

Reentry Council

City & County of San Francisco

Subcommittee on Direct Services

AGENDA

Thursday, March 14, 2019
2:30pm-4:30pm
25 Van Ness Avenue
Lower Level Conference Room
San Francisco, California 94102

Note: Public comment will be taken throughout the meeting.

1. Introductions (discussion only)
2. Review the minutes of November 8, 2018, December 3, 2018 (Retreat Notes) and January 10, 2019
3. Review last meeting decisions (discussion only)
 - a. 2019 Schedule
 - b. BSCC Grant Information
 - c. Mayoral Appointed Reentry Council Seats – Updates
 - d. Eliminating some of the workgroups and workgroup participation
4. Direct Services Results Survey
5. Report-backs from the five Workgroup committees (discussion only)
 - a. Reentry Dinner/ Reentry Conference
 - b. Reentry Navigation
 - c. Alternative to Incarceration (programming credits)
 - d. Justice Involved Homeless Transitional Age Youth Group
 - e. Civic Engagement Working Group
 - f. Reentry Pen Pal Workgroup
6. Member Roundtable and Agenda Items for Next Meeting (discussion only)
7. Adjournment

Next Meeting:
Thursday, May 9, 2019
2:30-4:30pm
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Subcommittee on Direct Services

Draft Minutes

Thursday, November 8, 2018

2:30-4:30pm

555 7th Street, 3rd Floor

San Francisco, California 94103

Members Present: Victoria Westbrook, Simin Shamji (For Demarris Evans), Angela Coleman, Freda Glenn, Monica Wong, Maggie Rivera, Alex Weil, David Wiesner, Ali Riker

Members Absent: Amarita King, Charles Adams, Jeanie Austin, Andres Salas, Majeid Crawford, Destiny Pletsch

Guest Present: Lucero Herrera, Robin Candler, Neely Upamaka, Rexanne Biserra, Ron Kurland

1. Review the draft minutes of September 13, 2018 (discussion and action)

The draft minutes for September 13, 2018 were passed unanimously.

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 Geoffrea stated she would begin enforcing the subcommittee rules and removing individuals who are no longer active participants in the subcommittee.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.

3. Report-backs from the five Workgroup committees:

a. Reentry Dinner/ Reentry Conference

Ernest Kirkwood presented on Reentry Dinner; which is slated to happen on Thursday, June 6, 2019 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm (times may vary) at Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption Event Center located at

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1111 Gough Street. This will be the 3rd Annual Community Appreciation Dinner hosted by Ernest Kirkwood, Restorative Justice Ministry of San Francisco Archdiocese, and the Reentry Council. Ernest informed members that this is a fun event with over 100 participants and that members of the Reentry Community sit down to a banquet style setting and meal.

Geoffrea added the 5th Reentry Conference was held at the same venue and it was a success. She also mentioned that next year the Direct Services Subcommittee should try to have a more of active role in recruiting and helping out at this event.

b. Reentry Navigation

Victoria Westbrook reported back about setting possible meeting with GEO (For-profit reentry program), the vendor for CDCR/ Federal government. There was also discussion about better access to the Sheriff's cab service program regarding late night releases.

c. Alternative to Incarceration (programming credits)

Simin Shamji, sitting in for Demarris Evans chair of this workgroup, brainstormed on furthering the subcommittee's mission and goals under this workgroup. She spoke about the Public Defender's Racial Justice committee and she stated Demarris Evans was also the chair of this committee. She spoke about DMV records being obstacles that Racial Justice Committee were tackling. The conversation leaned to getting the Sheriff department more involved in the conversation regarding alternative to incarceration and programming credits.

d. Stop the Violence in the Tenderloin

Majeid Crawford, chair of Stop the Violence in the Tenderloin, was not present to provide any updates on the status of this event.

e. Breadwinners/ Toastmasters

Ernest Kirkwood, chair of the Breadwinners/ Toastmaster, mentioned removing this workgroup from the list because he was not receiving a lot of interest from members of the subcommittee. Ernest informed the group that Breadwinners had formed a unique partnership with Adult Probation Department and the Sheriff Department. He explained this partnership would allow women presently on probation into the pod to speak about challenges/ successes on probation. Ernest stated these women would basically act like mentor/ inspiration to the women presently incarcerated. Victoria Westbrook express some interest in being a part of this partnership.

f. Justice Involved Homeless Transitional Age Youth Group

Andres Salas, chair of this workgroup, had a schedule conflict and he could not attend so Geoffrea presented to for him. Geoffrea informed the committee of Mayor Breed's Rising Up Campaign; which is aimed to house 500 homeless and at-risk youth. Geoffrea informed the subcommittee that Andres had held a community forum circled around the issue of "Justice-Involved Homeless Young Adults" at Larkin Street Youth Services on November 5, 2019. Geoffrea informed the committee that this meeting was well received and that Andres had become an active member in Mayor Breed's Rising Up Campaign and that he was currently working to ensure that justice involve youth were recognized in the 500 beds goal. He also was working to see if a carve out in some of the 500 beds sought could be devoted to justice involved transitional age youth. There was also a discussion about people renting rooms out in their homes to members of the reentry community.

