

Work Group to Re-envision the Jail Replacement Project

Small Group Discussion: Jail Bed Reduction and Facility Options Issue Brief - **GROUP #2**

Jail Bed Reduction Formula Discussion:

- Questions and Comments
 - Need more information about the demographics of the jail population (i.e. race, ethnicity, gender, housing situation).
 - What is the race/ethnic breakdown of the collaborative courts waiting list?
 - Need more clarification on quality of life crimes.
 - More information on African American arrest rates in San Francisco.
 - Need to develop strategies to increase the number of individuals diverted to restorative justice centers.
 - Is there a way to measure the number of jail bed days a program has reduced? Would be useful in identifying which organizations need additional funding.
- Recommendations
 - **Create a study/inventory of available facilities and treatment beds.**
 - **Improve coordination** between Public Defender and all law enforcement agencies involved in the criminal justice system.
 - **Minimize contact with law enforcement.** Ensure police officers are not the first people contacted when an individual is in crisis. Can also outreach to programs to help diffuse situations (i.e. Mothers in Charge).
 - **Create public advisory boards for all law enforcement levels** to improve relations with the community.
 - **Expand neighborhood courts** to reduce the number of individuals in the criminal justice system.
 - **Analyze data from jail alternative models.** Use LEAD data to inform the work of ABLE in SF.

Facilities Issue Brief Discussion:

Facilities Options	Opportunities	Challenges
<p>Renovate County Jail #2. County Jail #2 is dependent on the Hall of Justice for infrastructure features such as the kitchen, laundry, loading dock and emergency power. When the Hall of Justice jails close, these features will need to be relocated to 425 7th Street.</p>		
<p>Create a Behavioral Health Justice Center. The San Francisco District Attorney’s Office collaborated on a recently released concept paper¹ that proposes the creation of a Behavioral Health Justice Center (BHJC) to provide enhanced care coordination and service delivery in a centralized space.</p>		

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<p>Expand capacity of community behavioral health programs to address needs of justice-involved people living with a Serious Mental Illness. The Department of Public Health recently proposed a 47-bed Psychiatric Respite Program (PRP) located on the Zuckerberg San Francisco General (ZSFG) campus.</p> <p><i>Identified from Work Group Member Interviews</i></p>		
<p>Expand temporary and supportive housing capacity in the City. The City funds a variety of housing supports ranging from temporary rental subsidies to permanent supportive housing.</p> <p><i>Identified from Work Group Member Interviews</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for housing and transition from housing. Need to avoid prioritizing placement into housing because this is a major need and creates competition for this resource (i.e. install a first-come, first-served system for housing). • Need to distribute housing in different neighborhoods to ensure individuals are housed in their communities.
<p>Create Behavioral Health Navigation Center. Co-located with the current Hummingbird Place, a peer psychiatric respite facility on the ZSFG campus, the Center would provide respite services for homeless individuals with mental illness and/or substance use disorders.</p>		
<p>Create Reentry Navigation Center open 24/7. The Center would serve homeless or unstably housed people exiting jail, and people participating in post release programs such as the Sheriff's Department's No Violence Alliance (NOVA) or Adult Probation's case management services.</p> <p><i>Identified from Work Group Member Interviews</i></p>		