



San Francisco Youth Commission Transformative Justice Committee Minutes

Monday, May 13th, 2019

5:00-6:30 PM

City Hall, Room 345

1. Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.

San Francisco, CA 94102

There will be public comment on each item.

Members: Nora Hylton (Chair), Josephine Cureton (Vice Chair), and Natalie Ibarra

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Commissioner Hylton called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM. All members present. Quorum is met.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

There was no public comment. Commissioner Cureton motioned to approve of the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Hylton. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

a. April 29th, 2019 Minutes

i. Document A

There was no public comment. Commissioner Cureton motioned to approve of the April 29th, 2019 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Hylton. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)

There was no public comment.

5. Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

a. Presentation from ReEntry Council: Resolution: Humanizing Language in Criminal Justice System

i. Presenters: Geoffrea Morris, Reentry Policy Planner for the City and County of San Francisco's Reentry Council, and Eric Henderson, a Reentry Council subcommittee member and an appointed member of San Francisco's Sentencing Commission

ii. Eric Henderson introduces the resolution for city and county to use person first language. Language comes from disability rights advocates. They wanted to bring this to the youth commission as once anyone enters the youth system 18 -25, stigma follows at the end of life. Hoping for any comments or feedback, especially from this subcommittee.



- iii. Geoffrea comes in with the strategic lens, the resolution has been approved by sentencing & reentry council, and Supervisor Fewer has agreed to introduce resolution. Assistant Chief Paula Hernandez - as there's juvenile justice - connotation of juvenile is only used punitively - so really honing in on the youth centered lens.
- iv. Discussion from Commissioners begin.
- v. Commissioner Hylton: Believe in this resolution as when you enter the system as a youth entering as a youth, to have labels put into you and internalized the shame.
- vi. Commissioner Cureton: how were you able to get youth and formerly incarcerated people feedback?
- vii. Geoffrea: We come from the adult world, 18-25yr, look at youth mostly TAY focused, we are still hoping to get a TAY seat filled. We continue to struggle from Tay 18 - 24 actively involved - formerly incarcerated youth member to have that voice. In the legislation, we're supposed to have 7 formerly incarcerated individuals with lived experiences to advise. But we lean on organizations that give up what's youth have going on.
- viii. Eric: We had members of subcommittee, participate and offer comments - from sentencing and reentry committee, from formerly incarcerated individuals. We also got a lot of input from JPD - as swapped out language from suggestions.
- ix. Geoffrey - this resolution from it's birth, is not just contact with the legal system. It is a scarlet letter. We don't want to lose the essence through all these word or phrasing.
- x. Eric: But it is helpful in being specific because it's not just people with criminal records, it's talking about arrests, talking about detentions.
- xi. Commissioner Hylton: Who does this legislation target? Eric - all departments and agency, workforce, muni, juvenile probation, that do not have people centered language in the criminal justice system.
- xii. Geoffrea - Does the YC have any member impacted by juvenile justice system? Commissioner Hylton: there is no seat, assuming by positionality we are not privy to all the details. Commissioners started a conversation on intentional outreaching.
- xiii. Eric: Be careful on how you ask people to disclose, it is deeply personal and problematic to be trying to recruit solely based on that, share what people are comfortable sharing / not down to share deeply personal details it should be something that comes up versus - we want you, expanding and recognize the work of people supporting going through the system as different lived experience than other youth - justice system involvement.



- xiv. Eric: Yes it is a matter of commitment and capacity to intentionally get to the people. It means taking ourselves away from city hall and out to the community, changing meeting hours, and having smaller sessions. Orgs to work with are project what!, ywfc, willie maes, hunters point family, bayfair, sunset youth, and mobilizing youth advocacy day.
- xv. Geoffrea: what other words can we used on juvenile justice level that we want to opt out? It will be helpful for us to stay connected and work on budget asks together. For our lobby day in Sacramento May 22nd - it's state wide legislations.
- xvi. Noora from Larkin Street: It is important to ask what does residency mean? For youth at Larkin, it is best to say individual - in legal system, as there are other stories missing i.e, migrant from other country, legal department, young people who don't have documentation.
- xvii. Eric: citizen - not everyone is a citizen, - or name other than something to identify then, than citizen ship status. There was a lot of other conversations regarding survivor or victims to strongly include - bodies that do this work that city county sits with, own resolution to end that efforts to support that work, that work with certain words too that might be hard for grants.
- xviii. Geoffrea - coming up we have a lobby day, 38 passenger day may 22nd - formerly incarcerated people and doing this work, other leaders if you want and all to come 7:30am may 22nd to sac , ella baker & initiate justice, stop gang injunctions at end of year, reaching out to larkin we want to have 5 - 7 reps from each organization, justice impacted and double count, getting people out of work.
- xix. Commissioner Hylton: what bills are you advocating for? - sb42: getting home safely - getting rid of enhancements - sb516 proving involved in gang, convicted in robbery before getting gang information in - slants decision of justice - giving women tampon for free in county jails, - supportive member if you want to give birth (in prison but not county jail) - get contact on juvenile hall,
- b. Youth input on [Ordinance FILE NO. 190392] Closure of Juvenile Hall Legislation with Larkin Street Youth Advisory Board
 - 5B: youth advisory board - nora, Noora, staff at Larkin Street, YAB just graduated, 3 members alumni were supposed to come but couldn't because of last minute events
 - o key points they wanted to bring up:
 - incarcerating youth and practices perpetuates cycles of poverty, and keeps them from getting stable housing
 - muni and bart police, ticketed
 - Geoffrea and parking ticket \$102 higher than anything



- higher dependent on how many tickets you get under your name, if you have a client under probation or warrant
 - perpetuates a lot of stressors, stolen for adequate living, warrant out for arrests, go down to human rights commission for stipend or forgiveness after select time, frustrating and stuck because of cycle of poverty - can't excel because criminal system
- some time of funding to go to navigation center - didn't blatantly name employment services, or supportive services for people to not commit crimes of survival
- trauma and mental health they're experiencing socioeconomic difficulties, young people engaging in activities, how do we support or provide services that support economic services - not just warrant is out
- Geoffrea: recovery summit, youth recovery substance abuse program, you don't say that underlying criminal stuff
- what would it look like to have preventative services and means for youth to stop cycle and they want jobs:
 - housing vouchers
 - stipends
 - support for specific things
 - nav center model
 - redirect funds for that
- Commissioner Ibarra: would alumni want any input on our BPPS?
 - riley & kevin will be yab alumni,
 - making connections than huge edits because short timeline - feedback in language or anything specific.
 - having it tomorrow to get by thurs
 - evening if wording isn't there / concepts and language there on general concepts - not a professional draft
 - Commissioner Cureton: don't have to address to apps, but most of supervisors is a lot more to be heard in public comment and mayor's blue ribbon panel
- Liz Jackson Simpson could be a lead on the school, cause she runs success center deputy during that time - want to continue, what's the model,
- c. Writing Lab on Transformative Justice Budget and Policies Priorities
 - i. Commissioners peer edited the BPPs and assigned work times.
- d. Review Action Items
 - i. commissioners will write their public comment for the GAO hearing.

6. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

- a. Staff gave a heads up on the upcoming GAO hearing.

7. Adjournment

- a. Chair Hylton adjourned the meeting at 7:03 PM.