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4. New Business

a. Eliminating some of the working groups

The subcommittee agreed that some of the work groups should be eliminated. In January, the members plan to reevaluated the work groups and remove whatever work groups that the subcommittee believes are no longer aligned with the Direct Services Subcommittee 2019 objectives.

b. Creating new working groups for 2019

I. Voting Outreach and Education Workgroup

The Subcommittee agreed that there should be a voting outreach and education workgroup.

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

Lucero Herrera informed the subcommittee of this comprehensive study the Young Women's Freedom Center (YWFC) was conducting. She stated the study was slated to be released in January of 2019. She mentioned to the subcommittee that YWFC was working with the Debug Organization. She also stated they were focusing on presently incarcerated community in knowing their rights and assisting them to be active participants in their defenses.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2019 from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. Geoffrea stated she would be sending an email in the next month with an actual location for January 10th subcommittee meeting.

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 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
LEGISLATIVE Priorities of LPP	
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...

15. Resolution re: Prioritizing Non Profits over For Profits	Implement prioritizing non-profits in procurement and contracting (*the resolution was not signed by the Mayor's note – lb)
OTHER LPP Priorities	
16. Reentry Council – representation/Co-chair	Consider a previously incarcerated co-chair Elevate the voice of previously incarcerated to compel action from RC
17. Discharge Planning	<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>
18. Peer Specialists - Formalizing	<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?

Notes from Direct Services Committee 01/10/19

1. Meeting started with a retro check in about discussions of November 2018 meeting
2. Some subcommittee decisions were made at some of the last meetings
 - a. Such as Unexcused Absences
 - b. If members have 2 missed meetings without communication they will be removed from subcommittee
 - i. LB to reach out to members with unexcused absences, and let them know that while they can no longer be a sitting member on the subcommittee, they are welcome to return as the public
 - c. We discussed some of the bylaws of the subcommittee
 - i. Participation is mandatory
 - ii. 2 Unexcused absences will allow for members to be removed
 - iii. LB will send by laws to subcommittee members
 - iv. Apply bylaws, and if we do can people still participate
3. RC SEATS - Mayoral seats needed
 - a. LB to reach out to Mawuil/Mayor's Office for status update
 - b. 2 seats left
 - i. 1 TAY Seat for clients 18-35
 - ii. Someone requested for an application for a possible candidate
 - c. General Application
 - i. Person would sit on Reentry Council
 - d. LB will email Alex Director of CASC application he would like to see who would be a perspective client/ prior client that would be interested
4. WORKGROUPS
 - a. We discussed eliminating the Stop the Violence Workgroup
 - i. Workgroup lead has competing priorities/not enough participation
 - b. In-custody – Breadwinners/Toast Masters is still active
 - i. Destiny volunteered to attend group
 - ii. Angela already provides services in the Pod
 - iii. Victoria may be able to attend/will follow up with Ernest
 - c. Group committed to sustaining a Voting Outreach and Education Workgroup and to CHANGE the working title to "Civic Engagement Working Group"
 - i. The work of this group will be particularly active during election cycles.
 - ii. This group will also lead community engagement/education efforts to inform the community about reentry legislation that was passed at the state level and what is the impact on community
 1. For example – AB 2138 – Occupational Licensing. This workgroup can update the community on this success/the impact of the bill.
 2. LB will send the FAQ sheets for each of the pieces of leg that were passed and call on Direct Services subcommittee members to envision how to present the information to the community during a workshop session.
 - d. Reentry Navigation Workgroup – Victoria is lead. Angela interested in joining

- i. LB to reach out to HSH and set up a meeting of HSH, Victoria and Angela
- e. The group wants to keep Peer Specialist work on the table and to continue to chip away at how they can support the implementation of more peer specialist opportunities.
- f. The group wants to keep "Warm Hand-offs and Late Night Releases on the table and continue to chip away at how they can make an impact on improving releases and handoffs.
- g. Led by PD Demarris Evans, the group will continue to work with SFSD on efforts to reduce the exclusion list for disqualifying offenses so that more inmates can participate in community programs.
 - i. Related to program limitations/prohibitions, the group talked about limited services (in and out of custody) for Trans Men and limited services for Trans Women – wants to continue to support services expansion.
- h. Justice involved TAY youth
 - i. APD attended the Mayor's Rise Up, TAY focused, multi-agency and community effort which was hosted by HSH
 - 1. Need more community voices at this conversation. APD will reach out to HSH re: next meeting and inviting more members of the subcommittee

