

# Subcommittee on Welfare & Safety of Families, Victims, & Communities

## Reentry Council of the City & County of San Francisco

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### MINUTES

Thursday, January 21, 2010  
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Public Defender's Office  
555 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Members Present: Bob Barnwell, Maria Bee, Elizabeth Brett, Norvella Brooks (arrived after Agenda II), Jean Brownell, Katie Kramer, Bridgett Ortega, Firas Shehadeh (arrived after Agenda II), Ilona Solomon, Carol Strickman, Anna Wong

Members Absent: Minouche Kandel, Yali Lincroft, Tomiquia Moss, Max Rocha

Others in Attendance: Jessica Flintoft, Michael Klinger, Jeaneane Young, Vallan Tyree, Gerald Miller, Josephine Alioto

*Meeting called to order at 1:07 p.m.*

#### **I. Introductions and Review of Agenda.**

#### **II. Review and Adopt Minutes of December 3, 2009.**

Maria Bee moved to adopt the minutes, Carol Strickman seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 1:09 p.m.

#### **III. Brief Overview of Subcommittee Meeting Ground Rules & Protocols.**

#### **IV. Review and discuss updated timeline for development of the assessment of programs and needs: literature review, surveys of programs, and focus groups of individuals.**

Reentry Council Staff Jessica Flintoft provided an update on surveys, focus groups and literature review, and noted that the first focus group was to be conducted later the same day.

Katie Kramer and Vallan Tyree recommended that at least some focus groups be conducted in Spanish.

#### **V. Update on any relevant legislation.**

Jean Brownell distributed draft language amending CA Penal Code 2625(b) on video-conferencing for dependency hearings, on behalf of subcommittee member Yali Lincroft. Senator Carol Liu's aide is Andrea Lane, who is aware of this presentation today. Jean Brownell suggested that she and Yali Lincroft would accept anyone's recommendations for language changes and forward them to the Senator. The subcommittee agreed to hear an update at its next meeting.

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### **VI. Update on any relevant funding opportunities.**

Katie Kramer mentioned a policy update regarding SAMSA/CSAP. CSAP has seen a policy shift in recent years, such that it ceased funding pre-release reentry services. Katie Kramer reported that this restriction was lifted about a month ago, and reentry services can now begin 60-90 days pre-release. She offered to send an email containing the approval for this recent change.

Jessica Flintoft mentioned the SAMSHA Offender Reentry Grant, which Swords to Plowshares, Glide, and a few other local nonprofits may be going for. She also mentioned the RFP from the San Francisco Office of Workforce Development (OEWD) and the two new Second Chance Act grants, including the "Mentoring" grant and the 2010 Adult and Juvenile Demonstration Grants, which the City of San Francisco will not pursue this year, having received both awards last year..

Carol Strickman requested an update on the DPH's \$600k Second Chance funding and project, which Jessica Flintoft provided.

### **VII. Identification of any discrete actions to forward as short-term recommendations to Reentry Council.**

The group discussed the need to bridge services offered in jails and prisons with community services, noting a disconnect that leaves people without support during their reentry, specifically noting the "One Family/Parenting Inside Out" curriculum, which is inside-only. Bridgett Ortega noted that the "One Family" program is comprehensive and already represents a wide range of agency involvement, each of which already advises and supports "One Family."

The subcommittee's presentation to the RC will note its focus on the "big picture" issue around inside/outside continuity.

Additionally, the group decides to invite stakeholders from a range of agencies to its next meeting in an effort to identify needs/gaps and overlaps.

### **VIII. Review and discuss draft subcommittee presentation to Reentry Council on January 26th.**

Maria Bee and Bob Barnwell note that Victims' and Communities' issues have not been significantly discussed, and it is agreed that a victim-specific item be added to the next subcommittee meeting agenda.

Katie Kramer moved that Elizabeth Brett and Jessica Flintoft work together to finalize the presentation to the full council. Elizabeth Brett seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **IX. Public comment on items not listed on the agenda.**

Bob Barnwell distributed a notice of an upcoming public safety committee meeting.

Anna Wong alerted the subcommittee to Project WHAT!'s upcoming job application for approximately 10 youth, ages 15-20. She will send an email when ready.

*Approved April 8, 2010*

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**X. Adjournment.**

*Meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.*