

Reentry Council

City & County of San Francisco

Subcommittee on Legislation, Policy & Practices

DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

2:30-4:30pm

25 Van Ness, Lower Level Conference Room
San Francisco

Members Present: Leslie Bilbro, Jose Bernal, Joe Calderon, Woods Ervin, Kathleen Lacey, Leslie Levitas, Becky LoDolce, Donna Mandel, Geoffrea Morris, Jared Walker, Victoria Westbrook

Members Absent: Tara Agnese, Tara Anderson, Kara Chien, Melody Fountila, Freda Randolph Glenn, Nick Gregoratos, Eric Henderson, Ash Lynette, Kelly Shaban, Mark Walsh

1. Review of decisions made at subcommittee retreat (discussion only)—Members spent time looking at the local initiatives that might be the central focus of the local work for the year. These are (1) ending gang injunctions and (2) developing a peer mentor counselor or peer mentoring program for people coming out of prison or jail.

Gang injunctions—Decided to go to Reentry Council with Jeff Adachi’s letter and propose that the Council investigate the gang injunctions further. One thing the City Attorney agreed to do is to three-year reviews of the injunctions to determine their continued relevance as well as to determine if there are people who should be taken off. It is not clear that such reviews have ever happened. It would also be good to hold meetings with other stakeholders, particularly the police department.

Peer mentoring program. The idea would be to create a state certification for mental health and family support as people are released from jail and prison. In the meantime, it would be great if there was a county pilot in San Francisco to learn more about this.

Finally, there was discussion about the importance of each county having a specific plan for **housing for the justice-involved residents**. This may be a state policy bill this year.

Two work groups were formed to work on the gang injunctions and the peer mentoring program. **Jose Bernal** is the point person for gang injunctions. **Geoffrea Morris** is the point person for the peer navigator work.

2. Occupational Licensing (discussion and possible action)—Karen announced that a statewide working group has been formed to discuss an ending to licensing bans on people with convictions. The group is being headed by Roots and Rebound which will be doing a presentation at the Reentry Council meeting.

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3. Other initiatives that we know of (discussion and possible action)—Linda Connelly said she believes that Sen. Skinner may be authoring a bill to require counties to create a plan for reentry housing. Next meeting will be taken up with looking at introduced legislation. Members are reminded to send Karen any bills they want to present at that meeting.
4. Subcommittee Chair (discussion and possible action)—It was suggested that Jose Bernal join Leslie Bilbro as co-chair of the subcommittee. This will come back to the subcommittee at its next meeting.
5. Subcommittee roster (discussion and possible action)—members were asked to look at their names on the roster and give Karen any corrections.
6. 2018 Calendar—upcoming meetings: (discussion only)—calendar was distributed
7. Member Roundtable and Agenda Items for Next Meeting (discussion only)
8. Adjournment

Next Meeting:
March 21, 2018
2:30-4:30pm
25 Van Ness, Lower Level Conference Room