



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Probation
Department No.: 022
For Agenda Of: May 21, 2019
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 45 minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Public Safety Realignment Act Plan

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Receive a presentation on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 Public Safety Realignment Act Plan (Attachment A);
- B. Accept the Santa Barbara County FY 2019-2020 Public Safety Realignment Act Plan (Attachment B) developed by the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) and approved by the Executive Committee of the CCP; and
- C. Determine that the acceptance of the FY 2019-2020 Public Safety Realignment Act Plan is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), finding that the activities are covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activities are not subject to CEQA.

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Summary Text:

On October 1, 2011, the Public Safety Realignment Act (Assembly Bill 109) was implemented as a means of addressing overcrowding in California's prisons and in alleviating the State's financial crisis. The Act transferred the responsibility for specific inmates and parolees from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to counties. Additionally, it expanded the role of the CCP, as established in the California Community Corrections Performance Incentives Act of 2009 (Senate Bill 678), and created a seven (7) member Executive Committee from at-large CCP members. Subsequent to passage of the Act in 2011, a plan for implementation of Realignment in Santa Barbara County has been brought before the Board of Supervisors (BOS) each year for approval and adoption.

On February 1, 2019, the CCP and the Executive Committee of the CCP voted to approve the CCP Workgroup's recommended Realignment Spending Plan for FY 2019-2020, and on April 19, 2019, the FY 2019-2020 Public Safety Realignment Act Plan (Attachment B) was adopted by the CCP and the Executive Committee of the CCP. The FY 2019-2020 Realignment Plan demonstrates continued commitment to a data-driven approach to managing and allocating resources through evidence-based strategies that increase public safety, while holding offenders accountable. The strong collaborative foundation of the local Realignment efforts has allowed for expansions and program enhancements in the coming year that are holistic in approach, considerate of the vast and diverse needs of the Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) offenders and the non-violent, non-serious, non-sex offenders population (NX3) in Santa Barbara County, and are designed to support the ultimate goal of reducing recidivism.

Background:

Realignment brought two (2) additional offender populations under the supervision and responsibility of local county jurisdictions; PRCS offenders who are individuals exited from prison after serving a commitment for a non-violent, non-serious felony and who are deemed not to be high risk sex offenders, and the NX3 offenders, known locally as Post-Sentence Supervision (PSS), who now serve their prison sentences locally and can be subject to a mandatory period of supervision as ordered by the Superior Court.

Realignment planning in Santa Barbara County is overseen by the CCP, a collaborative, inter-agency partnership of representatives who maintain shared goals. Further support is afforded by a Workgroup that meets on a monthly basis to review performance data associated to funded strategies to ensure anticipated outcomes remain aligned and to consider any new approaches that may promote local endeavors. Through additional opportunities and partnerships such as Results First, and the Re-Entry Steering and Quality Assurance Committees, all agencies have had opportunities to expand their capacity to understand and implement evidence-based practices and benefit from technical assistance. Various impacts to the criminal justice system, such as those resulting from passage of Proposition 47 (Prop. 47), are utilized as opportunities by the stakeholders as they work to improve successful outcomes.

The Public Safety Realignment Act Plan for FY 2019-2020 provides for expansions and program enhancements in the coming year. Key areas of focus are:

Sheriff’s Treatment Program– Sheriff

Through a shift of funding previously allocated to the Alternative Sentencing Bureau, the Sheriff’s Department was provided funding for two Correctional Counselors, one Administrative Office Professional, and funding for programming curriculum for the Northern Branch Jail. The CCP additionally approved the use of one-time funding for a one year extension of the Edovo Tablet Program. Currently, there are 180 tablets deployed each week to inmates who do not participate or have access to other programming in the Sheriff’s Treatment Program. The Edovo platform focuses on educational programming with an “Earn and Learn” component. Inmates earn entertainment credits based on the amount of time spent on the educational platform. The platform includes, but is not limited to, GED preparation, cognitive behavioral interventions, alcohol and drug education, religious instruction, and health education.

Victim Services – District Attorney

The District Attorney's Office was provided additional funding to increase the Victim-Witness Advocate position from a .5 full time equivalent (FTE) to a full time position for next fiscal year. The District Attorney's Victim-Witness Assistance Program provides early intervention to victims of crime at the arraignment stage and pre-filing. To expedite services and mitigate victims' crises, the District Attorney's Office has enhanced strategies to serve victims at the earliest moments following the crime. Additionally, early interventions can reduce defendant's court appearances, minimize criminal justice partner's staff time related to protracted court appearances, and expedite case dispositions. The additional funding increases the availability to more victims in crisis seeking services or case information and expedites victims' access to services, which include crime prevention assistance and criminal protective orders provision.

Re-entry Services – Public Defender

The Public Defender’s Office was provided additional funding to establish a Client Services Specialist and two Transporters. The Client Services Specialist position will locate treatment services in the community for clients. The coordination of services will begin with a treatment plan that identifies the specific needs and goals of the individual client. While pre-release planning is a focus, the Client Services Specialist will also support and advocate for the client in the community on a day to day basis to alleviate barriers and assist with connecting the client to collaborative agencies. The Client Services Specialist may also provide an alternative case plan for use at sentencing. The Transporters role will be to provide seamless transportation from the jail to Residential Treatment Programs (RTP). In addition, the Transporters will assist with getting clients to appointments within the community.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State		\$ 14,004,210.00	\$ 516,857.00
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ 14,004,210.00	\$ 516,857.00

Narrative:

The FY 2019-2020 Realignment Spending Plan is entirely funded by State revenue and consists of Santa Barbara County’s estimated FY 2019-2020 Base allocation (\$13,116,127), FY 2017-2018 Growth funds (\$684,354), and Restricted Fund Balance (\$203,729). Annual funding for on-going programmatic operations is \$14,004,210. Additionally, the CCP approved the use of \$441,857 from Realignment Restricted Programmatic Fund Balance to fund one-time allocations for additional resources necessary for the Prop. 47 Petitions Project (\$303,307), jail treatment expansion tablets (\$98,550), data needs (\$40,000), and \$75,000 from the Realignment Restricted Planning Fund to fund the expansion of evaluation contract (\$50,000), and annual training allocation (\$25,000).

Approval of the FY 2019-2020 Public Safety Realignment Act Plan will not increase the General Fund Contribution of the departments mentioned above.

Staffing Impacts: The staffing impacts listed below indicate deviations of FTE positions in the proposed FY 2019-2020 Public Safety Realignment Act Plan in comparison to the adopted FY 2018-2019 Public Safety Realignment Act Plan.

FTE deviations associated with the Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) Program will be addressed when the development of the program has been finalized.

	FTE
Sheriff	-2.00
District Attorney	+0.5

Special Instructions:

None

Attachments:

- Attachment A: PowerPoint Presentation of FY 2019-2020 Public Safety Realignment Act Plan
- Attachment B: FY 2019-2020 Public Safety Realignment Act Plan

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