

Reentry Council

City & County of San Francisco

APPROVED Minutes

Thursday, October 28, 2021

10am- 12pm

Members Present:

Jabari Jackson (Chair, BOS Appointee), Sheriff Paul Miyamoto (Chair) (SFSD), Interim Chief Sharon Jackson (SFAPD), Brian Cox for Manohar Raju (Public Defender), District Attorney Chesa Boudin, James Caldwell for Mayor Breed, Mark Culkins (Superior Court), Tom Porter (State Parole), Chief Katy Miller (Juvenile Probation), (Sheenia Branner (Mayoral Appointee), Robin Candler for Angelica Almeida (DPH), Karen Roye (CSS), David McCahon for Susie Smith (HSA), Commander Walsh for William Scott (SFPD), Michael Brown (BOS Appointee), Yolanda Morissette (BOS Appointee).

Members Absent:

Anthony Castellano (US Probation), Noelle Simmons (HSH), Maria Su (DCYF), Tajuana Gray (OEWD), Oscar Salinas (BOS Appointee).

Victoria Westbrook started the meeting by introducing Interim Chief of Probation, Sharon Jackson.

Chief Sharon Jackson gave a quick introduction about herself and work experience.

1. Call to Order and Introductions (discussion only)

Jabari Jackson, representing the formerly incarcerated members, called the meeting to order. He thanked Council members and members of the public for attending the meeting. He acknowledged the other five Co-Chairs: I would like to start by acknowledging the five other co-chairs:

- Paul Miyamoto, Sheriff.
- Manohar Raju, Public Defender.
- Chesa Boudin, District Attorney.
- James Caldwell, representing Mayor London Breed's Office.
- Sharon Jackson, the Interim Chief of Adult Probation.

Victoria Westbrook completed Reentry Council Roll Call, and gave a quick update on Zoom functions and the chat options for Public comments.

Jabari Jackson asked if anyone had a public comment:

There was no public comment.

2. Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under California Government Code Section 54953(e). (discussion and possible action) a. The Reentry Council will consider adoption of a resolution making findings that newly-enacted Government Code Section 54953(e) requires in

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order to allow the Reentry Council to hold meetings remotely, as currently required under local law, without complying with infeasible Brown Act requirements.

Jabari Jackson called for a motion to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings under California Government Code Section 54953(e).

Sherriff Miyamoto made the motion.

District Attorney Chesa Boudin seconded the motion.

There was no public comment.

Motion passed.

3. Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement

Jabari Jackson read the Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement.

4. Public Comment on Any Item Listed Below as for “Discussion Only.”

Jabari Jackson asked if anyone had public comment.

There was no public comment.

5. Review and Adoption of Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2021

Jabari Jackson asked for a motion to adopt the minutes from July 22, 2021.

Karen Roye made a motion.

Sheenia Branner seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

6. Validation of the PSA in San Francisco Presentation – Johanna Lacoë, Research Director, California Policy Lab, UC Berkeley (discussion only)

During our last Reentry Council Meeting, questions and concerns were raised regarding the Pre-trial validation report published by the California Policy Lab. David Mauroff from Pre-trial Diversion agreed to present information about the report and the validation findings at this meeting. The full slide presentation can be found in the Public packet beginning on page 12. Johanna Lacoë, the Research Director from the California Policy Lab, UC Berkeley was introduced and invited to present.

Johanna Lacoë presented about the Validation of the Public Safety Assessment (Pretrial) Tool in San Francisco. There was a robust discussion about what was presented. Members of the council and public were concerned that 55 out of 100 people who were released pretrial reoffended during the pretrial period and that 18/100 of the group reoffended with a violent crime. Johanna emphasized that the report was about the validity of the PSA tool and not about Pretrial Diversion’s public safety rating or the practices of Pretrial Diversion. David Mauroff of Pretrial Diversion emphasized that the public safety assessment is just a tool that provides information to the courts. It is ultimately the courts who decide who gets released pretrial. Additionally issues were raised about the racial bias present in the PSA tool and questions about how it could be fixed or calibrated surfaced.

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

Jabari Jackson asked Victoria to give council members an update on the San Francisco Reentry Council and Subcommittees.

Victoria provided an update about the Mental Health Transitional Housing program. The program continues to be successful and at capacity.

Victoria Westbrook invited Steve Adami to speak about the San Francisco Fair Chance Ordinance.

Steve Adami stated that the San Francisco Fair Chance Ordinance dictates that the look-back period for an employer to review felony convictions is seven years. However, the City and County of San Francisco review felony convictions dating back thirteen years as a government employer.

Steve Adami and Michael Brown from the reentry council brought up the Fair Chance Ordinance issue with the human rights commission. Steve Adami stated that they connected with Dorsey Nunn, a driving force behind the Fair Chance Ordinance. Steve also stated that he is also working with the San Francisco Mayor's Office who is now working with DHR to make the changes made internally through the civil service commission. An update on the Fair Chance Ordinance change will be made hopefully announced during the next reentry council meeting.

