

Synthesis of Small Group Discussion To-Date

SIM Intercepts 0-3

Work Group #5 Meeting - July 8, 2016

Introduction

The Work Group to Re-Envision the Jail Replacement Project (JRP) was formed to support the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors in developing recommendations to reduce the county jail population in order to permanently close County Jails #3 and #4 located at the seismically comprised Hall of Justice. During the most recent monthly Work Group Meetings in May and June 2016, Work Group members were given the opportunity to break into small groups, discuss the strengths and challenges of the criminal justice system by specific intercept points using the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM), and propose ideas to meet the Work Group's goals. The following document presents a synthesis of ideas generated from the Small Group Discussions, summarizing the most frequently proposed recommendation categories, as well as some of the principles and process improvement suggestions that surfaced during the discussions.

Approach

In order to summarize the main themes that emerged from each Small Group discussion, all ideas were inventoried and categorized by key themes. From this synthesis, all the ideas proposed by the Work group were grouped into three areas – principles, process improvement suggestions, and recommendation categories. Principles are defined as values that guide the development of recommendations, process improvements suggest tools and processes that might support monitoring the quality of programs, achieving system efficiencies, reporting and evaluating impact. The following lists highlight some of the principles and process improvement suggestions that emerged from discussion:

Principles:

- Address racial disparities
- Support the work of community-based organizations
- Provide more trauma-informed approaches
- Avoid/minimize contact with law enforcement by using more alternatives
- Promote trust in the community by removing law enforcement from managing or staffing certain services

Process Improvement Suggestions:

- Provide more information on existing services
- Conduct a strategic analysis of/map out the current system of care
- Reduce the duplication of services
- Improve court efficiency
- Conduct an assessment of who gets released on Own Recognizance (OR)
- Conduct a reassessment of the effectiveness of the Arnold Tool
- Create a reimbursement system where San Francisco is reimbursed for providing services to out-of-county individuals
- Analyze District Attorney (DA) charging decisions

Last, the following table summarizes the recommendation categories brought forward to-date from the Small Group Discussion during the Work Group meetings in May and June 2016. The table also presents an initial assessment of which

Recommendation Categories lend themselves to an analysis of *impact on the county jail population* and *cost*. The estimated impact on the jail population took into consideration the availability of existing research or data and the measurability of each specific recommendation. Note that this initial analysis is not meant to be exhaustive or definite, and that recommendation categories are not listed in any particular order.

Recommendation Categories to-date –SIM Intercepts 0-3	Able to estimate impact on jail population?	Able to estimate cost?
1. Expand the capacity of courts/PD/DA/AP to review cases on the weekend	Yes	Yes
2. Expand the eligibility for cite and release	Yes	Yes
3. Expand recuperative care sites, e.g., Sobering Center, DORE Urgent Care	Further investigation needed	Yes
4. Expand mental health crisis response, e.g., Crisis Response Team, train 911 dispatchers in mental health	Further investigation needed	Yes
5. Expand street-based outreach, e.g., SFHOT	Further investigation needed	Yes
6. Expand pre-trial release and services, e.g., more OR releases, expand Public Defender Bail Unit	Further investigation needed	Yes
7. Expand collaborative courts	Further investigation needed	Yes
8. Expand and improve discharge planning	Further investigation needed	Yes
9. Implement pre-booking diversion program, e.g., LEAD/ABLE	Further investigation needed	Yes
10. Expand affordable and supportive housing opportunities, e.g., HERO program	Further investigation needed	Yes
11. Reduce or eliminate bail payment	Further investigation needed	Maybe
12. Bring multiple co-located services into neighborhoods, e.g., mobile or community-based centers, residential treatment beds	No	No
13. Expand community policing programs	No	Yes

As the Work Group continues to meet, additional recommendations will be added to the inventory and the synthesis updated to capture additional themes. The complete inventory of all Small Group Discussion recommendations is available on the JRP website.