



DJJ Realignment Updates

San Francisco Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council's

DJJ Realignment Subcommittee

2.15.22, Agenda Item 4

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- Covid Updates & In-Person Meetings
 - DJJ Realignment Subcommittee will **NOT** be required to meet in-person for the foreseeable future
- 3 Commitments to SYTF

Proposed Meeting Schedule

- Plan to meet 2nd Tuesday of the month
 - 4-5:30pm
 - No additional meetings/discussions



Steps to Developing RFP/RFQs Program Components

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Development of RFP/Qs

- *After discussion with the City Attorney and Ethics Commission:*
 - Anyone who works for an organization that thinks they may submit a grant application for either Credible Messenger Life Coaches or Whole Family Support & Direct Funding would recuse themselves from the subcommittee during that discussion
 - If there is a conflict of interest:
 - Grant could be terminated, and young people would no longer receive program/services
 - City agency could be criminally liable
 - Need to avoid any appearance of impropriety

*****This means that if your organization would like the opportunity to apply for either of these funding opportunities, you would not contribute to the discussion on what program components go into the solicitation*****

What This Means for Members

- **If you work for a nonprofit agency:**
 - Take the next couple weeks to find out if your organization might have interest in applying for either the Credible Messenger Life Coaches or the Whole Family Support & Direct Funding RFP/Qs
 - Let Emily and Sheryl know if you plan to recuse yourself from either program component discussion
- **For all members:**
 - Let Emily & Sheryl know if you currently sit on the board of any organization
 - We will follow up with City Attorney & Ethics Commission to determine what the expectations would be for those members

Credible Messenger Life Coaches

- **Connect all young people in the realignment population to a credible messenger life coach who:**
 - will serve as a mentor
 - has previously been involved in juvenile or criminal justice system
 - can provide 1:1 culturally competent, organic, sincere, and relatable support, connections, and mentoring
 - works collaboratively with other CBOs to identify young person's strengths and interests
 - assists young person in forming better relationships with parents and peers
 - supports that young person with their academic performance and connection to mental health services
 - helps guide young person to reduce and prevent risky behavior
- **Credible messenger life coaches support a young person no matter what comes next:**
 - This relationship cannot be severed by placement, DPO, or SYTF
 - Must be implemented by an organization with experience, best practices, and who is a trusted partner in the community
 - With a living wage and in a sustainable way
- **Invite credible messenger life coaches into SYTF, specifically:**
 - to speak about their experience in postsecondary programs, their challenges and successes
 - to speak about their experience and the reality of what employment is like once they have been released as well as connect with young people as mentors to support young people inside and as they transition back to the community

Whole Family Support & Direct Funding

- **Family System Navigation:**
 - Develop support system for families to help them navigate the juvenile justice system, the court process, and support their loved one while they are on probation, in OOHP, or in a SYTF
- **Family Therapy & Wellness Activities:**
 - Develop family therapy component in custody and that can continue in the young person's home and community to support a successful transition back home both for young person and their family
 - Create opportunities for young people and their families to participate in activities beyond family therapy together
 - Create and incorporate alternative, indigenous, mindfulness practices, programs, and services for young people and their families
- **Young Parents in Realignment Population:**
 - Develop parenting classes for young parents on probation, in OOHP, or in a SYTF
 - Implement a developmentally appropriate version of One Family programming for incarcerated parents in the SYTF
- **Direct Funding:**
 - Use unrestricted, flexible funds to directly support young people and families of young people on probation, in OOHP, or in a SYTF
 - Create and distribute incentives for families to encourage their participation in therapy, activities, bonding experiences, etc.
 - Provide support for the whole family including resources for basic needs