5. RETREAT - Reflections

- a. Last Retreat was very structured and well organized
- b. We Shepard the Process really well
- c. Set up was good
- d. The mix of Policy/Small Group was great idea
- e. Space was really amazing and set the tone
- f. Group lead to great conversations
- g. We all got to meet new people that provide an array of services
- h. Need a contact list and some background information on the people attending our meetings – LB to look into creating list

6. GENERAL THOUGHTS on COMMITTEE IMPROVEMENTS

- a. Administrative brush ups
 - i. Put approved meeting dates on everyone's calendars
 - 1. LB to confirm where the meetings are scheduled
 - ii. Take meeting notes and ensure they are shared out
 - iii. More follow up on action items identified
 - iv. We need to have more coordinated efforts across committees
 - v. LB needs to
- b. We need to better define what the workgroups are doing and why
 - i. Move from staying stuck in abstract to specific action
 - ii. Some of our Groups are very broad and not specific enough

7. NEW IDEAS

- a. Angela discussed Parole Letters
 - i. She receives a lot of them. Can the Direct Services subcommittee provide services information and other details to support strong/viable reentry plans of people returning home from state prison?

- b. PD Demarris Evans who was unable to attend, but emailed information -- made a request that this year the group look at strategies for eliminating for profit phone calls from the jails. This has been accomplished in New York.

8. Next Steps

- a. The Reinvisioning the Jail process touched on a lot of the ideas covered by the Direct Services subcommittee.
 - i. LB to see if someone who worked on the process could provide history and
- b. Annual Archdiocese/Reentry Council - Reentry Service Dinner/ Conference
 - i. All hands on deck!
 - ii. We will work with Ernest about Community Appreciation Dinner event and get a list of items the he needs support with report back to the group
 - iii. We need date so we can lock it down
 - iv. We are looking at June 6th at St. Marys waiting for confirmation
 - v. LB to meet with Julio to discuss
- c. Jeanie Austin of SF Public Library shared that the library has funds to support community events/speakers at SF public libraries. She can be reached at Jeanie.Austin@sfpl.org for more information.

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2019 Meeting Calendar

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

January 24— St. Anthony's Foundation, 150 Golden Gate Ave
April 25—St. Anthony's Foundation, 150 Golden Gate Ave
July 25— St. Anthony's Foundation, 150 Golden Gate Ave
October 24— St. Anthony's Foundation, 150 Golden Gate Ave

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25 Van Ness, Lower Level conference room, except for January 10, 2019 meeting

January 10, 564 6th Street at the Community Assessment Service Center (CASC)
March 14
May 9
July 11
September 12
November 14

Subcommittee on Legislation, Policy and Practices: 4th Wednesday of all uneven months 2:30-4:30pm,
all in 25 Van Ness, Lower Level conference room

January 23
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July 24
September 25
November 13 (Changed to the Second Wednesday because of the Holiday Season)

Slated Community Events supported and/or hosted by Reentry Council

- Wednesday, May 22, 2019- 8:00am to 3:00pm Reentry Council Lobby Day at California's State Capital in Sacramento
- Thursday, June 6, 2019- 5:00pm- 9:00pm (times may vary) 3rd Annual Community Appreciation Dinner at Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption Event Center located at 1111 Gough St
- Thursday, August 15, 2019- 6:00pm to 8:00pm Reentry Council District Attorney Debate
- Wednesday, September 4, 2019- 8:00am to 3:00pm Second Reentry Council Lobby Day at California's State Capital in Sacramento
- September 2019- 6th Annual Restorative Justice Reentry Conference and Resource Fair at Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption Event Center located at 1111 Gough St
- Thursday, October 10, 2019-Targeted Register to Vote Outreach Day in San Francisco's most-impacted criminal justice communities



Adult Reentry Grant Program

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Amended Budget Attachments February 5, 2019

Eligible Applicants: California
Nonprofit Community-Based Organizations

Grant Period: July 15, 2019 to February 28, 2023

RFP Released: January 18, 2019
Letters of Intent Due: February 6, 2019
Proposals Due: March 25, 2019 - 5:00 p.m.





