

Work Group to Re-envision the Jail Replacement Project
Work Group Meeting—07/08/16
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	

Agenda Topic	Discussion, Agreements, Key Learnings	Action and Follow-up Items
Co-Chair Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Barbara Garcia welcomed the group, acknowledged recent national events, and thanked Work Group members for their continued participation. 	
Agenda Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Michelle Magee reviewed the agenda and process for the meeting. 	
Synthesis of Small Group Discussion To-Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Reviewed the work of the Small Groups during the May and June Work Group Meetings. Detailed the Synthesis of Small Group Discussion To-Date and the categorization of recommendations into three categories – principles, process improvement recommendations, and recommendation categories. ■ Gave an overview of principles and process improvement recommendations. Acknowledged that more analysis has to be done on the ability to estimate a recommendation's cost and impact on jail population beyond the preliminary review presented in the Small Group Discussion Synthesis. ■ Opened the floor for questions and comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggested separating out residential treatment beds from Recommendation Category #12. ○ Asked for clarification on Work Group recommendation to install community-based de-escalation program. This is captured under Recommendation Category #4. ○ Questioned the lack of recommendations on police reform, including related recommendations like bail reform. Suggested the Work Group to consider more police reform recommendations, and the impact this would have on San 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Inventory of Small Group Discussion To-Date to be posted on the Work Group website. ■ Work Group questions and suggestions will be taken into consideration when re-evaluating recommendation categories and when conducting jail population impact analysis and estimating cost.

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	<p>Francisco subpopulations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggested greater clarification on Recommendation Category #13. ○ Suggested looking further into a cost estimate for eliminating or reducing bail. 	
<p>Facility Options Issue Brief Overview</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Reviewed the outline for the Issue Brief which discusses facility options and identifies alternatives for the jail population impacted by the closure of County Jails #3 & #4. ■ Opened the floor to reactions and questions from the Work Group, which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggested having a discussion on classification and police reform. ○ Emphasized the need more information about the demographics of the jail population (i.e. race, ethnicity, gender, housing situation) in order to make appropriate recommendations. Sheriff Hennessy and Roma Guy acknowledged the need for greater data specificity. Suggested conducting risk assessments for the recommendations listed in Facility Options Issue Brief. ○ Highlighted the disproportionate number of individuals suffering from mental illness and of low socioeconomic status currently residing in the jails. Suggested not overlooking at the underlying factors that cause people to end up in jail. ■ The Work Group also discussed the District Attorney’s concept paper which proposes the creation of a Behavioral Health Justice Center (BHJC). Comments from the Work Group included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggested a more “spread out” approach that moves away from hospital systems and towards expanded community programs. ○ Clarified that the proposed facility focuses on providing services, and would be open to spreading out services under the guide of what is permissible under the State’s legal restrictions. 	
<p>Public Comment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Michael Lukso, public. Asked the Work Group if the end product of the Work Group will be tested by the end users. ■ Andrew Szeto, Critical Resistance. Shared comments and concerns about the DA’s proposed facility, including concerns about qualification criteria that might prevent individuals from receiving treatment and create competition for services. Emphasized the 	

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	<p>need for more services in the community. Questioned the facility’s capacity to house multiple services, and emphasized the need for a congregate environment. Also underlined the importance of providing mental health services in the communities of their users.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Tony Parks, NAMI. Acknowledged the San Francisco Chronicle’s coverage on homelessness in the City. Acknowledged the public’s ignorance on homelessness and homeless needs. Suggested the City ask for financial support from the technology industry in order to address some of this subpopulation’s needs. ■ Lily Haskell, public. Commented on the need to renovate CJ #2, and questioned the cell division in CJ #2. Suggested the money going towards the CJ #2 renovations should go toward community programs, and that the Work Group consider the impact of their recommendations and the priorities of the City. ■ David Elliot Lewis, Mental Health Board. Acknowledged the recent events in Dallas regarding law enforcement. Suggested the Work Group reconsider the design of facilities, such as Zuckerberg General Hospital, which can be unwelcoming for individuals with mental illnesses. Suggested looking toward birthing centers as models for mental health facilities. Also suggested expanding peer programs and using harm reduction models when treating addiction. ■ David Weisner, public. Pointed to Alameda County as a model for peer programs. 	
Small Group Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Work Group broke up into Small Groups to discuss the Facility Options Issue Brief. ■ Kyle Patterson reviewed the Jail bed Reduction Formula, walking the Work Group through the reduction of the jail population necessary to close County Jails #3 & #4. Also gave an overview of some proposed scenarios for reducing the jail population. ■ Opened the floor to questions. Work Group comments included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ More information on the revenue the Sheriff’s Department receives from federal prisoner contract, as well as the number of federal detainees in the jails. Work Group members suggested keeping the contract if the federal detainees are from 	<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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	<p>San Francisco. Sheriff Hennessy and Eileen Hirst clarified that these detainees attend court and meet with their public defender or public council in San Francisco. The federal government incurs the cost of transporting the detainees between facilities and court.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Asked for clarification on the difference between, people, bed days, and beds per day. ○ Emphasized the need more information about the demographics of the jail population. Sheriff Hennessy suggested Work Group members share questions and data needs during the Small Group Discussion. ○ Asked about the analysis of bail reform as a reduction strategy. Suggested looking at existing models (i.e. Washington D.C.). Kyle Patterson clarified that this research is forthcoming. ○ Suggested looking at providing treatment to high-risk individuals and the impact this could have on recidivism and the jail population. ○ Mattie Scott invited the Work Group to a healing circle. Also suggested that the jail system is inappropriate of people with mental illness. Suggested a more holistic approach be used towards mental health service users. 	

NEXT WORK GROUP MEETING: Friday, August 12th, 2016 at 2pm