

Reentry Council

City & County of San Francisco

Approved Minutes

Thursday, July 22, 2021
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

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Note: Each member of the public will be allotted no more than 2 minutes to speak on each item.

Members Present:

Assistant Sherriff Carter for Sheriff Paul Miyamoto (Chair) (SFSD), Cristel Tullock for Chief Karen Fletcher (SFAPD), Valerie Ibarra for Manohar Raju (Public Defender), Tara Anderson for District Attorney Chesa Boudin (DA), Sheenia Branner (Mayoral Appointee), Robin Candler for Angelica Almeida (DPH), Assistant Deputy Chief Amy Rizor for Anthony Castellano (US Probation), Susie Smith (HSA), Freda Randolph-Glenn (CSS), Chief William Scott (SFPD), Oscar Salinas (BOS Appointee), Michael Brown (BOS Appointee), Jabari Jackson (BOS Appointee), Yolanda Morissette (BOS Appointee), Jasmine Dawson for Maria Su (DCYF).

Members Absent:

James Caldwell for Mayor Breed (Chair), Allyson West for Mark Culkins (Superior Court), , Tajuana Gray (OEWD), Dedria Black (HSH), Malik Wade (Mayoral Appointee), **Chief Katy Miller (Juvenile Probation)**.

Vaccancies:

Board of Supervisors' Representative, Mayoral Appointee.

1. Call to Order and Introductions (discussion only)

Cristel Tullock on behalf of Chief Karen Fletcher, called the meeting to order. She thanked everyone for being in the virtual meeting and acknowledged the Council's five other Co-chairs: James Caldwell (Mayor London Breed's office), Sheriff Miyamoto (Sheriff's Office), Manohar Raju (Public Defender), Chesa Boudin (District Attorney), and the 6th Co-chair, representing the formerly incarcerated Council members, Jabari Jackson.

Victoria Westbrook completed Reentry Council Roll Call, and gave a quick update on Zoom functions to be used for public comment.

Cristel Tullock asked if anyone had public comment.

There was no public comment.

2. Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement

Cristel Tullock read the Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement.

3. Public Comment on Any Item Listed Below as for "Discussion Only."

Cristel Tullock asked if anyone had public comment:

There was no public comment.

4. Review and Adoption of Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2021

Cristel Tullock asked that the Council members take a few minutes to review the draft minutes from the April 22nd meeting.

Tara Anderson asked for a correction from AB 262 to SB 262 and AB 271 to SB 271.

Victoria agreed to make the requested correction before posting the final minutes.

Tara Anderson made a motion to Accept Minutes.

Assistant Sheriff Carter seconded the motion.

Cristel Tullock asked if anyone had a public comment. No Public Comment.

Victoria Westbrook called roll call for vote. Motion passed.

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5. Staff Report on Activities of the Reentry Council and its Subcommittees (discussion & possible action).

Victoria Westbrook, Acting Reentry Policy Planner for the San Francisco Adult Probation Department, first provided an update about Women's Gender Responsive Work. Victoria stated that the HER House has been launched and is doing very well. Victoria also mentioned that if anyone has clients that want to join, they should reach out to Victoria Westbrook or Alicia Wesley-Clark, the HER House Program Director.

Victoria Westbrook then provided an update regarding the mental health transitional housing program. Adult Probation Department launched its first mental health transitional housing program, the James Baldwin House, for justice involved people in San Francisco and because of funding restrictions, this program is only open for probation clients. Also mentioned that it is full and is doing well.

Victoria Westbrook goes on to mention the 8th Annual Reentry Conference and Resource Fair. This fair is taking place on September 17th. At this point, Victoria passes to Steve Adami. He mentioned that there will be a panel discussion regarding San Francisco's ongoing drug crisis at the reentry fair. There will also be a recovery day on August 13th at Boeddeker Park. Steve also announced the launch of the abstinence based therapeutic teaching community that is expected to launch by August 15th. This program is managed by Positive Directions and will be named Positive Directions TRP Academy. It will be a 6 to 30 month long therapeutic teaching community and transition housing program for justice involved adults who are on probation, pre-trial, and federal probation and parole. He also mentioned that Adult Probation is working on establishing a Reentry Stabilization Center, funded by prop C. Michael Brown provided an update on Fair Chance. They are working with HRC to strengthen and broaden the Fair Chance ordinance. Steve and Michael found out that the Fair chance Ordinance applies to all employers in San Francisco except for the city and county itself. They will meet with HRC and will provide an update at the next reentry council meeting with detailed steps.