Steve Adami introduced Cedrick Akbar to speak about the Positive Directions T. R. P Academy. Cedrick Akbar provided an update about the TRP academy, an abstinence based, therapeutic teaching community program. During the first month of the program 40 student were enrolled and 83 referrals were received. For referrals please go to [TRP Academy | CASC Reentry Center \(reentrysf.org\)](https://reentrysf.org). People can self-refer into the program.

Steve Adami provided an update on the Reentry stabilization Navigation Center that will be launched in partnership with THC and Westside Community Services. The proposed site is at 245 11th ST. However, there are some zoning challenges. In the meantime, the program is launching in an SRO hotel with licensed clinicians on-site with 24-hour access. People in the justice system will be prioritized into the program. This navigation center will allow clients to stay till they get to the next step in life with no time limit. The Adult Probation Department is leveraging half a million dollars to launch the program. Our City Our Home funded the staffing for the site.

Victoria Westbrook provided an update on Subcommittee activities.

- Victoria Westbrook, Jabari Jackson, and Yolanda Morrisette provided a presentation about the Reentry Council at the Virtual Reentry Resource Conference Hosted by the Archdiocese of San Francisco.
- The Legislation, Policy, and Practices Subcommittee did a mini training on the California Legislation process. The plan is to have a more proactive approach by inviting community based organizations and different advocacy groups into the meeting in January in preparation of the identification of bills to bring before the Reentry Council in April 2022..

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- The Direct Services Subcommittee is moving forward with the housing survey.
- During the Women 1st Subcommittee meeting, Community Forward SF presented on their Women Center project. Information is provided in the public packet on page 28. Additionally, Laura Murray, one of the people highlighted in the Rebound Documentary shared her remarkable story with the subcommittee members. Rebound is about two women who were able to rebound from incarceration, addiction, and abuse through the pursuit of higher education.

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

- Chief Miller from Juvenile Probation provided an update on the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council. The main activities of the council are one of its subcommittees charged with getting a plan of what San Francisco is going to do with juveniles now that they will no longer go to DJJ and the DJJ will be closed. If anyone would like to follow these efforts, all meetings are public and occur every other Tuesday from 4pm – 6pm. The next meeting is November 9th. The Juvenile Probation website has meeting archive information and links for all future meetings.
- Robin Candler provided an update on about the STARR program. STARR is working on getting people into residential treatment and low threshold case management.
- Tara Agnese provided an update on the Community Corrections Partnership realignment report. Outreach has been done to the members of the CCP for input and additional feedback. A draft report will be submitted before presenting it to the board of supervisors.
- Karen Roye provided an update about the San Francisco Sentencing Commission meeting on September 21st. Staff reported updates regarding the Safety and Justice Challenge, noting that the jail population is increasing. Partners are working to understand and address the issue. SJC fellows, five community leaders with lived experienced of the system, have developed conclusions from their participatory action research on expanding diversion options. Their recommendations will be given at the October SJC meeting. Representatives from the California Police Lab shared their initial analysis regarding people who experienced frequent contact with the criminal justice and public health systems in San Francisco. One key finding is that over 96% of those with highest use of both systems had experienced homelessness. A rich discussion occurred regarding how to better meet the needs of community members who have high utilization of both systems. The California Policy Lab will be continuing their analysis and will create a policy brief in the next few months. The next meeting of the San Francisco Sentencing Commission will be on December 14th at 10am.

Jabari Jackson ask for any discussion from council members.

There was none

9. Racial Equity Work Updates – Criminal justice Racial Equity Workgroup Update and other Departments are welcome to provide a Racial Equity Update for their Department (discussion only)

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- Victoria Westbrook provided an update on the Criminal justice Racial Equity Workgroup. The next meeting will be held on November 18th. Marisa Arrona will work with the group to formalize our mission, values, and action items for the coming year. There will be three strategy meetings. Victoria Westbrook invited people to join the group.
- Sabrina Shumake from APD provided an update about the internal and external racial equity initiatives within the Adult Probation Department. We concluded our SAMHSA Community of Practice opportunity, focusing on Diversity, Equity, and inclusion in reentry services and provided intensive technical assistance. The APD Community of Practice team included nineteen members from the reentry community, most of which were people of color and those who were formerly incarcerated. The technical assistance provided an opportunity to explore service delivery outcome measures other than recidivism rate. Internally, APD is working on implementing their racial equity plan. Additionally, they are identifying racial equity training for the department and sharing recommendations with department leadership.
- Sherriff Paul Miyamoto reported that 200 people have completed their cultural humility classes.

Jabari Jackson asked for any questions or comments from council members.
There was none.

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

Karen Roye asked if there could be an expanded presentation from San Francisco Pretrial Services at the next meeting.

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

Jabari Jackson asked for any public comment.
There was none.

12. Adjournment.

Jabari Jackson asked for a motion to adjourn.
Chief Miller made a motion to Adjourn.
Sheenia Branner seconded the motion.
Motion passed.
Meeting is adjourned