

# Reentry Council

## City & County of San Francisco

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### Subcommittee on Legislation, Policy & Practices

#### AGENDA (Updated)

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

2:30-4:30pm

San Francisco Public Defender's Office, 555 Seventh Street,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Main Conference Room  
San Francisco, California 94103

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1. Introductions (discussion only)
2. Review of January 23, 2018 meeting (discussion only)
3. Facilitators Report (discussion only)
  - a. Subcommittee Rules Review
    - Member Commitments
  - b. Administrative – posting/sharing agenda and materials in advance, facilitation, note taking, ensuring action items in notes, and sharing out notes within 3 business days of meeting
  - c. 2019 Subcommittee Calendar
    - Put dates in calendar
4. Strategic Planning Session (discussion and possible action)
  - a. Review of 12/3/2018 Retreat Notes
  - b. Identify 3 – 4 LPP Goals for 2019
  - c. Quick 2019 State Legislative Calendar Review
    - Confirm Sacramento Lobby Days – Put day in calendar
  - d. Action steps: Confirm implementation next steps of identified goals, and process steps for reviewing bills/legislation at the 3/20 LPP meeting
5. Member Roundtable and Agenda Items for Next Meeting (discussion only)
6. Adjournment

**Next Meeting:**  
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NOTES – 12/3/2018 Retreat of the Direct Services and Legislation, Policy and Practices Subcommittees of the Reentry Council of the City and County of San Francisco

Overview – On 12/3/2018, a retreat of the Direct Services and Legislation, Policy and Practices Subcommittees met to acknowledge successes of 2018, take a retrospective review of subcommittees work, to brainstorm direct services and policy goals for 2019...and use the brainstorm as a basis for crafting a strategic plan. The final draft of a to-be-developed Strategic Plan will be agendized for review at a future full Reentry Council Meeting.

Once finalized, chairs of the committee will use the plan to guide efforts of each subcommittee, and will report back on progress and challenges to the full Reentry Council, and may seek troubleshooting support from members of the Reentry Council.

The below represents a summary of the brainstorm list of issues, and policy/action next steps that were generated at the meeting. At the next subcommittee meetings in March (if not before), the Chairs of the committees will facilitate a discussion of subcommittee members to prioritize issues, and create an actionable strategic plan. All of the information will be consolidated into one Strategic Plan for Reentry Council review in April, 2019.

If you have questions on this information, please contact Lauren Bell, Reentry Division Director at [lauren.bell@sfgov.org](mailto:lauren.bell@sfgov.org) or by phone at 415-241-4253.

**12/3/2018 Subcommittees Retreat – BRAINSTORM of successes, issues and policy/action next steps**

**Subcommittee Successes**

The subcommittees of the Reentry Council of the City and County of San Francisco are made up of a collection of 31 people across the private/non-profit and public sectors. The commitment, passion, and expertise of the members is to be commended. Members of both subcommittees are committed to using the retreat as an opportunity to refocus on priority areas that support policies, practices and services that strengthen the safety network of currently incarcerated and previously incarcerated community members.

Thank you to the members of the subcommittees! Here is a summarized list of work/success of subcommittees and the members:

- Gang Injunction conversation moved a lot further
- Criminal Justice fines and fees were mitigated in San Francisco
- Burns report and community meetings/neighborhood meetings
- AB1008/Ban the Box passed and with RC support
- A lot of legislative advocacy and RC support
- Merged subcommittees together during retreats/striving for more coordination between committees
- Helped with 2018 Community Appreciation Dinner
- There is a plan for digitizing the GOSO guide
- Resolution to prioritize non-profit over for profit providers was passed by BOS
- Policy committee pursued a robust agenda in 2018

