

San Francisco Close Juvenile Hall Workgroup Update

October 2021

Summary of Ordinance

1. Close Current Juvenile Hall by 12/31/21
2. Strengthen and expand community based alternatives to detention
3. Provide rehabilitative, non-institutional place of detention, location(s) approved by the Court
4. Reinvest monies saved by closure to high – quality effective, community based detention alternatives and an alternative non-institutional center for detained youth w/ mental health and educational supports for detained youth
5. Preserve, protect, and expand the role of public sector in provision of youth rehabilitation services in the community and in the non-institutional place(s) of detention
6. July 2019 Workgroup membership established

Subcommittees review

□ Data and Needs Assessment

- 20 youth is target (does not include DJJ and raise the age)
- Majority of Youth are Detained for Technical Violations, Warrants and Non-Violent Offenses
- Greatest Proportion of Detention for “Technical Violations or Warrants” are “Warrant 602”
- Despite Numeric Reductions, Significant Racial and Ethnic Disparity Persists
- Odds of Detention in Juvenile Hall, once Referred to Probation, are Increasing
- Proportionally, Youth Detained for Less Serious Reasons, has Increased
- Costs of Incarceration per Youth Increasing

□ Programs/Mental Health

- 42 Programs Serving Incarcerated Youth Identified (out of custody)
- 32 Programs (In-Custody)
- Identifying Gaps in Mental Health Services

□ Reinvestment and Policy

- DPH,SFUSD,DCYF & JPD= 24 million

Subcommittees (cont)

Facilities

- Physical Plant
- Location(s)
- Security Levels
- Space Function
- Staffing
- Transportation
- Behavioral Management/Youth Development Model
- Labor – Meet and confer process

Towards Closure December 31, 2021

- Now down to two sub-committees: Expand Community Alternatives and Non-Institutional Place of Detention
- FINDINGS:
- Racial disparities exist: Latino youth 6 X more likely detained than white youth (48 % referred detained; Black youth 38 X (63% referred detained); other 1.4 X more likely
- Disparities most acute w/ Black girls – 39 X more than white/other girls
- Almost 50% of youth detained should not have been held- 41% DRI overrides, warrants, home detention violations, and placement failures. Prevention and outreach efforts to reduce this population
- Harm reduction: Expand diversion, Expedite detention hearings, Expand Detention Alternatives

Towards Closure December 31, 2021(cont'd)

- Create Non-Institutional Place(s) of Detention – capacity, components, site, labor , shared leadership
- Expand Community Alternatives – Structural changes; program assessments, funding practices; well-being approach, family focus and engagement, flexible funding
- Timeline: Phase 1 (6-1 months): expand diversion, expedite detention hearings, expand detention alternatives
 - Phase 2 (18 mos.) Structural changes for program assessments, program utilization, program funding practices, residential bedspace
 - Phase 3 (24 mos.) Re-imagine new practices, protocols, and structures : address racial equity, well- being advocate/committee/co-leadership approach inside and outside

Board of Supervisors

- Draft recommendations to BOS
- Recommendations only and implementation by BOS
- CJHWG beyond December 31, 2021 ?