CONFERENCE AGENDA
Tuesday, September 29, 2015

10:00 a.m.  Registration and Networking

11:30 a.m.  Opening Luncheon and Plenary
Welcome remarks from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

12:00 p.m.  Keynote Address

Millicent Tidwell
Director, Division of Rehabilitative Programs
California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

12:30 p.m.  Leading Innovative Reentry in California
AB109 has opened the door for a new approach to reentry in California. The mandate and responsibility given to local counties for supervision provides a unique opportunity for pioneering partnerships and strategic investments that support rehabilitation. This panel of criminal justice experts and will discuss their perspective about what it means to be at the national forefront of reentry and will share their vision and ideas on balancing realignment with public safety and justice.

Moderator: Linda Penner, Board of State and Community Corrections
Chief LaDonna Harris, Alameda County Probation (invited)
Chief Chris Hanson, Solano County Probation
Barbara Bloom, Sonoma State University
Concurrent Sessions

**Partnership in Reentry: Models That Reduce Recidivism**
A crucial piece in the reentry process is the engagement of key stakeholders at the local level to foster a collaborative approach in assisting the client in successful reintegration. The many challenges and requirements the clients face can often be overwhelming and disjointed. This session will give an overview of several Day Reporting Centers and community based coalitions throughout the State that have developed successful collaborative models with community partners to provide a supportive transition. Panelists will discuss their programs’ inception, evolution and adjustments, data and outcomes, and what they anticipate in the near future for reentry. Attendees can expect to take away replicable ideas and concepts for building an effective approach to meeting the needs of this population.

*Moderator:* Marlon Yarber, Sacramento County Probation
*Maggi Schubert, Sacramento County Office of Education
Elaine B. Zucco, Cal State University San Bernardino
Katie Ward, Santa Barbara County

**Therapeutic Communities: The Importance of Program Enriched Housing**
Stable housing is essential to achieving successful reintegration. Yet the options are often too few for people returning home from jail. Limited housing resources often leave the previously incarcerated facing homelessness and can quickly become a barrier to living a new lifestyle. This workshop will explore some of the creative and successful models of transitional housing programs that incorporate effective programming. Hear about how they manage and fund the program as well as monitor success. Take away ideas for replication in your community.

Ron Marlette, Mission Solano
Doug Bond, Amity Foundation

**Healthy and Free: Incorporating Mental Health and Wellness Services**
Healthcare should not only be a benefit during incarceration but also a recognized need for individuals to thrive on the outside. A continuum of care from pre to post-release is the most effective strategy to ensure that the formerly incarcerated live healthy and free. Experts familiar with the unique needs of reentry citizens will discuss the role of effective assessments, insurance coverage, coordinated care, and wrap around services to address issues of trauma, mental health, chronic disease and other health challenges.

*Moderator:* Lois M. Davis, Rand Corporation
*Dr. Stephan Betz, Women’s Re-Entry Achievement Program (WRAP)*
*Dr. Eureka Daye, California Correctional Health Care Services*
Credentials Matter: Doing Time with Education
Roughly 40 percent of individuals in the corrections system do not have a high school diploma or equivalent. Lower education attainment and deficiency in literacy are both highly predictive of incarceration. Limited education achievement also becomes a barrier to reentry success because it limits employment options. Enrollment in prison education programs offers an opportunity for prisoners to increase their skills and attainment levels while incarcerated. And while basic education programs are an option at most state prisons and some jails, their availability varies by facility. The models presented in this session stand as best practices for providing education opportunities in custody and following release.

Jody Lewen, Prison University Project
Jason Bell, Project Rebound

3:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

Entrepreneurship and Social Enterprise: Innovative Paths to Employment
Traditional employment is just simply not an option for many individuals with a criminal record. The limited options for legitimate employment are discouraging and can tempt a person back into criminal behavior. This session describes successful efforts to harness and redirect this “entrepreneurial” spirit for self-employment and job creation.

Moderator: Tim Russell, Renaissance Center
Deborah Mukamal, Stanford University
Carla Javits, REDF

It Takes a Village: Supporting Families and Children of Incarcerated Parents
Incarceration affects individuals, families, and the community in profound ways. An often overlooked piece of the reentry dialogue are the children and family members left behind when a loved one becomes incarcerated. This session will review the effect that incarceration and reentry has on children of the incarcerated and their caregivers. Speakers will include youth who will present information on the personal impact as well as community groups who have designed programs and services to specifically meet the needs of children with criminal justice involved parents.