**Legislation, Policy and Practices Subcommittee (LPP) – issues and policy/action next steps**

Issue	Policy/Action
<b>LEGISLATIVE Priorities of LPP</b>	
1. Legislation/Policy – Input from incarcerated/formerly incarcerated	Input currently resides in APD, Sheriff, Public Health, Education
2.	
3. Timeline for Legislation Planning and Advocacy	Start planning earlier
4. SB 1142 – needs continued efforts	SB 1142 – Home Safe Act – requires protocol for SFSD to notify inmates and public that inmates can voluntarily stay for up to an additional 16 hours after sentencing  RC should write a letter of support
5. Legislation? Local Re: Coordination with BOS	Have a more streamlined process/connected relationship with the BOS in order to create more specific/focused legislation.
6. Legislation/ National/State – Social Security	Law/mandate allows incarcerated individuals working while incarcerated to accrue social security/public safety
7.	
8. Late Night Releases	Consider a BOS hearing?
9. Bail Reform	Bail Reform – continue to review risk assessment  Better bail reform that actually helps people in custody
10. Gang Enhancements Language	Reentry Debate Forum Statewide legislation on gang enhancements – change language of gang enhancements - injunctions?
11. SF Gang Injunctions	Abolish them
12. Fines and Fees	Statewide leg on fines and fees
13. Prison Phone Calls	Statewide action around prison phone calls
14. Support Sex Worker rights	Further explore impact of FOSTA...Fight Online Sex Trafficking Bill...

<p>15. Resolution re: Prioritizing Non Profits over For Profits</p>	<p>Implement prioritizing non-profits in procurement and contracting (*the resolution was not signed by the Mayor’s note – lb)</p>
<p><b>OTHER LPP Priorities</b></p>	
<p>16. Reentry Council – representation/Co-chair</p>	<p>Consider a previously incarcerated co-chair Elevate the voice of previously incarcerated to compel action from RC</p>
<p>17. Discharge Planning</p>	<p>Discharge Planning –</p> <p>Includes TB referral services</p> <p>Menu of services in release docs – make menu of services to meet different needs – consider needs of TAY, LGBTQI, seniors etc.</p> <p>Ordinance to require discharge planning with follow up/feedback</p> <p>Better communication with judges to better coordinate released</p> <p>Medical coverage – sign up before exit Requirement for coordinated, centralized plan making</p> <p>Consider community service in lieu of fees</p> <p>Distinguish between clients released from custody who are on probation vs. those who are not.</p>
<p>18. Peer Specialists - Formalizing</p>	<p>Peer Support – start inside for continuation post release</p> <p>Require hiring peers for city funding</p> <p>Peer mentor counselor certification</p> <p>Advocacy with legislature</p> <p>Peer mentor/counselor certification – policy and curriculum funded by HSA/Jobs Now or thru Medi-Cal – peer navigators, paid transitional employment, part of discharge plan, training in custody</p>

19. Dedicated reentry office or commission	Review multidepartment unit to address reentry – look at LA’s Office of Diversion and Reentry  Look into creating a Reentry Commission
20. Commissary	Review rules around charges with commissary
21. Racial Disparities	Continue to address racial disparities in the criminal justice system – push for action following or simultaneously with decision point analysis  What’s the follow up on the Burns Report? Decision Point Analysis?
22. AB109 Allocation	Review AB109 funds and community partnerships to better understand funds going to CBOs vs. Gov’t Agencies
23. Communication/Action with Council, BOS, Mayor (and SFFE? – note unclear)	Robust reporting from subcommittee to council to city government
24. Less punitive vs. holistic community centered reentry models	Partnership w with probation and CBOs to allow returnee to meet in community
25. Community input into allocation/program decisions	Policy to fund technical assistance to empower Citywide, depts. CBOs to make data informed decisions
26. Mental Health Treatment	Status of Jail Rebuild/Mental Health Treatment
27. Drug Use	Recovery Summit Work – Longer treatment episodes, fund a variety of treatment options, create a treatment continuum  Improving treatment for reentry population
28. Communication with SF Police Department	More presence at Police Commission Meeting
29. Collaboration with other CJ advocacy groups	Create a quarterly conversation of community based CJ advocacy groups
30. Inclusive Language	Policy on being more inclusive with City and County of San Francisco  How to engage/outreach?  European model?

