

Reentry Council

City & County of San Francisco

Approved Minutes

Thursday, October 20, 2022

10am- 12pm

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

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Members Present:

Chief Cristel Tullock (SFAPD), Tara Anderson for District Attorney Brooke Jenkins, Sheriff Paul Miyamoto, Carolyn Goosen for Manohar Raju (Public Defender), Sheenia Branner (Mayoral Appointee), Robin Candler for Grant Colfax (DPH), Assistant Deputy Chief Jennifer James for Anthony Castellano (US Probation), Susie Smith(HSA), Karen Roye (DCSS), Tajuana Gray (OEWD), Jasmine Dawson for Marla Su (DCYF), Antonio Napoleon (Mayoral Appointee), Allen Harven (Mayoral Appointee), Gabe Cavillo for Chief Katherine Miller (Juvenile Probation), Kaitlyn Motley for Noelle Simmons (HSH), Supervisor Catherine Stefani, Gregory Sims for State Parole.

Members Absent:

James Caldwell (Mayor's Office), Chief Scott (SFPD)

1. Call to Order and Introductions (discussion only)

Chief Tullock called the meeting to order. Members introduced themselves.

2. Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under California Government Code Section 54953(e).

The Reentry Council will consider adoption of a resolution making findings that newly-enacted Government Code Section 54953(e) requires in order to allow the Reentry Council to hold meetings remotely, as currently required under local law, without complying with infeasible Brown Act requirements.

Members voted to allow Reentry Council and Its Subcommittees to meet remotely under California government Code 54953(e)

Sheenia Branner made the motion.
Motion seconded by Antonio Napoleon
No Public Comment
Motion Passed.

3. Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledged

Chief Tullock read the Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement.

4. Welcome Supervisor Stefani to the Reentry Council

Chief Tullock introduced Supervisor Catherine Stefani as a representative from Board of Supervisors on Reentry Council. Supervisor Stefani spoke and acknowledged work of Reentry Council. Council members welcomed Supervisor Stefani.

5. Public Comment on Any Item Listed Below as for (discussion Only)

The following members of the public commented:

- Shayla Wilson offered support for Pretrial Diversion Project (agenda item 12)
- Felipe Estevez member of pretrial, mentioned how pretrial helped him. Thanked pretrial and RTP.
- Ruth Barajas joins in support of pretrial

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- Doug Welch SF Public Defender's Office offered support of pretrial diversion.
- Ivan Corado Vega, Latino Task Force Manager spoke in support of pretrial
- Cedric Akbar requested Reentry Council to address issues with Pretrial Diversion
- Gerald Miller gave public comment in support of pretrial
- Rebecca Jackson (Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice) comment on pretrial diversion; pretrial has helped women get out of jail and into her facility (Cameo House) praised pretrial as essential resource
- Arturo Durazo spoke in support of pretrial diversion, particularly with undocumented clients

6. Review and Adoption of Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2022 (discussion and possible action)

- Tara Anderson motioned to adopt meeting minutes
- Motion seconded by Karen Roye
- Motion Passed

7. Staff Update on Activities of the Reentry Council and its Subcommittees (discussion only)

Destiny Pletsch provided the following staff updates to the Reentry Council:

- The Reentry Council has four open seats for formerly incarcerated members
- Reentry Council Retreat will be held in December/January. Date is to be determined.
- In August the San Francisco Adult Probation Department, Episcopal Community Services in partnership with San Francisco Pretrial Diversion launched the Pretrial Pilot Project funded through the Superior Court. The pilot program will support up to 20 pretrial clients with housing and on site services. The program is targeted for clients with substance use or mental health challenges.

Destiny Pletsch provided updates regarding the Subcommittees of the Reentry Council:

- Direct Services Subcommittee:
- Legislation, Policy and Practices Subcommittee

The subcommittee reflected on the challenges of the last legislation cycle.

Updates on Legislation supported by the Reentry Council at the July 28, 2022 meeting:

- AB 2023 Jail Discharge Planning Bill (signed by Governor)
- SB990 Parole County of Release Bill (signed by Governor)
- SB 1008 Corrections Telecommunications Bill (signed by Governor)
- SB 1106 Criminal Resentencing Restitution Bill (signed by Governor)
- SB 936 California Conservation Corps Forestry Training Center Formerly Incarcerated Individuals Reporting Bill (vetoed by Governor)
- SB 1427 Board of State Community Corrections Homeless and Mental Health Court Bill (held in committee and did not reach Governor's desk)
- AB 1816 Reentry Housing and Workforce Development Program (did not reach Governor's desk as it was ordered into the inactive file by State Senator Weiner)
- The next Legislative Policy and Practices Meeting to be held Wednesday, November 16th, 2:30 PM
- Women 1st Subcommittee- last meeting held Monday, September 12th, discussed challenges, support, and unmet needs unique to Mothers upon rejoining family post incarceration
- Next Women 1st Subcommittee meeting scheduled Monday, November 14th at 5:30 PM

