Housing Needs of Justice Involved Adults in San Francisco

REENTRY COUNCIL – HOUSING WORKGROUP

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Research Methods

Research Objective:
• Gain an understanding of the housing needs of justice involved adults in San Francisco

Research Methods:
• Mixed Methods:
  ▪ Qualitative: Measure the perceptions and experiences of justice involved adults as it relates to housing
  ▪ Quantitative: Statistical analysis of factors associated with the housing needs of justice involved adults
Data Collection:

- Five Focus Groups:
  - Populations:
    - Justice Involved Women/Men
    - Probation, Parole, Federal Probation, Pretrial, Formerly Incarcerated
  - Format:
    - Online – Zoom (recorded)
    - Open Ended Questions
  - Focus Group Questions
    - Homelessness, Incarceration, Addiction, Reentry Planning, Employment, Barriers to Housing
Qualitative Data

Content Analysis/Inductive Coding

CONCEPTS
- Homelessness/Housing Instability
- Prison/Incarceration
- Criminal Record
- Addiction
- Employment
- Cost of Living

CODES
- TBD

CATEGORIES/THEMES
- TBD
Quantitative Data

Survey

- Launched in October 2021
- Respondents:
  - N = 284

Administered on Two Mediums

- On Line Survey (Survey Monkey)
- Paper-Based Survey
  - English, Spanish
Survey Demographics

Justice Involvement

- Probation: 33%
- Parole: 23%
- Federal Probation: 9%
- Formerly Incarcerated: 21%
- Pretrial: 10%

Race

- Asian: 8%
- Black: 48%
- LatinX: 21%
- Native American: 4%
- Pacific Islander: 3%
- White: 18%
- Other: 8%
Survey Demographics

**Gender**
- Male: 70%
- Female: 26%
- Trans Male: 1%
- Trans Female: 2%
- GNC: 1%

**Age**
- 18-24: 7%
- 25-34: 29%
- 35-44: 28%
- 45-54: 21%
- 55-65: 11%
- 65+: 4%
- 65+: 7%
Preliminary Data

**Self Reported Professional Diagnosis**

- Anxiety: 26%
- Bipolar Disorder: 13%
- Depression: 37%
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder: 28%
- Schizophrenia: 6%
- Substance Use Disorder: 29%
- Other: 6%
- None: 39%
- Unknown: 3%

**% of Respondents with Substance Use History**

- Yes: 26%
- No: 74%
Preliminary Data

Years Struggled with Addiction

- <1 YR: 1%
- 1 - 4 YRS: 7%
- 5 - 9 YRS: 13%
- >15 YRS: 78%

Drugs/Alcohol Played a Role in Most Recent Incarceration

- Yes: 81%
- No: 15%
- Unsure: 3%
Preliminary Data

Most Recent Incarceration

- County Jail: 60%
- State Prison: 29%
- Federal Prison: 11%

Know Where Living Upon Release

- Yes: 53%
- No: 47%
Preliminary Data

Living Situation Prior to Incarceration

- Drug Treatment: 1%
- Homeless: 33%
- Owned a Home: 1%
- Permanent Supportive Housing: 4%
- Rental: 18%
- Shelter/Navigation Center: 5%
- Transitional Housing: 6%
- With Friends or Family: 29%

Living Situation Upon Release

- Drug Treatment: 26%
- Homeless: 11%
- Returned to Previous Residence: 4%
- Shelter or Navigation Center: 4%
- Transitional Housing: 22%
- With Friends or Family: 19%
- Other: 16%
Preliminary Data

Current Living Situation

- Drug Treatment: 16%
- Homeless: 7%
- Own a Home: 1%
- Permanent Supportive Housing: 4%
- Rental: 19%
- Friends or Family: 8%
- Shelter/Navigation Center: 1%
- Transitional Housing: 37%
- Other: 7%

Barriers to Obtaining Permanent Housing

- Cost of Housing
- Lack of Income
- Addiction/Substance Use
- Eviction Record
- ID/Driver’s License
- Social Security Card
- Computer Access
- Other
- Unable to move out of San Francisco due to...
- Criminal History
- Bad Credit
Preliminary Data

Assessed Through Coordinated Entry
- Yes: 56%
- No: 44%

Outcome of Coordinated Entry
- Received No Assistance: 83%
- Problem Solving: 10%
- Housed: 7%
Likert Scale Questions

Is there a need for a 24/7 stabilization center for unhoused justice involved people exiting from jail/prison?

- Strongly Agree: 72%
- Agree: 19%
- Neither: 4%
- Disagree: 1%
- Strongly Disagree: 4%

Is there a need for long term transitional housing (1-3 years) for justice involved people?

- Strongly Agree: 73%
- Agree: 19%
- Neither: 3%
- Disagree: 1%
- Strongly Disagree: 4%
“A person recently released from prison cannot meet the standard of chronic homelessness... because they are not considered homeless while in prison...” Formerly Incarcerated Respondent

“Address the drug problem before giving people housing.” Respondent on Federal Probationer

“When you are on parole it’s hard to live in buildings where everyone is using drugs. We need more clean and sober housing that rewards people who are doing the right thing (staying clean and working)! It’s hard to live in San Francisco with all of the drug use in Navigation Centers and Shelter in Place Hotels.” Respondent on Parole
Next Steps

Next Steps:

1. Final analysis of qualitative data

2. Statistical analysis of variables from survey to gain a clearer understanding of the impact of Age, Race, Gender, and Supervision Type (parole, probation, etc) on housing outcomes and experience

3. Final report and recommendations to the Reentry Council

Questions?

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