

Work Group to Re-envision the Jail Replacement Project
Work Group Meeting—06/10/16
Action Minutes

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

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Co-Chair Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Barbara Garcia welcomed the group, and discussed the change in format from the previous Work Group meetings to allow Public Comment prior to the Small Group Activity. ■ Roma Guy discussed 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. 	
Agenda Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Michelle Magee reviewed the agenda for the meeting and reminded the Work Group about Sunshine regulations. Reminded Work Group members that notes from the 5/13 Small Group Activity were shared and posted on the Work Group website. 	
May 13 th Small Group Synthesis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Reviewed the work of the Small Groups during 5/13 Work Group Meeting, detailing the themes from the recommendations proposed by Work Group members. Comments from the Work Group included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Asked that a theme be changed to “Need more subacute care and community care.” ○ Asked for clarity around addressing racial disparities, including the scale and for what means. Asked to add greater specificity to the Synthesis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Harder will share copies of the Synthesis with Work Group members prior to the next Work Group meeting.
Decision Criteria Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Reviewed the proposed decision criteria. Comments from the Work Group included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggested including gender under “impact on critical jail populations.” ○ Asked if recommendations are only going to be evidence based or if the Work Group may propose new ideas. Barbara Garcia clarified that new recommendation are encouraged and often San Francisco leads the nation in new 	

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Issue Brief #2 Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Reviewed the outline for the Issue Brief. Clarified that Intercept #2 will be part of today’s discussion as an overflow of the 5/13 Work Group Meeting. ■ Reviewed the definition and Work Group Goals for Intercepts #2 and #3. ■ Gave a preview of the 7/8 Work Group Meeting which will discuss facilities that have been proposed as alternative housing options by the TST and in interviews with Work Group members. ■ District Attorney George Gascón addressed the Work Group, sharing the new report from the District Attorney’s Office, now made public and to be posted to the Work Group website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Will post new reports from the District Attorney’s Office and the Budget & Legislative Analyst to the Work Group website.
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Jesse Stout, public. Highlighted the problems of electronic monitoring (EM) technology, and emphasized that EM should not be considered an alternative to incarceration. EM is highly limiting, limiting individual liberty and economic stability. EM is also costly and can impose a cost on the families of former inmates. Would like to see more people cited and released. ■ Andrew Szeto, Critical Resistance. Emphasized the need for bail reform, abolishing bail, and the disproportional effects of bail on people of color. Bail imposes major costs on individuals who risk losing their jobs, housing. Would like to see law enforcement expand release; making Own Recognizance (OR) more available; speedier hearings within 12 hours; and greater accommodation for individuals with disabilities. Another member of Critical Resistance also highlighted the benefits of pre-trial release options like OR, such as allowing individuals to remain employed, and reducing their overall sentencing. ■ David Elliot Lewis and Tony Parks, NAMI. Highlighted the benefits of Crisis Intervention Team program training. Noted that a large portion of the jail population is pre-trial and that this population size can be heavily reduced. Of the jail population that is held pre- and post-trial, should be creating the means for them to stay connected to their families and support system. Instead of moving them to San Bruno facility, should 	

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	<p>consider building a small facility in the city that facilitates contact with family and friends. Also suggested building multiple mental health facilities like Dore Urgent Care throughout the city, and providing more peer-employment opportunities for inmates. Would like to see San Francisco eliminate the need for jails.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ David Wiesner, public. Emphasized the financial burden of collect calls in the jails, which prevents many individuals from maintaining contact with their families and support system. Pointed to the example of many other counties that do not have collect calls. ■ Judge Stewart addressed the Work Group. Highlighted the problems in transporting individuals from San Bruno to court, and suggested having a facility in San Francisco to ensure deadlines to the court are not missed. ■ Angela R. Jenkins submitted a written statement to the Work Group, asking if sub-acute treatment will include a variety of models outside of twelve-step facilitation. 	
Small Group Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Work Group broke up into Small Groups to discuss Intercepts #2 and #3, and propose new recommendations. 	
Large Group wrap-Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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 notes, posted to the Work Group website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Group #3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Discussed looking at cases processed more efficiently and expanding the work hours of the courts in order to release individuals more quickly. ■ Discussed the need for greater coordination around discharge planning, ensuring different players (Sheriff, CBOs, family members, etc.) are included in the process. ■ Suggested more non-traditional case resolution, looking at cases that might not be the most common for release by looking at the case details and using more community resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Refer to each group’s Small Group Activity notes, posted to the Work Group website, for more detail.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Group #2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discussed looking at short-term solutions, such as creating a county bail fund to help people meet bail. ▪ Discussed the pretrial risk assessment tool, how it can continue to be refined, and how it can be used to increase the number of releases. ▪ Emphasized the need for weekend staffing for the multiple players of the criminal justice system. ○ Group #1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Suggested providing more scattered housing with wraparound services and ensuring resources go towards restorative models. ▪ Discussed reassessing the DA’s charging decisions, looking at non-charged cases as possible examples. ▪ Stressed the need for a discharge planning office, looking at resources and planning being offered to individuals being discharged, and ensuring a warm handoff. 	

NEXT WORK GROUP MEETING: Friday, July 8th, 2016 at 2pm