



ALL MAGIC MEETING

Thursday, April 16th, 2026 11:00am – 1:00pm PST

Location: African American Art & Culture Complex, Nia Room, 762 Fulton St, San Francisco, CA 94102


Facilitated by: BMoMAGIC Programs

MAGIC Convener Meeting Minutes

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 **11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

 **Facilitator: Brittany Ford**

 **African American Art & Culture Complex, 762 Fulton St, San Francisco, CA 94102 - Nia Room: Check out the exhibit**

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PRESENTATIONS:

Coleman Advocates: Visioning Sessions for future students' education, school discipline, IEP/504, intro to disability justice - Rachel Jones, Youth Justice Director

Overview:

Coleman Advocates is leading **visioning sessions** focused on improving outcomes for students through:

- Education equity
- School discipline reform
- IEP/504 support
- Disability justice

The goal is to ensure all students—especially those most impacted—receive the support they need to succeed.



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Key Issues Identified

- SFUSD suspension rates are **below the state average**, but disparities persist:
 - **2%** of all SFUSD students are suspended
 - **6%** of middle school students
 - **11%** of suspended students have disabilities
- Disparities increase significantly at the school level
- **African American students:**
 - Represent **8%** of the student population
 - Account for **up to 20%** of suspensions

Youth Justice Initiative (YJI) Goals

- Reduce suspension rates by **at least 20%**
- Address racial and disability-based disparities
- Provide targeted support for **high-risk students**

Key Partners:

- Legal advocates (YCD)
- Huckleberry Youth Programs
- Community-based organizations

Special Education (SPED) & IEPs

- **SPED is not a place** — it provides access to services and support
- **IEP (Individualized Education Program):**
 - A **legal agreement** between school and student/family
 - Defines how the school will meet the student's needs

IEP Process:

1. Assessment
 2. Develop IEP
 3. Implement services
 4. Review and revise
- IEPs must be reviewed **at least annually**, but can be updated anytime upon parent request

Discipline & Disability Justice



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- **Disabilities should be supported, not punished**
 - **Manifestation Determination Review (MDR):**
 - Determines whether behavior is linked to a student's disability before discipline is enforced
 - Concerns around “**silent suspensions**” (informal removals from class)
 - Need for a **public dashboard** to track discipline practices and ensure accountability
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Advocacy & Community Role

- Coleman Advocates helps identify and support **high-risk students**
- Community partners are encouraged to:
 - Build relationships with students
 - Support IEP development and implementation
 - Reinforce positive behavior strategies
- Focus on **policy change** to address systemic inequities
- Advisory board established to ensure policies are implemented effectively

Family Engagement & Support

- Parents can:
 - Request an IEP meeting **at any time**
 - Advocate for changes when student needs are not being met
- Coleman Advocates provides **guidance and support** throughout the advocacy process

Equity & Systems Impact

- Disproportionate discipline of **Black and Brown students**
- Strong connection between school discipline and the **school-to-prison pipeline**
- Need for earlier intervention, stronger supports, and systemic reform

Legal Support

- The **Public Defender's Office** represents students facing disciplinary or legal challenges related to school incidents
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SFDPH - CHPY: Community Health Programs For Youth - Jennifer Lopez, Health Worker IV
Outreach Coordinator



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Overview

Community Health Programs for Youth (CHPY) provides **free and low-cost, youth-friendly health services** for young people across San Francisco. Programs are designed to be accessible, supportive, and responsive to the needs of youth ages 12 and up.

