Meeting - December 6, 2023 12-2pm

Saloni and Mik facilitated Matt took notes

Attendance:

Jenn Lambert (she/her) - NDSNY
Mik Kinkead (he/him) - LAS
Michael Griffin (he/him) - CCHR
Matt Graham (he/him) Commission on Gender Equity
Rachel Golden (she/they)
Sahar Mozami (they/them) City Council
Ronald Porcelli (they/them) NYC Unity Project
Nicole Levy (she/her) - CHS
Kandra Clark (she/her) - Exodus Transitional Community
Chai Park Messina (she/her) BOC
Chelsea Chard (she/her) DOC
Valerie Greisokh (she/her) DOC
Saloni Sethi (she/her) Office to End Gender Based Violence

Agenda:

Opening
Any Agenda Additions?
Updates from BOC, DOC, or CHS
Possibly moving January meeting date
Next Steps for January meeting
Update from Drafting Subcommittee

• Two more sections left: Re-Entry and Staffing

Update from Legislative Subcommittee

- 728 (housing)
- Amendments to TF creation bill

Closing

Notes:

Updates from BOC DOC CHS

DOC: No new reports from any agencies. Grateful for extension on time for responding to re-entry questions. BOC, DOC, CHS will respond in January.

Liz shared last time- new resource fair for RMSC, will have to move- does not work for the 15th. Anyone can table during resource fair. Get in touch with Liz about tabling. Mik was there last time, more of a reentry resource fair. Presented about agency and then folx can ask questions. Was all day because it is by housing unit or floor. People wanted services for when they are in Rikers as well as for reentry. Lots of youth-based services showed up - but most services weren't applicable for people at RMSC.

Valerie- yes, focus is on reentry- cycle units or groups of units through the space so it is an all-day thing. Wonderful day of, but folx may not be going home for a while. Good point that having things for while incarcerated may be helpful. DOC is willing to look at proposals.

DOC can outreach to hospitals and other community resources that are known providers from reentry guide. Liz put together a guide that is for LGBTQIA+ community for reentry (shared with group as PDF), those providers will all be invited.

January meeting

Reschedule? Decided to keep the 3rd because of availability.

We will cover reentry questions, mostly for DOC, CHS and one for BOC. Can respond in writing ahead of time, or can answer in person.

Reminder from Drafting Committee

We are asking for updates from the initial August report. We are trying to find out if things have been changed, improved etc. DOC BOC CHS may have come up with newer, better ways, and we would love to hear about it.

Drafting Committee will meet again on the 11th of December at 9, please email Mik, Saloni or Rachel if you want to join.

We will be compiling the answers to form the second report

Legislative subcommittee

Housing bill 728

In Jan 2023, organizational community sign on letter was circulated, we will recirculate a letter soon and are hoping people will sign on to the new bill. We are hoping to see the edits soon.

Bill to edit the TF creation bill

Draft language has been submitted. If anyone wants to assist the next steps are to 1) ask City Council to have a hearing and then 2) work on the edits we will suggest during the hearing. Mik is trying to compile a list of all of the suggestions made so please send to him.

Fair Chance in Housing

Michael added that Intro 632 protections added to law for fair chance in housing. Just sent to counsel for their response.

Menstrual Equity bills

Sahar- menstrual equity bills were voted out of committee this morning, will be voted on in full counsel in next hour or hour in a half. Language was added and expanded. Includes DOC.

G.I.R.D.S.

State bill that is broader than 728. Gender Identity Respect Dignity and Safety Act. Next meeting on the 21st at 1 pm. About next steps of the GIRDS Bill- Julia Salazar and Assemblywoman Nily Rozic. Mik will circulate an invite for anyone who wants to join the coalition, even if it is just to receive the emails.

2 settlements from Broome and Steuben counties that mirror language in GIRDS regarding housing, medical treatment, and other respect for trans and gender expansive people. The NY Sherriff's Association has also supported these settlements. Same language as GIRDS. Hoping to make it law.

Announcements

Matt- CGE with NGBV virtual event - 16 days of activism on gender-based violence. Kiara St. James and Imara Jones are some of the speakers. This afternoon from 3-4 pm.

Meeting ends early