	Engaging SF community at large around inclusive priorities and unifying principles
31. Strengthened Women’s Gender Responsive services for justice involved women	Pursue policies and services that are responsive to the needs of cis and trans women.  Ensure more TGN training in custody

**Direct Services Subcommittee (DS) - issues and policy/action next steps**

Issue	Policy/Action
<b>DS In-Custody Priorities</b>	
32. Centralized Discharge Planning	<p>From day 1/intake through release</p> <p>Process/plan, address the needs of the individual, directly address barriers as part of the process Integrate previously incarcerated, peer specialists into this work</p> <p>Ensure a specific plan on discharge day</p> <p>Look at NY model as a sample</p> <p>Mandate BOS/Policy and procedure?</p> <p>Make a discharge video to be viewed in custody</p> <p>Contract with someone who can provide safe passage</p>
33. Need Resource/Hand Out/One pager Re: Release Resources, Planning	<p>Create a resource handout for all – Basic “need to know where to go once released”</p> <p>All inmates to have a basic checklist of things needed for exit</p> <p>Connect with CM or mental health provider prior to release</p> <p>Get medi-cal sign up prior to release</p> <p>Discharge planner on site until 10pm with resources and taxi voucher</p> <p>Ensure Flywheel information is in the list.</p>

34. Getting social security cards/birth certificates	Create a streamlined pathway for working on getting Social Security cards and IDs prior to release
35. TB Test – Not standardized by SFSD	Put in inmate handbook how to request test/access results – use a medical action request Receive paper copy/results when released  If CBO wants copy must do consent to JMS & have faxed or pick up. Get copy from client.
36. Technology/Release App	Consider a phone app related to release/reentry prep
37. Credit for Time Served (CTS) is problematic as we can't plan	Work with Judges regarding sentencing and allowing inmates to volunteer to be released in tandem with services plan
<b>DS – Housing/Treatment Services Priorities</b>	
38. Rise Up – TAY Housing	TAY Navigation Center, same day shelter bed @ GA
39. Expand services for TGN folks	Look at TGN specific housing
40. Reentry Navigation Center	Create a reentry navigation center for late night releases  Consider priority shelter for reentry, justice involved population
41. 24/7 Navigation Center Services	Open a 24/7 navigation center
42. Expand Family Housing	Inclusive of TAY parents, supporting housing
43. Address issues/challenges in treatment/shelter/transitional housing	Turf Issues/safety issues are barriers to people accessing resources Need more women's gender responsive resources
44. Accessing benefits to address mental health and substance abuse	Create a class to teach people on how to apply for benefits/healthcare
<b>DS – Coordination and Community Based Priorities</b>	
45. Supervision/Case Management	Not enough community based organizations to provide supervision in place of traditional probation officers. Explore community based



	models of supervision. Develop legislation to grant authority to community based organizations to provide county supervision services.
46. Closer collaboration with CDCR	Establish reentry committees in prison, share communication with prison newspapers
47. Strengthen collaboration with the Public Library	Have more film screenings, speakers, reentry fair
48. Clean Slate	Expand Clean Slate opportunities
49. Host a community forum for DA candidates	Host a community forum for DA candidates
50. Increased Engagement/Partnership with Community	More representation from community Community Voice Better outreach
51. RC Presence in the Community	RC can create objectives for more opportunities to engage with the community/public about matters related to reentry.
52. More Coordinated Processes, Community/Gov't	Reduce duplicative services More front end coordination Expand LEAD like service Model – address diverting people from the system Host quarterly meetings of community agencies and develop a coordinated plan for support and outreach
53. Online Tool for Resources, Collaboration and Organizing	Create online tool for resources, information sharing, connecting and organizing...maybe as part of GOSO?  SFReentry.org? Self-service referral?

