



Alternatives to Incarceration

Advisory Group Meeting

Thursday, May 26, 2022, 4:00-5:30 p.m. PST

Advisory Group Members Present: Charlene Autolino, Laila Aziz, Lon Chhay, Dr. Andrea Dauber-Griffin, Manuel Enriquez, Dr. Darwin Fishman, Anthony Gonzales, Betsy Jacobson, Bill Payne, Jackie Reed, Wehtahnah Tucker

Advisory Group Members Absent: Martin Leyva, Niki Martinez, Reginald Washington

SANDAG Staff: Dr. Cindy Burke, Mike Duncan, Cesar Sanchez, David Tedrow

Members introduced themselves and described their backgrounds and interest.

Open Sharing by Advisory Group Members

- Charlene Autolino shared that the community survey was distributed through the Reentry Roundtable.
- Wehtahnah Tucker shared that three state prisons are slated to be closed in the state budget.
- Betsy Jacobson suggested meeting face-to-face for better group interaction.

Review of Project Scope and Role of Advisory Group/ Discussion of Advisory Group Interaction and Engagement Moving Forward

- Dr. Darwin Fishman inquired if we are going to look at best practices across the country and discussed his work on the Juvenile Justice Commission and efforts to increase diversion for youth.
- Dr. Andrea Dauber-Griffin noted that while looking at police practices is outside the scope of this study, it should be included in any final recommendations.
- The group discussed meeting in person and several members said they would be open to at least some meetings being live and offering a hybrid when they were.
- Jackie Reed noted the importance of telling people's stories and not just making them numbers.
- Bill Payne expressed his understanding of having a specific scope and agreed having the ideas for further research be included in an appendix with recommendations based on the data collected.

- The group discussed concerns meeting downtown and other options to be explored.
- Bill Payne requested more lead time to receive data and be able to comment.
- Dr. Darwin Fishman suggested the Advisory Group form some subgroups that include alcohol/drugs, property offenses, community, and race/ethnicity.

Update on Community Survey to Date

- The group discussed any challenges to do the survey online. Dr. Cindy Burke let the group know that her team had to put certain skip rules in place to ensure that questions flowed from one another and that the paper version of the form had been pretested with Second Chance clients.
- The group discussed the community forums. The Advisory Group recommended that questions be posed to participants to help guide the discussion to ensure they have maximum usefulness. The group emphasized being clear about our goals.
- The group discussed that they should help distribute the community survey as trusted messengers.
- The survey is being extended another week. The number of surveys completed were shared in the PowerPoint, as well as some general statistics.

Overview of Initial interim Report, Written Feedback Submitted to Date, and Recommendations Related to Current Data and Need for Additional Research

- Dr. Cindy Burke shared the presentation that was made with the Board of Supervisors on May 24, 2022.

Update on Project Timeline

- Dr. Cindy Burke shared a slide showing upcoming project goals.