

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.

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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
LEGISLATIVE Priorities of LPP	
1. Legislation/Policy – Input from incarcerated/formerly incarcerated	Input currently resides in APD, Sheriff, Public Health, Education
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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
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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>OTHER LPP Priorities</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
DS In-Custody Priorities	
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
DS – Housing/Treatment Services Priorities	
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
DS – Coordination and Community Based Priorities	
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?