

**Work Group to Re-envision the Jail Replacement Project**  
**Work Group Meeting—05/13/16**  
**Action Minutes**

<b>Co-Chairs:</b>	Barbara Garcia, Director of Health, San Francisco Public Health Department Vicki Hennessy, Sheriff, San Francisco Sheriff's Department Roma Guy, Taxpayers for Public Safety	<b>Work Group: see posted list</b>
<b>Facilitators:</b>	Harder+Company Community Research	

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Co-Chair Opening Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Barbara Garcia</b> welcomed the group and acknowledged the change in Work Group format to allow Work Group members to share their expertise and bring forward their ideas for meeting the Work Group goals of reducing the jail population and closing County Jails #3 and #4.</li> <li>■ <b>Roma Guy</b> highlighted the importance of the work of the Small Group Activity in influencing the recommendations that will be made to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors.</li> </ul>	
Agenda Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Michelle Magee</b> reviewed the meeting agenda, including the shift in public comment to occur before the Small Group Activity. After public comment, the public was invited to observe and participate in the Small Group Activity.</li> <li>■ Reviewed the introduction of Intercept 0 to the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM). The addition of this intercept was brought forth by the Work Group via interviews, public comment, and the Technical Support Team, who wanted to highlight the impact social determinants have on the criminal justice system.</li> </ul>	
Issue Brief Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Reviewed the outline for the Issue Brief, along with definitions and goals for each intercept. Invited Work Group members to make suggestions to improve the process for subsequent Issue Briefs.</li> <li>■ Discussed the purpose and goals of the Small Group Activity, which seeks to promote conversation and idea-sharing between Work Group members.</li> <li>■ Work Group members gave feedback on the Issue Brief:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Suggested the Work Group more seriously consider upstream interventions, and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<p>think more creatively about recommendations that might meet the Work Group goals, especially those that address the racial disparities in the jails.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Would like more clarification on the circumstances that lead to a response from law enforcement by different areas in San Francisco. Noted that law enforcement interventions differ by area.</li> <li>○ Would like more information on preventing recidivism, especially in early intervention points.</li> <li>○ Agreed that interventions at Intercept 0 should be more seriously considered, especially when identifying sustainable recommendations.</li> <li>○ Barbara Garcia emphasized the need to address restorative justice issues and the need to be inclusive when discussing proposed suggestions to meet the Work Group goals.</li> <li>○ Want to know more about triage between existing resources, and how we might prioritize access to existing resources.</li> </ul>	
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Jesse Stout, public.</b> Recommended the Work Group consider voluntary admission shelters in place of incarceration, including programs where people can come and go. Also suggested that health care services should be more affordable.</li> <li>■ <b>Andrew Szeto, Critical Resistance.</b> Shared the No New SF Jail Coalition’s “8 Guiding Steps towards Ending Jailing.” These guiding steps included: 1) opening facilities where people are welcome to come and go; 2) providing user-led and self-determined services; 3) greater community reinvestment in programs, facilities, and resources; 4) separating services from the Sheriff’s Department, Police, Court, or District Attorney; 5) providing equitable access to care; 6) reforming bail and bonds, which although mentioned in the Issue Brief, should be a priority; 7) creating pathways towards permanent and sustainable housing; and 8) closing the jail at 850 Bryant Street. Hopes that the se guiding steps are accessible enough to enact immediately.</li> <li>■ <b>MaryKate Connor, Caduceus Justice.</b> Represented currently and formerly incarcerated individuals. Stressed the need to examine police practices as a part of jail reform. Hopes</li> </ul>	