Victoria Westbrook also provided an update on the Legislation, Policy, and Practices Subcommittee. The 8 bills/legislation supported by the Reentry Council had to be presented to the State Legislative Commission, but Victoria was only allowed to present 6 of the 8. Victoria did not present the AB 328 (Reentry Housing and Workforce development Progress bill) and the AB 333 (bill would've amended the Penal Code section to limit gang enhancements). Victoria mentioned that those pieces of legislation were not presented because the State Legislation Committee said other City departments had concerns about them.

Victoria Westbrook also provided an update on the Women's 1st Subcommittee. They are planning to host a Women's Equality Day which will be held on 8/26/2021. Additionally, Victoria mentioned the Direct Services Subcommittee. The housing workgroup has finalized their survey and they hope to launch before mid-August. Veronica Martinez provided an update about Direct Services funding. After a year of having permission to execute the gift card incentive, they have not been able to procure them and give the gift cars to the members. ADP will execute a small contract with a community based organization to provide light facilitation and coordination of activities of the reentry council and its subcommittees. The scoop of the work for the contract will include support in subcommittee recruitment activities, support facilitation and engagement of meeting and distribution and monetization of incentives for eligible subcommittee members. The funding for the small contract funding will come from contributions from reentry council departments.

There were comments and questions related to the updates provided. Tara Anderson had a question regarding the Reentry Stabilization Center. She asked that when the scope of the work is complete, can that be shared with justice partners. Steve Adami mentioned that there will be a meeting taken place in early August. Her comment regarded the concerns about the legislation not presented to the State Legislative Commission. She asked to know what the specific concerns around those two pieces of legislation consisted of.

6. Regular Update on Activities of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, Sentencing Commission, Collaborative Courts, Community Corrections Partnership, PROSPR and STARR (discussion only)

Robin Candler provided an update on PROSPR and STARR. Robin Candler explained that the PRSPR and STARR grants are different cohorts of Prop 47 funding. The PRSPR grant will be ending in August and will transition to the STARR program. Mentioned that everything is going well.

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Victoria Westbrook provided an update on the Community Corrections Partnership. Adult Probation is in the process of developing the next realignment report. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 8/18/2021 at 10:00 am.

Freda Randolph-Glenn provided an update on the Sentencing Commission. She gave a brief overview of the three presentations that were shown in their last meeting. The first presentation consisted of the commission receiving a regular update on jail population trends. The Jail population has been consistent over the last quarter. The SJC analyst team is working together to provide more detail on the population, including pre-incarceration housing status and current reason for detention. The second presentation consisted of the commission hearing from the Juvenile Probation Department Chief Miller and Emily Fox about the Department of Juvenile Justice closure. As of 7/1/2021, the Department of Juvenile Justice is no longer accepting youth and full closure of the state's Juvenile Department of Justice is slated for 6/23/2023. The Juvenile Probation Department will continue to provide updates for sentencing commissions and for the Reentry Council members. The third presentation was about the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. A guide to advance justice related goals from Council of State Government Justice Center by Megan Quattlebaum, Director. The presentation led to a discussion about how to best leverage the federal resources because there's people who are justice involved. The next two meetings will take place on 9/21/2021 and 12/14/21 both at 10:00 am.

Cristel Tullock asked if any members had questions or comments related to the updates provided. There was none.

7. **Racial Equity Work Updates – Criminal justice Racial Equity Workgroup Update and other Departments are welcome to provide a Racial Equity Update for their Department**

Victoria Westbrook provided an update regarding CJREW. The last meeting which was scheduled on 7/04/2021 did not have many attendees and therefore had to be canceled. The next meeting will be on 8/19/2021 at 10:00 am. At this meeting, they will be identifying more opportunities to give teeth to the racial justice active in San Francisco, making the implementation stronger and more effective.

Precious Malone provided an update for Adult Probation. The first update is regarding the Phase 1 of the Racial Equity plan. Adult Probation has now completed the revision of the Adult Probation Department mission and values. She also mentioned that APD is part of the Justice Cohort that was assembled by the Office of Racial Equity. All members participated in a 6 week series where they discussed in detail about racial equity, the understanding of systemic racism and its impact on the criminal justice system. Adult probation has completed the series and is now looking to implement what they learned.

