



SAN FRANCISCO COLLABORATIVE COURTS

CJC Advisory Meeting Notes August 15, 2013

Present: Kim Armbruster, Glide Foundation; Kelsey Palmer, Glide Foundation; Cristel Tulloch, SF Adult Probation Department; Brian Pearlman, SF Public Defender's Office; Simin Shamji, SF Public Defender's Office; Lisa Lightman, SF Superior Court; Allyson West, SF Superior Court; Craig Murdock, SF Department of Public Health; Captain Cherniss, SFPD; Peg Stevenson, SF Controller's Office; Bevan Dufty, HOPE

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

Court staff met internally to develop a plan for the anniversary celebration. The celebration is scheduled for Wednesday March 5, from 1- 3pm to give guests an opportunity to observe Veterans Justice Court. Lisa will make inquiries into finding a student to make a short video featuring former CJC clients as well as congratulatory remarks by ONDCP Director Gil Kerlikowske, and Center for Court Innovation Director Greg Berman. We will have a CJC staff recognition luncheon the Friday before to honor all team members' participation.

- **Next Steps:** Allyson will email Kevin Carroll and CBDs about donations of food or money.

- **RAND update**

A handout was provided regarding the current status of the RAND study. They are waiting for DOJ and will be working with DPH on health data this fall. See attached.

- **CJC/Veterans Justice Court update and numbers**

Veteran's Justice Court currently has approximately 25 active clients. Things are running smoothly and we have worked out most procedures with the VA for client case management. Eligibility/admission criteria are being evaluated, with the hope that the court can expand as VA staffing expands to accommodate the increased workload.

- **Update on facility improvement**

Funds have been identified and improvements have been prioritized. The Dept. of Real Estate representative who has agreed to act as lead on the project is meeting with the pro bono architect the second week of September to discuss plans and timeline. The work will include new flooring and painting throughout, a new conference/meeting room, and moving the reception area into the main part of the lobby.

- **Report out from Bevan Dufty**

Project Homeless Connect's 50th event was August 14, 2013. In addition to the usual services, they gave away 350 cell phones. Bevan provided a detailed update on housing issues. Highlights included:

- A 24 bed LGBT shelter is opening in the Mission, which is long overdue as 29% of SF's homeless population is LGBT.
- Property owners do not want to participate in Section 8 or VASH programs due to bad experiences and insufficient support.
- The city is working on adding 50 stabilization beds through Homeless Outreach Team in addition to the existing 50. They also intend to work with the VA for beds at the Stafford Hotel on Kearny. Services need to meet people where they are, e.g. people with dogs, partners, possessions.

- **Update from other advisory board members**

Captain Cherniss, SFPD Tenderloin Station: SFPD is getting new officers out of the academy, which is much needed. A class of 45 is finishing at the end of this month. Currently there are 1650 officers and SFPD is building up to 1730-1750 by the end of the year. They would like it to be 1900-2000 but the budget needs to improve first. They are increasing arrests for H&S 11352 (possession for sale). There was an epidemic of auto burglaries at the end of July.

Kim Armbruster, Glide Foundation: The addition of Stephanie Soileau as the primary contact for all community service through CJC has been a huge benefit to Glide. She is doing a great job.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 21, 2013, noon – 1:00 pm