

# Work Group to Re-envision the Jail Replacement Project

Small Group Discussion: Jail Bed Reduction and Facility Options Issue Brief - **GROUP #3**

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## Jail Bed Reduction Formula Discussion:

- Questions and Comments
  - Need more information on quality of life crimes and the number of individuals charged on quality of life.
  - Need to consider strategies that specifically address the needs of certain subpopulations within the jail system (i.e. women dealing with domestic violence, homeless women, transgender individuals, victims of human trafficking).
  - Need to consider strategies to address the needs of the children and families of homeless individuals. How are they impacted by their interactions with law enforcement?
  - Need more information about the demographics of the jail population (i.e. race, ethnicity, gender, housing situation).
  - Should be considering strategies that address economic disparities and gentrification in the City, and how these issues impact the jail population.
- Recommendations
  - **Expand the capacity of the Courts to work on weekends.** Improve court efficiency to release individuals more quickly.
  - **Embed family services into all facility options.** Need to create more comprehensive services and provide a support network for families.
  - **Expand funding for existing services.** Need to fund existing harm-reduction programs.
  - **De-criminalize street activities**, such as drug use, homelessness, etc.
  - **Reduce or eliminate service costs.** Reduce the financial burden of service users by eliminating or reducing the costs of services.

## Facilities Issue Brief Discussion:

Facilities Options	Opportunities	Challenges
<b>Renovate County Jail #2.</b> 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 7 <sup>th</sup> Street.		

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<p><b>Create a Behavioral Health Justice Center.</b> The San Francisco District Attorney’s Office collaborated on a recently released concept paper that proposes the creation of a Behavioral Health Justice Center (BHJC) to provide enhanced care coordination and service delivery in a centralized space.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides more services.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates a one large center (versus a community co-located model).</li> <li>• Certain communities in need of services might find it hard to reach the center (i.e. Bayview, Haight).</li> <li>• Should be looking to fund existing community organizations that provide culturally-appropriate services. Should be creating partnerships with CBOs.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Expand capacity of community behavioral health programs to address needs of justice-involved people living with a Serious Mental Illness.</b> 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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One Small Group member would prioritize mental health facility options, including expanding the capacity of community behavioral health programs to address the needs of SMI patients, expanding the capacity of temporary and supportive housing, and creating a Behavioral Health Navigation Center.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Expand temporary and supportive housing capacity in the City.</b> 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>		
<p><b>Create Behavioral Health Navigation Center.</b> 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>		

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<p><b>Create Reentry Navigation Center open 24/7.</b> 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>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Navigation Center should provide patients more opportunities to exit.</li></ul>