Assistant Sheriff Carter provided an update about the Sheriff's Office Racial Equity plan. They are working to bring artwork into the lobbies which highlight some people of color. They have also been working on an anonymous hotline in regards to reporting any racial inequities. They have created a safe place to discuss racial inequity issues. So now we are taking it a step further with the hotline so that staff feel more comfortable to report any inequity issues. Finally, she mentioned that on 7/30/2021, the Women's Resource Center is reopening downtown at 930 Bryant St. There is Acupuncture and other classes. They are also working with DPH to possibly provide vaccinations for those who are going to court.

Chief Scott provided an update for the Racial Equity work being done in SFPD. The SFPD is sending the leader of the Racial Equity Action group, Lt. Dennis Toomer, to the south of our country where much of our Civil rights movement is rooted. He will be partnered with the San Francisco Organization, *Soldier into the Past*. The purpose is to provide education about our history and have this ground future efforts.

8. **Updated Direct Services, Legislation, Policy, and Practices, and Women 1st Subcommittee Rosters (discussion and possible action)**

A proposed motion to adopt the new Women 1st, Direct Services, and Legislation Policy and Practices Subcommittee rosters.

Sheenia Branner made a motion to accept the proposed motion to adopt the new Women 1st, Direct Services, and Legislation Policy and Practices Subcommittee rosters.

Assistant Sheriff Carter seconded the motion.

Cristel Tullock asked if anyone had a public comment. No Public Comment.

Victoria Westbrook called roll call for a vote.

Motion passed.

9. **Annual Reentry Community Dinner Event – Ernest Kirkwood (discussion & possible action)**

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Ernest Kirkwood mentioned that the 4th Annual Reentry Council Dinner for formerly incarcerated people and their families is taking place this year. He reached out to the Reentry Council for financial support of \$8,000 dollars to finance the dinner. He added that in previous years, the Restorative Justice Ministry provided them financial support, but that would not be the case this year.

Cristel Tullock asked if any Council members had any comments or questions. There were no comment or questions.

10. Council Members' Comments, questions and Requests for Future Agenda items (discussion only)

No Council Members comments questions and requests.

11. Public Comment on any item on today's agenda, or on other business within the purview of the Reentry Council (discussion only)

Angie Wilson, Coordinator at the Women's Resource Center (WRC) provided an additional comment on what Assistant Sheriff Carter mentioned earlier. Angie mentioned that on 7/30/2021 there would be BBQ from 12:00 – 3:00 pm. UCSF and Code Tenderloin will provide vaccinations for adults. Masks are required to attend the BBQ.

Thomas Wolf commented on the recent public safety assessment that was released earlier this month in regards to the reoffending statistics for people placed in pre-trial diversion in San Francisco. Based on this assessment, Thomas pointed out that the assessment claimed that the numbers are low in regards to the people who do not reoffend. He mentioned that the assessment claimed that 90% of people that are placed on pre-trial diversion do not reoffend, but Thomas claimed that the actual percentage is 55%. He wanted more transparency and efforts in regards to outcomes in pre-trial diversion.

Bobby Jones Hanley expressed his appreciation to the Reentry Division at Adult Probation on establishing the Positive Directions TRP Academy and the Reentry Stabilization Center, especially because both of these programs accept all justice involved and formerly incarcerated people – not just people on local supervision.

Jabari Jackson agreed with what Thomas Wolf had to say about the Pre-Trial safety rating and the importance for more transparency.

David Mauroff from San Francisco Pre-Trial agreed to discuss the Pre-Trial assessment report at a future meeting. He explained that the report was somewhat misleading because it was not validating SF Pre-trial, it was actually validating the entire pre-trial system itself. The report did reveal that the PSA validation tool did in fact increase racial disparities within our pre-trial system. The PSA is a tool which helps judges determine who should be released.

Sheenia Branner expressed her appreciation to the Reentry Division of providing more reentry and recovery support for our reentry population by establishing the Positive Directions TRP Academy and the Reentry Stabilization Center. Additionally, she expressed thanks to the Reentry Division's assistance and support in keeping the Norma hotel open for clients.

12. Adjournment

The next Reentry Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 10:00 am.

Sheenia Branner made a motion to Adjourn.
Jabari Jackson seconded the motion.

Victoria Westbrook called roll call for a vote. Motion Passed.

Meeting Adjourned