



# SAN FRANCISCO COLLABORATIVE COURTS

## **CJC Advisory Meeting Notes May 16, 2013**

Present: Judge Braden Woods; Brian Pearlman, SF Public Defender's Office; Jared Rudolph, SF Public Defender's Office; Lisa Lightman, SF Superior Court; Allyson West, SF Superior Court; Judith Garvey, SF District Attorney's Office; St. Kwan, SFPD; Craig Murdock, SF Department of Public Health; Karin Flood, Union Square BID; Captain Cherniss, SFPD; Heather McDonald, SF Controller's Office

- **Planning for five year anniversary of CJC, March, 2014**

CJC's five year anniversary is March, 2014. We are planning a celebration and need assistance with the event. The celebration is scheduled for Thursday March 6, 2014 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm and will include food, drinks, and guest speakers (Save-the-Date)

- **RAND update**

The RAND study continues. Data collection is nearly complete and now they are cleaning data and spending time talking to various staff to understand entries in both CMS and the CJC database. We are hoping for mid-point numbers in time for the 5 year anniversary, with the final project complete by fall, 2014.

- **Veterans Justice Court**

Veteran's Justice Court is going well, with 18 participants presently. We are working on procedures with our VA liaison and have experienced the expected challenges of a new partnership. The VA has hired a mentor outreach coordinator and our primary contact Elizabeth Brett has established protocols for staff at the VA Medical Center and the Downtown Clinic for sharing information on VJC clients.

- **Update on facility improvement**

Lisa Lightman applied through a nonprofit and was granted a pro bono architect to rework the space at the Service Center to maximize utilization. DPH has some grant

money that has been approved for expenditure on this project and additional funds are being sought. The goal is to update the space in time for the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

- **General update from Advisory Board members**

- Karin Flood reported on the Union Square BID's panhandling study, which was recently completed. They interviewed 400 givers over two weeks and 150 panhandlers over two days, as panhandling has been identified as the #1 issue in Union Square.

One major finding is that more locals are giving, especially lower income people.

Demographics on panhandlers:

- 82% homeless
- 60% more than five years panhandling
- 60% make less than \$25 per day
- Spend money on food and necessities. Alcohol was #3 on the list of purchases
- Many are physically and mentally disabled, but some are "professional" panhandlers
- Many use Glide, St. Anthony's and SFGH services.

The action plan includes hiring a social worker Karin will send a copy of the final report to Allyson who will share it with the board.

- Craig Murdock reported that DPH is currently in the budget process and are facing a \$32 million deficit for the next two years. This will not have an impact on CJC. There will be a 5% general fund cut which will affect providers.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, August 15, 2013 noon – 1:00 pm**