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  - f. New BOS/Mayor’s Office Appointed Reentry Council Members
  - g. Subcommittee Retreat - Feedback and Notes Review
4. Action Areas (discussion and possible action)
  - a. Passed 2018 Legislation
    - i. Working with Direct Services Subcommittee on public education
  - b. Voting Outreach and Education Workgroup
    - i. Planning a DA Candidates Town Hall
    - ii. Creating a voter education, registration and get out the vote plan
  - c. Discuss 2019 Legislative Agenda
    - i. Review past/new member ideas/suggestions
      1. Gang enhancement criteria?
      2. Implementation of WGR in Jails
      3. Pell Grants?
      4. Prison labor wages?
  - d. Confirm 2019 Lobby Days/Legislative Calendar
    - i. Put days in calendar
5. 4 Goals for the Year (discussion and possible action only)
  - a. Using Retreat Notes as a guide/bringing new idea
6. Member Roundtable and Agenda Items for Next Meeting (discussion only)

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## **LPP Subcommittee, Regular Meeting of January 23, 2019 – NOTES**

### **Overview**

A meeting of the Legislation, Policy and Practices subcommittee of the Reentry Council met on January 23, 2019.

Present: Chair, Jose Bernal. Members, Donna Mandel, Becky LoDolce, Linda Connelly. Staff, Lauren Bell

There was no quorum so no official votes/positions were made.

Meeting topics: Please see attached 1/23/19 agenda

### **Summary**

Member seats – Lauren updated members on Mayoral seats and reminded that there is still a TAY seat open. We will speak to other previously incarcerated members of the RC who fall within the TAY guidelines and determine if that person can move into a TAY seat, free up another previously incarcerated seat, and strive to get all 7 previously incarcerated seats filled.

Member participation – the chair and members present agreed to do outreach to other members to determine continuing interest in the subcommittee. The chair also referenced the rules of the Subcommittee rules which outline that if a member misses three regularly scheduled meetings in a twelve month period without prior notice to the Reentry Policy Planner, the subcommittee shall certify that fact in writing to the appointing authority and the member shall be deemed resigned. At present there are no members of the LPP that are deemed resigned.

There was also a question about quorum if the total number of people on the subcommittee is reduced due to resignations and the full RC hasn't approved the new roster. Lauren reached out to the City Attorney's Office and for this ad hoc body, quorum will be half plus one of the people that is officially still a member (and we will get a new list approved the next RC meeting.)

Chair and members request that agendas, materials and notes are all provided within 72 hours before the meeting. Create agendas that are action focused and clarify follow up steps and who is responsible.

Legislative Calendar – there was conversation about the conflicts between the state legislative calendar and the calendars for subcommittee and reentry council meetings. An agreement was made to host a Special Meeting of the LPP on 2/13 in advance of the regular 3/20 LPP meeting to give the group an opportunity to review possible leg in advance of making decisions of what LPP will bring to the RC on 4/25.

Request was to make a legislative calendar. Geoffrea had drafted a calendar. Lauren will bring what is available to the 2/13 Special meeting.

Retreat Feedback –

- Nice venue, exciting
- Valuable to have an exchange of information between the 2 subcommittees and to start thinking about more coordination between the two groups.

- LPP members at 1/23 meeting discussed possibility of having the chairs of the subcommittees meet between the regular subcommittee meetings to see where there are similar points of action interest/ways to collaborate across committees.
- Should have been longer which would have helped identify more action items to leave with
- The notes from the Retreat reflect 31 action items, some action items overlapping others. In effort to prioritize, Lauren will create a Survey Monkey and send out to LPP members in advance of the March meeting and request that members rank priority of the items. The ultimate goal is to confirm 3 – 4 LPP action items for 2019 which will be part of the RC/Subcommittee Strategic Plan (the Direct Services subcommittee will do the same).