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

- Sentencing Commission met September 20th, 2022

Updates and Discussion Took Place on the following matters:

- Criminal Justice Racial Equity Work Group invited members of the public to participate in honoring ancestral land and heritage. (2) Criminal Justice Workplace Equity Group- Tues November 1st 2022 to be held at the CASC (3) Discussion of the importance of aligning case processing goals and how to potentially alleviate court calendar backlogs, which worsened during the pandemic
- Members were briefed on Stepping Up Initiative Case Management Process
- Next Sentencing Commission Meeting to be held December 13th, 2022, and calendar invites will follow
- Next Community Corrections Partnership Meeting to be held in January 2023, and calendar invites will follow
- Update on STARR program: Proposition 47 Cohort Two Program will be ending February of 2022, and STARR met objectives to engage, refer and provide care plans and treatment to those with substance use disorders or mental health needs that are involved in the criminal justice system. The grant for Cohort Three group has been awarded and will continue to focus on low-threshold case management

Chief Tullock asked for comment from council members, none given.

9. Racial Equity Workgroup Updates – Criminal Justice Racial Equity Work Group

- Tara Anderson, District Attorney's Office stated that future meetings will be held the first week of every month, and discussed the importance of addressing racial disproportionality and disparity within the criminal legal system
- Gabriel Calvillo shared that Juvenile Probation administered a racial equity survey and is also hiring of DEI manager to handle responsibilities of racial equity
- Tara Agnese shared the racial equity work taking place at the Adult Probation Department including the exploration of training opportunities on diversity and inclusion, continued meetings with to the Office of Racial Equity, strategic plan development. Additionally the Department adopted a "Heritage and Diversity Calendar.
- Daniel Reyes with the Adult Probation shared highlights of National Hispanic Heritage month celebration and shared our cultural roots and stories can help us develop a thriving workplace culture.
- Tijuana Gray reported that the Office of Workforce Development (OEWD) issued a racial equity survey. OEWD is in its second year of implementing its racial equity plan which includes staff onboarding with each new staff member attending a racial equity orientation and also quarterly trainings
- Carolyn Goossen, Public Defender's Office, acknowledged Hispanic Heritage Month. She discussed the need for institutional, top-down changes in the criminal justice system regarding racial equity
- Karen Roye shared that the Department of Child Support Services partnered with the Financial Justice Project around legislation regarding child support which advances racial equity for low-income families; SB 1055 protects low income parents from driver's license suspensions from child support debt. Additionally DCSS is developing a Parent Advocacy Committee, which will be parent-led with experience in child support program

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- Susie Smith shared Human Services Agency involvement in Government Alliance for Racial Equity since 2018, discussed need for diversity in recruitment

10. **Presentation: San Francisco Pretrial Diversion Project – Programmatic Information & Outcome Data (discussion only)**

Council members had requested a presentation from Pretrial Diversion Project regarding concerns about people being rearrested while out on pretrial release.

David Mauroff, President of Pretrial of Diversion Project presented to the Reentry Council along with members of his staff.

- The presentation highlighted the history of Pretrial Diversion, approximate caseload of 1700 individuals (currently), the diversity of pretrial diversion staff, overview of release programs, public safety assessment tool, new initiatives and strategic partnerships

Members of the council expressed their gratitude for the work of the Pretrial Diversion Project.

11. **Presentation: CROP (discussion only)**

Jesse Foshay and Kit Bary presented to Reentry Council members on CROP (Creating Restorative Opportunities and Programs)

12. **Council Members' Comments, questions and requests for Future Agenda Items (discussion only)**

Carolyn Goosen requested that the Reentry Council should look into Pretrial Diversion joining as members of the Reentry Council

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

The following members of the public commented:

- Ivan Corado-Vega, Latino Task Force asked for clarification on Public Safety Assessment tool (who designed it, who are stakeholders)
- Gloria Berry requested information regarding the impact of conviction history has on job seekers including city jobs and how many people with jobs have a record
 - Susie Smith: clarification on how HSA does not have that data;
- Silvio Lugo spoke in support on Pretrial Diversion Project
- Nikita Saini (Legislative Aide for Supervisor Hilary Ronen) expressed support of Pretrial Diversion Project

14. **Adjournment**

The next Reentry Council meeting is Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 10 AM. It is to be conducted over zoom unless new information from mayor is provided

Sheenia Branner made the motion to adjourn.

Motion seconded by Allen Harvin

No Public Comment

Motion Passed.

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