

**San Francisco Youth Commission
Justice & Employment Committee
Draft ~ Minutes
5:00~7:00 PM
Monday November 13, 2017**

City Hall, Room 345 1. Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl. San Francisco, CA 94102

There will be public comment on each item.

Members: Zak Franet (Chair), Johnny Mesler (Vice Chair), Mike'l Gregory, Bahlam Vigil

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:12 pm. All committee members were present. Staff present: Adele Failes-Carpenter

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Mesler, seconded by Commissioner Vigil, moved to approve the agenda. There was no public comment. The motion was approved by acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

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Commissioner Mesler, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, moved to approve the minutes. There was no public comment. The motion was approved by acclamation.

3. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)

There were four students from Samuel Merritt College present. They shared the following feedback: AP classes are being shut down at Wallenberg HS; It is important to find employment opportunities for

homeless and displaced youth and families; There need to be more supports for youth to exit incarceration via employment; It would be helpful to look at a nursing model for triaging TAY offenders for likelihood to reoffend. There was no further public comment.

5. Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Alternatives to Incarceration for 18-25 year olds
 - a. Review research and past Youth Commission priority
 - b. Debrief recent meetings and prepare questions for upcoming meetings
 - c. Review next steps

Commissioners shared the results of their research on this topic.

Commissioner Gregory: It costs upwards of 30K to incarcerate TAY and TAY courts take a few hundred dollars per case. (Check this number for San Francisco)

Commissioner Franet: The \$1M allocation for TAY inpatient substance abuse treatment was at Harbor Lights (Salvation Army). Concern is that Salvation Army is not queer and trans friendly.

Commissioner Vigil: Juvenile detention rates are going down, but not as much as juvenile crime is going down.

Commissioner Franet shared updates from a meeting with No New SF Jail coalition: The removal of staff from 850 Bryant means that a funding request to renovate CJ 2 and 6 could come at any moment. The YC needs to be prepare to take a position on anything that comes before the board. The YC was strong in its' position in 2016 that the closure of 850 Bryant should be accomplished via reducing demand for jail space via decarceration/diversion and not through opening new capacity in other spaces. There are several issues that can be addressed to address the impact of TAY incarceration on the jail space demand. TAY make up 25% of the jail population but have the longest stays and are classified at higher levels so demand even more jail space.

Committee members brainstormed the following ideas for reducing demand for jail space for TAY and named their top choices for working on:

1. Pretrial detention: (Commissioner Gregory)
 - a. Reduce reliance on pretrial detention for TAY (like has been done for juveniles)
 - b. Bail reform for TAY
2. Diversion: Increase capacity of TAY Court (Commissioners Mesler, Vigil, Franet)
3. Behavioral Health: Increase Inpatient Behavioral Health services for TAY
4. Law Enforcement: Re-classify phone theft offenses (where there was no weapon or violence) as grand theft rather than robbery. (DA and SFPD); (Commissioner Gregory)
5. Detention Changes: Declassify how TAY are held in jail (Sheriff)

Committee members agreed on several next steps:

- Find out 1) potential impact of each strategy and 2) feasibility of each strategy
- Develop a list of questions about different strategies and:
 - Research questions (Teen and reference librarians)
 - Establish contacts to ask questions: CJCJ, CR, Sheriff, DA, PD
- Next meeting: draft resolution for potential first reading at first December full YC; Resolution will propose strategies/targets and potential impacts for decarceration of certain number of TAY and committee will choose smaller number of issues to advocate on in this year's budget/policy priorities

There was no public comment.

B. Debrief Coleman's Youth Townhall

Commissioners Gregory and Vigil presented at the townhall and are going to stay in touch with Coleman Advocates.

There was no public comment.

C. Review December Meeting Dates

The committee will switch its second meeting of the next month to December 19th. There was no public comment.

D. Future agenda item request

Commissioner Vigil requested to discuss Community Benefit Agreements and tech hiring at the second December meeting or first January meeting.

Committee members agreed to generate questions for Glenn Eagleson at their second November meeting.

There was no public comment.

6. Committee Report to Full Commission (Discussion and Possible Action)

The report will depend on whether there is a November 20th meeting. If not, the committee will likely propose a first reading of a resolution. If so, the committee will give an update on their research. There was no public comment.

7. Executive Committee Report (Discussion Only)

There was none.

8. Staff Report & Announcements (Discussion Only)

Staff shared that CCSF is giving students a raise from \$10.74 to \$14, which will affect many TAY. She advised committee members to follow press on cannabis policy.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.