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The Adult Reentry Grant Program Applicant Information

DATE: December 20, 2018

TO: Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Information for Applicants Interested in Applying for the Adult Reentry Grant Program

This notice is prepared by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) for interested parties who are considering applying for the Adult Reentry Grant Program and contains important and updated information that may impact potential applicants.

Adult Reentry Grant Program was established through the Budget Act of 2018 (Senate Bill 840, Chapter 29, Statute of 2018) and will appropriate approximately \$50,000,000 in funding for community-based organizations to support offenders formerly incarcerated in state prison.

The Adult Reentry Grant Program funds are to be allocated as follows:

1. \$25,000,000 for rental assistance;
2. \$9,350,000 to support the "warm hand-off" and reentry of offenders transitioning from prison to communities;
3. \$15,000,000 for the rehabilitation of existing property or buildings for housing offenders released from prison;

Funding for the Adult Reentry Grant will be awarded by the BSCC as competitive grants. An Executive Steering Committee made up of subject matter experts from relevant state and community-based agencies and departments with expertise in public health, housing, workforce development, reentry, and effective rehabilitative treatment for adult offenders has been created to assist in developing the Request for Proposals (RFP), grant-program criteria, and will make recommendations to the BSCC Board regarding grant award decisions.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) will address funding available for the 1) Rental Assistance and 2) Warm Hand-Off Reentry Services components of the grant. The RFP will not include a process for applying for grant funding for the third component of the grant; Rehabilitation of Existing Property. This component of the project will be addressed separately at a future date.

Although the project schedule for the Adult Reentry Grant is subject to change, the tentative schedule calls for:

- The release of a RFP January 18, 2019
- A solicitation period of approximately 9 weeks
- The grant awards to be made in July 2019
- A project end date of February 2023

The Housing First Model

Welfare and Institutions Code sections 8255 et seq. requires that a state agency or department that funds, implements, or administers a state program that provides housing or housing-related services to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, are to adopt guidelines and regulations to include Housing First policies.

It is important for potential applicants to be aware Housing First policies apply to the Adult Reentry Grant. As such, this will require grantees proposing projects that include housing or housing-related services to people experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness to incorporate the core components of Housing First in their proposed program design.

What is Housing First?

Housing First is an approach to serving people experiencing homelessness that recognizes a homeless person must first be able to access a decent, safe place to live, that does not limit length of stay (permanent housing), before stabilizing, improving health, reducing harmful behaviors, or increasing income. Under the Housing First approach, anyone experiencing homelessness is connected to a permanent home as quickly as possible, and programs remove barriers to accessing the housing, like requirements for sobriety or absence of criminal history. It is based on the “hierarchy of need” in which people must access basic necessities like a safe place to live and food to eat before being able to achieve quality of life or pursue personal goals. Housing First values choice not only in where to live, but whether to participate in services. For this reason, tenants are not required to participate in services to access or retain housing.¹

Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code sections 8255 et seq., the “core components of Housing First means all of the following:

- 1) Tenant screening and selection practices that promote accepting applicants regardless of their sobriety or use of substances, completion of treatment, or participation in services.
- 2) Applicants are not rejected on the basis of poor credit or financial history, poor or lack of rental history, criminal convictions unrelated to tenancy, or behaviors that indicate a lack of “housing readiness.”
- 3) Acceptance of referrals directly from shelters, street outreach, drop-in centers, and other parts of crisis response systems frequented by vulnerable people experiencing homelessness.
- 4) Supportive services that emphasize engagement and problem solving over therapeutic goals and service plans that are highly tenant-driven without predetermined goals.

¹ <http://hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/docs/Housing-First-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

- 5) Participation in services or program compliance is not a condition of permanent housing tenancy.
- 6) Tenants have a lease and all the rights and responsibilities of tenancy, as outlined in California's Civil, Health and Safety, and Government codes.
- 7) The use of alcohol or drugs in and of itself, without other lease violations, is not a reason for eviction.
- 8) In communities with coordinated assessment and entry systems, incentives for funding promote tenant selection plans for supportive housing that prioritize eligible tenants based on criteria other than "first-come-first-serve," including, but not limited to, the duration or chronicity of homelessness, vulnerability to early mortality, or high utilization of crisis services. Prioritization may include triage tools, developed through local data, to identify high-cost, high-need homeless residents.
- 9) Case managers and service coordinators who are trained in and actively employ evidence-based practices for client engagement, including, but not limited to, motivational interviewing and client-centered counseling.
- 10) Services are informed by a harm-reduction philosophy that recognizes drug and alcohol use and addiction as a part of tenants' lives, where tenants are engaged in nonjudgmental communication regarding drug and alcohol use, and where tenants are offered education regarding how to avoid risky behaviors and engage in safer practices, as well as connected to evidence-based treatment if the tenant so chooses.
- 11) The project and specific apartment may include special physical features that accommodate disabilities, reduce harm, and promote health and community and independence among tenants."

