

# Reentry Council

## City & County of San Francisco

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### Subcommittee on Direct Services

#### DRAFT MINUTES

Thursday, July 12, 2018

2:30-4:30pm

Office of the Public Defender

555 Seventh Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**Members Present:** Angela Coleman, Donna Mandel representing Demarris Evans, Destiny Pletsch, Ali Riker, Freda Randolph Glen, David Wiesner, and Maggie Rivera

**Members Absent:** Jose Bernal, Kim Courtney, Andy Chu, Noah Eastman, Lt. Steve Ford, Bobby Jackson, Wyatt Lim-Tepper, Curtis Penn, Amarita King, Ali Riker; Ernest Kirkwood, Alex Weil, Majeid Crawford, Monica Wong

**Guests Present:** Jeanie Austin; Geoffrea Morris, Victoria Westbrook, Charles Adams

Minutes: The minutes could not be approved because the group did not have quorum. The minutes for May 10, 2018 were reviewed. Ali Riker requested that agency affiliations be included in the notes so members could readily identify who was represented at each meeting. There were no corrections to the minutes occurring on May 10, 2018; however there was a pronoun typo.

#### **Staff Report**

a. Gang Injunctions

Donna Mandal provided an update on Gang Injunctions. On June 13, 2018 the Board of Supervisors' Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee held a hearing in which the City Attorney, Public Defender, Police Department and the Public spoke on the subject of gang injunctions. There was no known conclusion on next steps.

b. Guidelines for Work Groups

Geoffrea Morris led the discussion on work group guidelines. Geoffrea drafted for subcommittee review a guideline sheet. The committee discussed the proposed guidelines and agreed to adopt.

c. Getting Out and Staying Out Updates

Destiny Pletsch gave the subcommittee an update on the next print edition of the Getting Out and Staying Out guide. The Reentry Division of the Adult Probation Department is still collecting entries before printed publication. The Reentry Division is in the preliminary stages of digitizing the resource guide.

d. Reentry Council and Subcommittee Recruitment

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Geoffrea Morris informed the subcommittee of the two vacancies on the Reentry Council, the Mayoral Appointee seat and the TAY seat. She explained the parameters around the TAY seat and encouraged anyone interested in the position to contact her for application instructions.

e. Reentry Council Budget

Geoffrea Morris shared that there is an idea proposed to create a small budget for the Reentry Council and its subcommittees. Geoffrea will provide updates to the subcommittees as they become available if the idea gains traction.

f. Meet the Mayor

Geoffrea Morris encouraged the subcommittee to reach out and talk to the new Mayor, London Breed, in the near future about the work occurring in each subcommittee.

### **San Francisco Public Library's Jail and Reentry Services**

Jeanie Austin, SF Library, presented to the subcommittee an idea the Public Library currently does and hopes to replicate with San Francisco's reentry populations. Jeanie shared examples of zines currently being published within in custody settings. Jeanie stated the Reentry Library services division hoped that this could be duplicated with San Francisco County's reentry population. Jeanie believes this would be a way to create community and build expression of shared experience. Jeanie stated anyone interested in partnering on the idea is encouraged to contact Jeanie.

### **Workgroup Report-Backs**

a. Reentry Dinner/Reentry Conference

The Reentry Conference organized by the San Francisco Archdiocese is on September 7, 2018 at St. Mary's Cathedral. Julio Escobar from the Archdiocese's Restorative Justice Ministry is seeking volunteers to assist with this event. All are welcome but registration is required for this free event.

b. Reentry Navigation

The subcommittee discussed ideas for the workgroup. Victoria Westbrook will be leading Reentry Navigation workgroup and will contact identified members of the workgroup.

c. Alternative to Incarceration (Programming Credits)

Geoffrea Morris stated Demarris Evans, although absent had completed some preliminary research on the topic. It was agreed that a representative from the Sheriff's Department should be a part of this workgroup.

d. Stop the Violence Tenderloin Event

Charles Adams from Intercept Equals Change provided an update on Stop the Violence event. A firm date for the event has not been set but organizers are aiming for September or October. Help from the subcommittee was requested.

e. Breadwinners

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Ernest Kirkwood was not present to provide an update on the workgroups activities.

### **Subcommittee Transition Period**

a. Review Subcommittee Rules

The Direct Services Subcommittee reviewed the rules made recommendations for the full Reentry Council to adopt regarding the operations of the subcommittee.

b. 2018 Mid-Year Goals

c. Retreat Ideas and Take-Aways

Geoffrea reminded the subcommittee that there is a scheduled retreat for October. She asked the subcommittee if they had ideas for the agenda and encouraged members to come prepared with ideas to contribute. The hope is that out of the retreat a strategic plan can be created.

### **Member Roundtable and Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

Members discussed the changes to Human Services Agency (HSA) food stamps program. The changes include requiring recipients to participate in workforce programs unless in they were a member of an exemption category. Recipients are encouraged to contact HSA to see if the changes, which are slated to go into effect September 1<sup>st</sup>, affect them or their clients. .

Adjournment