



# SAN FRANCISCO COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER



## 2011 Annual Report

MAY 2012

### COURT OPERATIONS

- Since opening its doors in March 2009, the Community Justice Center (CJC) has heard nearly **7,000 cases** associated with over **4,500 defendants**.
  - 75 percent of these cases were misdemeanors, and 25 percent were felonies.

### Case/Defendant Volume

- In 2011, the CJC heard a total of **2,508 cases** associated with **1,815 defendants** (average of 1.4 cases per defendant).
  - Of these, **1,841** were **new cases** with their first CJC appearance in 2011.
- On average, 153 new cases entered the CJC each month in 2011.
- Case volume increased over the course of the year: 861 new cases entered during the first six months, compared to 981 new cases during the second half of the year (14% increase).

### Case Type

- The majority of incoming CJC cases were misdemeanors.
  - In 2011, the average case mix of incoming cases was 21 percent felony, 79 percent misdemeanor.
  - However, this mix varied widely over time, from 13.5 percent felony/86.5 percent misdemeanor in September, to 30 percent felony/70 percent misdemeanor in March.
- On average, the CJC heard **85 cases per day** in 2011 (includes both the Hall of Justice and Polk Street). The average daily case volume was split fairly evenly between felonies and misdemeanors: 54 percent of cases each day were misdemeanors; 45 percent were felonies.
- Each month, drug cases represented 75 to 95 percent of open felonies at the CJC with future scheduled hearings. Theft was the most common open misdemeanor case type, representing 29 to 43 percent of misdemeanors with future schedule hearings at the CJC.

### **Case Processing**

- The median time between misdemeanor citation and first court appearance was **seven days**.
- In 2011, the median life of a case at the CJC was **113 days** (for cases with more than one appearance, heard and subsequently closed at the CJC in 2011, N=1,365 cases).
  - For felonies, the median case duration was 241 days; for misdemeanors the median was 78 days.

### **Appearance Rate**

- The CJC Appearance Rate for out-of-custody hearings was **76 percent**.

## **CLINICAL OPERATIONS**

Since March 2009, the CJC Treatment Team has assessed over **2,200 individuals** for clinical services.

### **Client Volume**

- In 2011, the Treatment Team had contact with a total of **1,069 individuals** at the CJC.
  - 856 people were assessed for treatment services in 2011.
    - Of these, 673 were new clients who had never previously received CJC services.
- On average, 77 clients were assessed for services each month.

### **Client Characteristics**

- The vast majority of CJC clients are single (95%) men (73%) with no minor children. The average age is 40.
- 49 percent of CJC clients are African American, 28 percent are white, 9 percent are Latino and 8 percent are Asian/Pacific Islander.
- 25 percent are felony probationers.
- Only nine percent of CJC clients receive their primary source of income from employment.
  - 45 percent have no legal source of income.
- 38 percent are homeless at intake. An additional 34 percent are marginally housed in non-supported SROs or temporary situations with friends or family.

### **Treatment Outcomes**

- 693 clients exited CJC treatment during in 2011.
  - Of those, 250 (36%) successfully completed CJC treatment.