Core Services

- Primary care (outpatient)
- Sports physicals & general health exams
- Sexual & reproductive health services
- Mental health support
- Health education & outreach
- Case support and referrals

Special Program

Second Chance Tattoo Removal Program

- Available for youth **ages 12+**
- **Parental consent required**
- Supports youth seeking a fresh start and new opportunities

Key Locations & Access Points

- HOPE SF CHPY – Larkin Street Youth Services
- Balboa Youth Clinic

School & Community Partnerships

CHPY works closely with SFUSD and community-based health centers to ensure youth have access to care where they are:

- Balboa Teen Health Center
- Burton Teen Clinic
- Willie Brown Middle School Health Center
- New Generation Health Center (Homeless Prenatal Program – 3rd Floor)
- Dimensions Clinic (Castro/Mission)
- 3rd Street Youth Center & Clinic
- Cole Street Youth Clinic

Key Takeaways

- Services are **accessible, confidential, and youth-centered**
- Many services are **free or low-cost**



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- Strong collaboration with schools and community partners
 - Focus on **whole-person wellness**: physical, mental, and reproductive health
 - Provides **critical support services** that help youth stay healthy, engaged, and supported
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Mano Raju- serves as the City's elected Public Defender and shares the crisis that the Public Defenders Office is now facing.

Key Takeaways

- **Public Defender Crisis & Inequity**
 - Clients—disproportionately **Black and Brown**—are being arrested at higher rates and forced to wait **weeks, months, or even years** for adequate legal support.
 - The system has normalized people **sitting in jail (“in cages”) without timely access to counsel**, which is fundamentally unfair and unconstitutional.
- **Severe Understaffing**
 - A recent **national and state workload study** shows the office needs **~36 additional staff** (attorneys, social workers, investigators, paralegals) to meet basic standards.
 - Despite this, **City Hall has not added resources**, proposing a 5-year plan with no immediate investment.
- **Taking a Stand**
 - The Public Defender's Office has **refused to take on unsustainable caseloads** (limiting cases on Wednesdays) to highlight the crisis.
 - A judge responded by holding leadership in **contempt and issuing fines**, escalating the issue.
- **Legal Pushback & National Attention**
 - The situation has gained **statewide and national attention**.
 - The **Court of Appeal intervened**, pausing the fine and requiring justification from the lower court.
- **Core Argument**
 - If the city funds **police, jails, and prosecution**, it must also **adequately fund public defense**.
 - The constitutional right to an attorney must be **real—not just symbolic**.
- **Holistic Defense & System Change**
 - True defense includes:
 - Strong courtroom representation
 - **Wraparound services** for clients and families
 - Broader efforts to challenge **mass incarceration, detention, and deportation systems**
- **Role of MAGIC & Community Power**



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- **MAGIC (within the Public Defender's Office)** is central to:
 - Supporting youth (including school discipline defense)
 - Advancing **community power and anti-violence efforts**
 - The broader fight is about **defending people, families, and communities—not just cases**
 - **Bottom Line**
 - The Public Defender's Office is **challenging an underfunded and inequitable system**, demanding the resources needed to provide real constitutional defense and pushing for a shift away from over-reliance on incarceration toward **community-centered solutions**. We would really appreciate your support of funding for our office. To support, please take a second to sign onto the community support letter that will be sent to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors, using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/SFPDRBudgetLetter>.
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PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

- **End of Year Report:** MAGIC's End of Year Report is complete! View at the [MAGIC website's homepage](https://magic-sf.org/our-impact/) (<https://magic-sf.org/our-impact/>)
- **Help us plan future Convener Meetings!** Share your feedback here: [MAGIC Convener Meeting Survey](#)
- **Future Presenters:** If you are interested in presenting at a future meeting, please complete the [MAGIC Convener Request Form](#).
- **MAGIC Programs Resource Guide** – Updating Resource Guide in late 2026, we will send out more info in the Fall.
- **SAVE THE DATE: 2026 MAGIC Backpack Giveaways**

We're excited to announce our upcoming **2026 MAGIC Backpack Giveaways!**

 Saturday, August 1, 2026

 Saturday, August 8, 2026

Mark your calendars and stay tuned—more details on locations and times will be shared soon! Tabling Registration opens in July

SUB-COMMITTEES

- **Social Committee** – Next meeting, Wednesday April 29th at 9:00 a.m.
 - **Street Safety Subcommittee** – Open invitation for partners to join. We will resume meeting after summer.
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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



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- Share announcements by emailing: Vernon@bayviewmagic.org
 - [General Announcements Shared Drive](#)
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