

CCJBH Special Council Meeting

Friday, August 27, 2021

3:00 -4:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

I. Welcome & Introductions, Roll Call

Councilmembers Present: Diana Toche (on behalf of Secretary Kathleen Allison), Stephen Manley, Danitza Pantoja, Tracey Whitney, Christina Edens (on behalf of Stephanie Clendenin), Anita Fisher, Tony Hobson

Councilmembers Absent: Mack Jenkins, Will Lightbourne

Staff Members Present: Brenda Grealish, *Executive Officer*, Angela Kranz, Emily Grichuhin, Jessica Camacho, Monica Campos, Paige Hoffman, Catherine Hickinbotham, Daria Quintero

Ms. Grealish thanked the Councilmembers for joining to vote on the SB 369 Veto Message Report that CCJBH has been working on with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS). The final report is titled *Successful Reentry/Transition from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation: Identification of Barriers and Solutions to Address Them*. Ms. Grealish thanked the Council, CDCR, CCHCS, the Division of Adult Parole (DAPO), the Division Rehabilitative Programs' (DPR) Mental Health team, and CCHCS' Integrated Substance Use Disorder Treatment (ISUDT) team for their assistance in developing the report and providing feedback. Ms. Grealish also thanked Senator Hertzberg's Office, Californians for Safety and Justice, and the Anti-Recidivism Coalition (ARC) for being the advocates of SB 369, as well as CCJBH's regional lived experience contractors, Cal Voices and the Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnerships (LARRP), for hosting focus groups and for the feedback provided by participants, and stakeholders for providing feedback during public comment periods. Finally, Ms. Grealish also expressed appreciation to the CCJBH team for their help in completing the report.

II. SB 369 Report Overview

The Governor's veto message of SB 369 directed CDCR and CCJBH to *"engage with stakeholders, evaluate the barriers to reentry and determine what steps need to be taken to overcome those barriers."* The CDCR/CCHCS Transition Team (consisting of DAPO, DRP, Mental Health and ISUDT) and CCJBH, with input from other CDCR/CCHCS Divisions and additional stakeholders, developed an initial draft of the SB 369 Barriers Table in January 2021. Preliminary information was gathered via a review of published reports from the National Institute of Corrections, the National Institute of Justice, the Council on State Governments (CSG) Justice Center, the National Reentry Resource Center, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. In February 2021, the CDCR/CCHCS Transition team and CCJBH sought initial feedback on the SB 369 Barriers Table through a Targeted Stakeholder Engagement process that engaged CCJBH Diversion/Reentry Workgroup Councilmember policy advisors, legislative staff and advocates involved with

SB 369, CCJBH's lived experience program advisory group (ARC, Cal Voices, LARRP, and Transitions Clinic Network), and a national expert from CSG's Justice Center. Regional and Statewide focus groups were conducted on March 22nd and 25th to seek input from individuals with lived experience. The CDCR/CCHCS Transition Team and CCJBH hosted public stakeholder engagement opportunities at the CCJBH Diversion/Reentry Workgroup on March 19, 2021, the Annual Forensic Mental Health Association Conference, Words to Deeds Track on April 1, 2021, and the CCJBH Full Council Meeting on April 30, 2021. Each stakeholder event was followed by a two-week public comment period. Stakeholders were asked if the barriers presented were accurate, if any reentry/transition barriers were missing and, if so, to identify them, and which steps can be taken to address identified barriers. Stakeholder feedback was incorporated in revisions to the Barriers Table and informed the development of the 32 barriers identified in the draft Barriers Report. Of the 32 identified barriers, there were 15 individual-level barriers, 6 program/provider-level barriers, and 11 system-level barriers.

The draft report includes project background and methodology, analysis and key findings, recommended next steps, and appendices. The analysis and key findings section discusses the strengthening of existing projects and initiatives, including outreach/education and quality improvements, and new projects. The recommended next steps include a Barriers Prioritization Stakeholder Survey and feasibility and cost analysis on the prioritized barriers. The appendices consist of the Barriers Table and other supporting information. The draft SB 369 Barriers Report was posted on August 9, 2021, for a two-week public comment period, which ended on August 20, 2021. The target date to submit to the Governor's Office is in August 2021, although dates may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Q&A with Councilmembers

No Councilmember questions provided.

*****Public Comment*****

No public comment provided.

III. Vote

Vote #1: Motion to adopt to SB 369 Veto Message Report: *Successful Reentry/Transition from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation: Identification of Barriers and Solutions to Address Them.*

Motion to approve the vote: Judge Manley

Second: Ms. Fisher

No public comment on vote

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

The SB 369 Veto Message Report, *Successful Reentry/Transition from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation: Identification of Barriers and Solutions to Address Them*, was adopted.

Vote #2: Motion to delegate authority to CCJBH Executive Officer to make necessary updates to the report to meet submission criteria.

Motion to approve the vote: Judge Manley

Second: Dr. Hobson

No public comment on vote

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

The authority to make necessary updates to the report to meet submission criteria was delegated to the CCJBH Executive Officer.

IV. Announcements

CCJBH will be hosting [activities](#) throughout September for Suicide Prevention and Recovery Awareness Month. The [Juvenile Justice Workgroup](#) will be held on Friday, September 10, 2021 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. The [Diversion/Reentry Workgroup](#) will be held on Friday, September 17, 2021 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. The [Full Council Meeting](#) will be held on Friday, October 29, 2021, from 2:00 – 4:30 PM.

V. Adjourn