

# Reentry Council

## City & County of San Francisco

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### Subcommittee on Legislation, Policy & Practices

#### APPROVED MINUTES

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

2:30pm to 4:30pm

**Members in Attendance:** Bobby Jones-Hanley, Denise Gotthardt, Katrina Baptiste, Kristin Scott-Calip, Leon Hopkins, Linda Connelly, Malcolm Gissen, Melanie Kim, Patty Martinex, Sheenia Branner, Tiffany Holmes. Amanda S. Esquivel, Melanie Kushnir.

**Members Absent:** Jermilla McCoy, John Grayson, Joe Cideron, Melinda Benson, Ndubusi Chimara, Shanika Williams, Yareli Ruiz Montes, Jordan Pittman, Edward McCaffey.

#### 1. Roll Call

Victoria Westbrook took role.

#### 2. Introductions – Welcome new members (discussion and possible action)

Members introduced themselves and new members were welcomed.

#### 3. The Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement (*discussion only*)

Victoria read the Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement.

#### 4. Return to In Person meetings (*discussion only*)

Victoria informed members that the LPP meetings were returning to in person meetings beginning in February and that meetings will be held at the CASC at 564 6<sup>th</sup> Street, SF, CA 94103.

#### 5. RC Retreat Notes Discussion (discussion and possible action)

Subcommittee members discussed and reviewed the RC Retreat priorities identified. Local legislation priorities were identified and clarified in Agenda item #6. State legislation priorities identified as:

- Youth Restitution (End)
- Limit Traffic Stops SB50 – Senator Bradford LA – Catalyst California
- Increase Age from 18 – 25 for LWOP population – Senator Becker

The members identified a number of items they believe should be handed off to other subcommittees. These items are as follows:

- Women 1st – Women’s Navigation Center at the WRC
- Direct Action – Reentry Day at Bill Graham Auditorium– like homeless connect fairs
- Direct Action - Access does not equal engagement – increasing engagement – services
- Direct Action - Healthy Nutrition and Wellness education
- Direct Action - Training Staff regarding Reentry Resources available – as well as diversion programs – Communication

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### 6. Local legislation overview and idea generation (discussion and possible action)

Victoria provided a brief overview of the local legislation process within San Francisco.

Members identified the following local legislation initiatives as possible priorities in 2023:

- Healthcare – needs as people release from jail and prison
- Increasing Healthy food/commissary in jail
  - Medi-Cal
  - \$ Cal Aim - Expansion of Medi-Cal – bill for expanded services for Reentry Population
    - In reach while in custody – 90 day pre-release – continuity of care
    - Community Health Workers (state certification)– chronic health, mental health, or behavioral health support
    - Housing Navigation – chronic mental and behavioral health challenges
    - Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification – to bill Medi-Cal
  - Other services/clinics
  - Mental Illness
  - Health Advocate
  - Healthcare is Reentry
  - Mobile Healthcare Clinics
  - Healthy Nutrition and Wellness education
- Housing
- Reentry vs. law enforcement (Supervision stipulations causing challenges for people reentering and leading to re-incarceration)
- Involvement of the Reentry community in reentry services and reentry related decisions
- Clean Slate/Restitution restrictions/information
- Be the jury/peer representatives
- Supervisor Mandelman – A Place For All
- Supervisor Dorsey – SF Recovers
- Fair Chance Ordinance (FCO)
- Centralized Body that would oversee spending on Reentry and Recovery Programs (Independent Body – not related to or tied to Department or independent City Department – Centralized
- Overarching Policy of Continuum of Care – from Release from jail/prison
- Targeted recruitment from HSA and HSH to get representatives on LPP
- Undocumented work visas

### 7. Legislation Overview (discussion only)

Bobby Jones-Hanley explained the process by which State Legislation is passed in California.

Members asked questions and Bobby provided answers

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8. **Legislation and our Scheduled meetings (discussion and possible action)**

Victoria briefly went over the LPP Schedule for 2023 and explained how the LPP identifies which State legislation to present to the Reentry Council

9. **Member Roundtable and Agenda Items for Next Meeting (discussion only)**

No members added anything for next meeting's agenda.

10. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned.

**Next Meeting:**

**March 22, 2023**

**2:30pm – 4:30pm**

**Location: CASC, 564 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Upstairs Room 226/227**