

Reentry Council

City & County of San Francisco

Subcommittee on Legislation, Policy & Practices

Draft Minutes

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

2:30-4:30pm

25 Van Ness Avenue

Lower Level Conference

San Francisco, California 94103

Members Present: Jose Bernal, Joe Calderon, Linda Connelly, Melody Fountila, Becky LoDolce, Emmeline Sun, Victoria Westbrook

Members Absent: Tara Agnese, Tara Anderson, Kara Chien, Eric Henderson, Nicholas Gregoratos, Kathleen Connolly Lacey, Mark Walsh

Guest Present: None

1. Review the draft minutes of September 19, 2018 (discussion and action)

The draft minutes for September 19, 2018 were passed unanimously. There was a correction on #3 Gang Injunctions- The subcommittee members requested the deletion of the following sentence” The City Attorney’s Office has not responded to the request for documents by the Stop Gang Injunctions Coalition.”

2. Staff Report (discussion only)

a. Unexcused Absences of Subcommittee Members

Geoffrea informed the body that she would be notifying members who have constantly missed meetings without giving prior notice. Geoffrea stated she would begin enforcing the subcommittee rules and removing individuals who are no longer active participants in the subcommittee.

b. New BOS Appointed Reentry Council Members

Geoffrea informed the Direct Services subcommittee that the Board of Supervisors had just recently appointed the following members to the Reentry Council: Seat 1-Jose Bernal (reappointment), Seat 2- Angela Coleman (reappointment), Seat 3- Victoria Westbrook (new appointment) and Seat 4- Theodore Tolliver (new appointment)

c. Mayoral Appointed Reentry Council Seats – Updates

Geoffrea informed the committee that there were two interested candidates for general justice involved mayoral seat. Geoffrea stated she would be working with Mayor Breed’s office to fill the general justice involved seat. Geoffrea informed the subcommittee that the Transitional Age Youth seat remained vacant and she encouraged members of the subcommittee to refer a positive transitional age youth to the seat. She also informed the group that this person needed to be between the ages of 18-35 and that the interest candidate had to be involved with the criminal system prior to the age of 25.

d. Subcommittee Retreat

Geoffrea announced the annual subcommittee retreat would be on December 3, 2018 at Pier 1 on the Embarcadero. Geoffrea stated the retreat would be from 9:00am to 1:00pm and that it would encompass both subcommittees, Direct Services and Legislation, Policy, and Practices Subcommittee, members of the reentry community, community stakeholders and city agencies.

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e. Passed/Failed 2018 Legislation

Geoffrea informed the committee of the following bills that were supported by the Legislation, Policy, and Practices subcommittee and provided feedback on whether or not any of these bills were signed by the governor.

Introduced Reentry Council	RC Endorsement	City's State/Leg Endorsement	Originating House	Passed the Second House	Signed/ Veto Notes
AB2138: Occupational licensing	YES	YES	YES	YES	SIGNED
SB 906: Statewide Peer Specialist Certification	YES	YES	YES	YES	VETOED
SB1393: Sentencing reform – Judicial sentencing discretion regarding prior serious felonies	YES	YES	YES	YES	SIGNED
SB1437: Sentencing reform – Reform to accomplice liability	NO	N/A	YES	YES	SIGNED
SB1105: Expands Vehicle Code Section 41500 immunity to individuals in local detention facilities	YES	N/A	NO	N/A	
SB1025: Sentencing reform – Probation eligibility for drug offenses	YES	YES	YES	NO	
SB1392: Sentencing reform – Judicial sentencing discretion regarding prior prison or jail terms	YES	N/A	NO	N/A	
SB 10: Bail Reform	YES	YES	YES	YES	SIGNED

SB 906 Veto Message: Currently, peer support specialists are used as providers in Medi-Cal without a state certificate. This bill imposes a costly new program, which will permit some of these individuals to continue providing services but shut others out. I urge the stakeholders and the department to improve upon the existing framework while allowing all peer support specialists to continue to work.

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f. Calendar 2019 for subcommittee

Geoffrea informed Legislation, Policy, and Practices subcommittee that they would be meeting on the 4th Wednesday opposed to third Wednesday starting in 2019. She also informed them that all their meeting would continue to be at 25 Van Ness Avenue, in the Lower Level Conference Room.

3. Gang Injunctions Report (discussion only)

Jose stated there has been no further updates since September subcommittee meeting.

4. New Business

a. Voting Outreach and Education Workgroup

The members of LLP subcommittee liked the idea of following more local legislation and ballot initiatives. Members made a suggestion about having a candidates' forum for the Reentry Community. The subcommittee members picked the date of Thursday, August 15, 2019 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

b. Choosing 2019 Lobby Days

The subcommittee members picked two Sacramento lobby dates, Wednesday, May 22, 2019- 8:00am to 3:00pm and Wednesday, September 4, 2019- 8:00am to 3:00pm.

5. Member Roundtable and Agenda Items for Next Meeting (discussion only)

Bail Reform was a topic that brought a lot of discussion and conversation. Members suggested this subcommittee should do some self-reflecting on its support for bail reform. Members suggested the body answer some of these reflecting questions:

- What can we take from this experience under the current bail reform passed legislation?
- What lessons were learned?
- What lesson were not learned?
- How can we better understanding the Arnold Tool?

Subcommittee member Linda Connelly stated she had some connections with individuals associated with the Arnold Tool and she stated she could try to reach out to them and see if they could present to us as a body.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned. The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2019 from 2:30pm to 4:30pm at 25 Van Ness Avenue in the Lower Level Conference.