentation to the list.
4. SF Public Library (discussion only)—Rachel Kinnon talked about her new job as Jail and Reentry Services Librarian at the SF Public Library. She and members talked about many possibilities for activities in the jail as well as in reentry centers—book groups, author visits, resume workshops, coding training, etc.
5. June Election Strategy (discussion and possible action)—Members and guests agreed that it would be very exciting to develop a strategy for registering voters for the June election. There was a lot of interest in planning a candidates’ debate at the CASC. Damoun will talk about this with Citywide and Karen will discuss with Adult Probation. A working group was developed for this activity.
6. Member Roundtable and Agenda Items for Next Meeting (discussion only)—There was conversation about using data to show the amazing work that is happening in this subcommittee. Karen will contact Helen Parnisi who said at the last meeting that she would be willing to develop a data strategy. Several members said they would participate in building out a data/evaluation strategy.

**Next Meeting:  
May 10, 2018  
2:30-4:30pm  
25 Van Ness, Lower Level**