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	<p>that the work of this Work Group will take into consideration solutions that work for people because psychiatric are not meeting the needs of people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>David Elliott Lewis, public.</b> Suggested a crisis intervention team, and shared that CIP training reduces the volume of individuals going to jail, as well as the benefits of a joint response team with mental health professional. Also shared the difficulties people have in accessing mental health services, such as not qualifying for programs or difficult transportation between facilities. Suggested facilitating communication between prisoners and their families by providing scheduled visitation days in the city. Stressed the importance of community programs and the valuable role they play.</li> <li>■ <b>Lily Haskell, Critical Resistance/No New SF Jail Coalition.</b> Stressed the importance of interventions at Intercept 0 where the greatest impact can be done. Proposed expanding affordable housing which should not should be contingent on contact with law enforcement. Also suggested disarming law enforcement and promoting community members to be trained in crisis intervention training. Acknowledged the fact that individuals like Mario Woods were killed even though law enforcement had crisis intervention training. Also stressed the difficulties people have accessing services, and how individuals should be able to access services without the intervention of law enforcement. Emphasized the need to decrease the number of unnecessary bookings into jail.</li> <li>■ <b>Crystallee Crain, San Francisco Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership.</b> Recommended the Work Group avoid triggering language such as the use of the term “high user.” Shared the findings of a survey that showed that there are 1,200 children with parents in San Francisco county jails. Would like to see the Work Group address them and their needs. Recommended the Work Group partner with the San Francisco School District that is already working on this issue. Would also like to see the Work Group consider the role inmates play as caregivers for children and the elderly.</li> <li>■ <b>Rachel Stober, Californians United for a Responsible Budget.</b> Recommended that law enforcement should not be the gatekeepers to services, and that the Work Group establish viable alternatives to jail.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>David Wiesner, public:</b> Shared a personal crisis experience and interaction with law enforcement. Felt that individuals in crisis are treated as cases and not people. Emphasized that the work of the Work Group is important in helping individuals maintain their sense of identity when in crisis and in need.</li> <li>■ <b>Tash Nguyen, Ella Baker Center for Human Rights:</b> Emphasized the importance of Intercept 0 in making sure the recommendations brought forth by the Work Group are effective. Recommended looking into and expanding models to deescalate mental health crises on the street. Also suggested the Work Group address the disproportionate levels of incarceration, and that the group look toward s the No New SF Jails Coalition guidelines as a base. Noted that the other counties, such as Alameda and Contra Costa, hope to model the work of the Work Group.</li> </ul>	
Small Group Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Before breaking into small groups, the roving experts introduced themselves to the Work Group. Roving experts included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Captain Jack Hart, San Francisco Police Department.</li> <li>○ Kara Chien, Public Defender.</li> <li>○ Tara Anderson, San Francisco District Attorney’s Office.</li> <li>○ Eileen Hirst, San Francisco Sheriff’s Department.</li> <li>○ Jo Robinson, Behavioral Health.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Large Group Wrap-Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Each Small Group shared the key take-away points from their discussion. For a complete summary of each Small Group Activity, please see each group’s Small Group Activity template, posted to the Work Group website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Group 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Discussed beds, more alternatives to institutions. Want to look at other forms of housing.</li> <li>▪ Want more options for treatment and treatment support. Suggested decoupling responsibilities from SFPD and SFFD.</li> <li>▪ Suggested Work Group members stay in the same Small Group teams.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The Work Group will begin the 6/10 Small Group Activity by reviewing Intercept 2.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Group 2:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recommended on-site wrap around services, exploring different housing formats (congregate, etc.) due to the high cost of housing.</li> <li>▪ Reduce unnecessary arrests and bookings.</li> <li>▪ Establish a crisis intervention team that does not require police to become crisis intervention counselors.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Group 3:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recommended moving away from an involuntary-based service structure.</li> <li>▪ Emphasized voluntary and small community based services, services grounded in local communities and existing in local areas so people can get support.</li> <li>▪ Suggested joint response and appropriate response mechanisms. Talked about how interactions with law enforcement have a negative impact on individuals due to the stigma associated with law enforcement.</li> <li>▪ Suggested having mental health workers in 911 call centers.</li> <li>▪ Proposed bail reform, and looking at the disparate impact of bail on certain races and people of lower socioeconomic status. Emphasized looking at racial inequity in our jails.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Group 4:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Proposed a neighborhood or community center that serves individuals in the community, not just people dealing with the criminal justice system.</li> <li>▪ Discussed developing robust community outreach that supports change. Also creating services with mobile locations.</li> <li>▪ Suggested acute and subacute resources be on-demand.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

**NEXT WORK GROUP MEETING: Friday, June 10, 2016 at 2pm**