LPP Calendar – We reviewed the LPP calendar and confirmed that regularly LPP meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2:30pm.

Donna Mandel legislation share-out -

Donna shared a matrix of leg of interest to the SF Public Defender’s Office.

SF PD – Prioritizing – SB 136 and SB 144

SB 136 – Sentencing bill, introduced by Weiner:

- Existing law imposes an additional 3-year sentence for each prior separate prison term served by a defendant where the prior and current offense was a violent felony, as defined. For other Felonies, existing law imposes an additional one-year term for each prior separate prison term or county jail felony term, except under specified circumstances.
- This bill would delete the provision that requires an additional one-year term. The bill would make additional technical, nonsubstantive changes.

SB144 – Criminal Administrative Fees by Mitchell:

- Existing law imposes various fees contingent upon a criminal arrest, prosecution, or conviction for the cost of administering the criminal justice system, including administering probation and diversion programs, collecting restitution orders, processing arrests and citations, administering drug testing, incarcerating inmates, facilitating medical visits, and sealing or expunging criminal records.
- This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to eliminate the range of administrative fees that agencies and courts are authorized to impose to fund elements of the criminal legal system, and to eliminate all outstanding debt incurred as a result of the imposition of administrative fees.

Donna also discussed Sup Ronen’s work on juvenile justice leg that raises the age at which a young can waive Miranda rights, and also requires that a parent, guardian, trusted adult is in the room for any law enforcement involved questioning or investigations from the age of 15 to 17.

The group reflected on the number of bills that the LPP could possibly review and present to RC, and asked how many bills were presented to the Council in 2018.

As follow up from the meeting, Lauren went back to March, 2018 LPP agenda and found that LPP reviewed the following bills:

- a. AB42/SB10
- b. AB1940
- c. AB2138
- d. AB2139
- e. AB2250
- f. SB215
- g. SB1025
- h. SB1105
- i. SB1392
- j. SB1393
- k. SB1437
- l. SB906

Of those reviewed by LPP during the March 2018 LPP meeting, the following bills were presented at April 2018 RC meeting: The below bills are highlighted in yellow above.

- a. AB1940: Parole integration credits
- b. AB2138: Occupational licensing
- c. SB 906: Statewide Peer Specialist Certification
- d. SB1105: Expands Vehicle Code Section 41500 immunity to individuals in local detention facilities
- e. SB1025: Sentencing reform – Probation eligibility for drug offenses
- f. SB1392: Sentencing reform – Judicial sentencing discretion regarding prior prison or jail terms
- g. SB1393: Sentencing reform – Judicial sentencing discretion regarding prior serious felonies
- h. SB1437: Sentencing reform – Reform to accomplice liability

The LPP Chair requests that all members who will attend the 2/13 Special Meeting bring legislation of interest to the Special Meeting and to be prepared to present a short overview of the legislation. The goal of the Special Meeting will be to review legislation in preparation for the 3/20 meeting when the LPP will agree to the portfolio of bills/leg that will be presented to the RC in April for consideration of RC support.

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## 2019 Meeting Calendar

**Council Meetings:** Last Thursday of the first month of each quarter 10am-noon

January 24- St. Anthony Foundation, 150 Golden Gate

April 25 - St. Anthony Foundation, 150 Golden Gate

July 25-TBA

October 24- TBA

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**Subcommittee on Direct Services:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month on uneven months 2:30 -4:30 pm

January 10- CASC, 564 6<sup>th</sup> Street

March 7-TBA

May 9-TBA July

11-TBA

September 12-TBA

November 14- TBA

**Subcommittee on Legislative Policy, Advocacy and Practices:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month on uneven months 2:30-4:30pm,

January 23- 25 Van Ness Avenue – Lower Level

March 20-TBA

May 15-TBA July

17-TBA

September 18-TBA November

20-TBA