Resources

Below are links to resources related to relevant legislation and Housing First information that potential applicants should explore in advance of the release of the RFP for the Adult Reentry Grant Program:

1. Senate Bill 840 Adult Reentry Program
<http://www.bscc.ca.gov/downloads/SB%20840%20Adult%20Reentry%20Grant%20Statute.pdf>
2. Senate Bill 1380 Housing First
<http://www.bscc.ca.gov/downloads/SENATE%20BILL%201380.pdf>
3. Housing First - Corporation for Supportive Housing PowerPoint
<http://www.bscc.ca.gov/downloads/ARG%20Ppt%20PDF-Housing%20First.pdf>
4. Housing First Checklist: Assessing Projects and Systems for a Housing First Orientation
https://www.usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset_library/Housing_First_Checklist_FINAL.pdf

5. What is Housing First? California Department of Housing and Community Development
<http://hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/docs/Housing-First-Fact-Sheet.pdf>
6. Housing First in Permanent Supportive Housing
<https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Housing-First-Permanent-Supportive-Housing-Brief.pdf>
7. Wikipedia Housing First
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Housing_First
8. Deploying Housing First Systemwide <https://www.usich.gov/solutions/housing/housing-first/>

For additional information or questions contact:

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Or go to the BSCC website at:

http://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_cppgrantfundedprograms.php

GOOGLE DIRECT SERVICES RESULTS SURVEY

This is out of 12 respondents.

1. Centralized Discharge Planning- (11 Respondents)

Yes- 10

No- 1

a. Need Resource/ Hand Out/ One-pager (release resources and planning)	b. Getting social security cards/ birth certificates	c. TB Test- Verification provided at release	d. Creating a technology/ release APP	e. Coordinated Releases with judges so that release times are in tandem with service plan	f. Creating a Discharge Planning movie
Y- 6	N- 4	Y- 4	N- 4	Y- 9	Y-3
N- 3	Y- 2	N- 1	Y- 1	N- 0	N- 2

2. Late Night- Reentry Navigation Center (11 Respondents)

Yes- 10

No- 1

a. Access Benefits in the Reentry Navigation Center 24/7	b. Case managers/ Peer Navigators at Reentry Navigation Center
Y- 6	Y- 6
N- 2	N- 2

3. Expand Services for members of the Gender Non-Confirming Community (9 Respondents)

Yes- 8

No- 1

4. After Hours connection to mental health services and substance abuse (10 Respondents)

Yes- 9

No- 1

5. Expand Family Housing to be more inclusive to TAY families (7 Respondents)

Yes- 5

No-2

6. Community Supervision with peer specialist (7 respondents)

No- 4

Yes- 3

GOOGLE DIRECT SERVICES RESULTS SURVEY

7. Case managers assigned to everyone release from county jail residing to SF County (6 Respondents)

Yes- 4

No- 2

8. Statewide: Establish a Reentry Committee in the prison (7 Respondents)

No- 5

Yes- 2

9. Statewide: Market Reentry Services in Prison newspapers (6 Respondents)

No- 4

Yes- 2

10. Strengthen Collaboration with the Public Library- Host more film screening, speakers, reentry fair
(7 Respondents)

Yes- 4

No-3

11. Expand the Clean Slate Program (8 respondents)

Yes- 7

No- 1

12. Host a Community Forum for criminal justice candidates (ie. District Attorney, Public Defender, and Sheriff)- (10 Respondents)

Yes- 6

No- 4

13. Biannual Criminal Justice Nonprofit convening (7 Respondents)

Yes- 4

No-3

14. Having one member of the Direct Services Subcommittee attend the Police Commission Meeting.
(7 Respondents)

No- 5

Yes-2

Please Circle Your Top Four Choices

1. Centralized Discharge Planning

Yes

a. Need Resource/ Hand Out/ One-pager (release resources and planning)	c. TB Test- Verification provided at release	e. Coordinated Releases with judges so that release times are in tandem with service plan	f. Creating a Discharge Planning movie
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2. Late Night- Reentry Navigation Center

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Yes

4. After Hours connection to mental health services and substance abuse

Yes

5. Expand Family Housing to be more inclusive to TAY families.

Yes

6. Expand the Clean Slate Program

Yes

7. Host a Community Forum for criminal justice candidates (ie. District Attorney, Public Defender, and Sheriff)-

(10 Respondents)

Yes