Moderator: Carol Burton, Alameda County Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership
Jakaela Foster, Project WHAT
Zachary Whelan, Project Avary
Hilary Carson, Friends Outside Los Angeles County
The Faith Community’s Role in Reentry
The faith community has always played a vital role in the success and strength of its community members. The previously incarcerated are looking to continue their faith journey as a key component to a transformed life that lasts. In this workshop you will hear from faith leaders who can share models from meeting individuals at the gate, peer mentoring, supporting family members of the incarcerated, discipleship courses, breaking generational patterns and more. We will also explore how the faith community can leverage funding, utilize data necessary to be competitive in contracts, and capitalize on its army of volunteers.

Moderator: Deanna Allen, Abundant Place
Jack Crowley, ALPHA Reentry
Pastor Tim May, Ebenezer Outreach
Hector Lozano, Celebrate Recovery

A Set Up for Success
Pre-release intervention provides a smooth transition to many of the programs and resources that are integral to life outside of incarceration. This session looks at models that are providing a warm handoff for employment, housing and health which can be challenging to navigate but are critical to the probability for success.

Moderator: Dan Stone, Division of Adult Parole (CDCR)
Larry Hill, Centerforce
Whitney Lawrence, Corporation for Supportive Housing

5:00 p.m. Welcome Reception

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8:00 a.m.  Networking Breakfast  
*Hosted by the California Reentry Council Network*

9:00 a.m.  Concurrent Sessions

**Getting to Yes with Private Sector Employers**
Employment is critical to establishing a productive life and is at the root of dignity and self-sufficiency. A criminal record is a barrier to finding employment that is not easily overcome. This session will describe the promising practices that are helping offenders gain marketable skills, get hired and back to work. Panelists will give participants an opportunity to share what remains to be done to expand the opportunity for others who are willing and ready to work.

*Moderator:* Jessica Fliotoft, A Good Hire Campaign  
Bill Heiser, Center for Employment Opportunities  
Dorenda Harmarlund, California Prison Industry Authority  
Rhody McCoy, Rubicon Programs

**Holistic Approaches to Rehabilitating Court Involved Youth**
Environment, incarcerated parents, academic deficiencies, and poverty are a few of the factors that predispose some youth to criminal behavior. These factors can be minimized through early intervention efforts for those highest at risk of incarceration through a holistic rehabilitative approach. This session will explore a few innovative models that have shown success as deterrents and restoration for youth by addressing the root causes of juvenile criminal behavior. We will also discuss the link between school discipline and prison pipelines.

*Moderator:* TBD, Burns Institute  
Reymundo Zacharias, Communities in Schools

**A Closer Look at Reducing Non Sentenced Populations**
In 2014, the State average in California for non-sentenced persons in custody was 62 percent, yet several counties have managed to stay well below that average. What are the factors that drive the large differences in non-sentenced populations? This panel of criminal justice and law enforcement officials will discuss their counties’ approach to risk assessment, pre-trial release and setting bail. We will explore the question of whether the long-term outcomes are better for individuals who are released pending a trial date.

*Moderator:* Sonya Tafoya, Public Policy Institute of California  
Brian Richart, El Dorado County Probation
Navigating Legal and Financial Barriers Post Release

Upon release, parolees are confronted with multiple challenges that threaten their financial and social stability. This includes limited access to housing and employment, as well as an array of fees, fines, restitution and other financial debts. Often times these debts have accumulated during their period of incarceration, and in some cases were the actual cause of incarceration. This session will explore policy solutions that can help former offenders navigate the complex web of achieving economic stability after incarceration. We will also provide answers about eligibility for public assistance, housing, voting rights and numerous other questions that arise for someone with a criminal record.

*Moderator: Alexandra Bastien, PolicyLink*
*Katherine Katcher, Root and Rebound*
*Kate Weisburd, East Bay Community Law Center*

10:45 a.m. | Moving in a New Direction for Reentry and Criminal Justice

This closing plenary will be an opportunity to bring it altogether and end the conference discussing what needs to be done to continue the progress toward restoration as the best solution to reduce recidivism. The emphasis will be on systems change of critical policy issues that stand as significant barriers to success in reentry and sustainable mechanisms for financing the programs that are critical to moving from realignment to reintegration.

*Moderator: Jim Mayer, CA Forward*
*Mark Hake, Riverside County Chief of Probation*
*Rebecca Brown, Reentry Solutions Group*

12:30 p.m. | Adjourn
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