

Subcommittee on Civil Rights & Civic Engagement of Formerly Incarcerated Individuals

Reentry Council of the City & County of San Francisco

MINUTES

Thursday, December 10, 2009
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
City Hall, Room 278
1 Dr. Carlton P. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Members Present: Carolyn Alexander, Mark A. Walsh, Madeline Neighly, Ellison Horne, Mathew Martenyi, Randy Stortroen (arrived after Agenda II), Tommy Escarcega (arrived after Agenda II)

Members Absent: Debra Hoffmann, Brian Hogan

Others in Attendance: Jeff Adachi (part of meeting), Jessica Flintoft, Michael Klinger, Jeaneane Young, Pooja Patel

Meeting called to order at 9:12 a.m. when quorum was met.

I. Introductions and Review of Agenda.

After calling meeting to order, Jessica Flintoft, staff of Reentry Council, asked subcommittee members to briefly introduce themselves.

II. Review and Adoption of Minutes of August 21, 2009.

Members reviewed the draft minutes of Aug. 21 meeting. Mathew Martenyi moved adopt, Mark A. Walsh seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

III. Overview of Subcommittee Purpose, Membership Requirements, Meeting Schedule, and Process for reporting to Reentry Council.

Jessica Flintoft explained the origin of the Council, briefly discussed the bylaws and the makeup of the full 21-member council.

IV. Review framework of at least annual report of Reentry Council, including overview of current funding streams, programs, needs, and barriers related to civil rights and civic engagement.

Jessica Flintoft reviewed the report's main components.

V. Review and discuss research and methodology related to assessment of programs and needs: preliminary findings, surveys of programs, and focus groups of individuals.

The group worked up a list of questions about unmet needs and programs, best practices, programs and services as pertaining to voting (rights, access, exercise); I.D. (driver's license, S.S. card, birth certificate, tribal I.D., et al); collateral consequences (criminal records' impact on housing, employment, licensing, lifetime registrations (290s); civic participation and engagement (formerly incarcerated people in policy and community leadership).

Work Plan Volunteering

Literature and Best Practices

Volunteers: Randy Stortroen, Madeline Neighly, Tommy Escarcega

Focus Group

Volunteers: Mark A. Walsh, Mathew Martenyi, Tommy Escarcega

Program Surveys

Two surveys: a CBO survey and a Parole/Jails/Corrections Survey

Volunteers: Ellison Horne, Mark A. Walsh, Carolyn Alexander, Tommy Escarcega, Randy Stortroen, Madeline Neighly

Jessica Flintoft explained that a draft of the preliminary findings from the surveys and focus groups will be presented at the next full Reentry Council meeting, on January 26, 2010. After a brief discussion, the group agreed to rely on email communication to finalize the preliminary findings.

VI. Identification of any relevant attainable, discrete actions to forward as short term recommendations to Reentry Council.

Agenda item tabled until next meeting.

VII. Selection of a Chairperson of Subcommittee.

Tommy Escarcega, Randy Stortroen, and Mathew Martenyi each sought consideration.

Ellison Horne moved to select Tommy Escarcega as chair of the subcommittee, Carolyn Alexander seconded, the motion garnered three votes and failed to pass.

Mark Walsh moved to select Randy Stortroen as chair of the subcommittee, Tommy Escarcega seconded, the motion garnered four votes and failed to pass.

Madeline Neighly moved to select Mathew Martenyi as chair of the subcommittee, Randy Stortroen and Mark Walsh seconded, the motion garnered four votes and failed to pass.

No single volunteer garnered more than four votes for a majority, so the meeting concluded without the successful selection of a chair.

VIII. Public Comment on items not listed on the agenda.

Tommy Escarcega passed around one copy of the 2006 writ petition in *League of Women Voters of California et al., v. Bruce McPherson, as Secretary of State, et al.*

IX. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.