



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Agenda Number:**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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**Submitted on:**  
**(COB Stamp)**

**Department Name:** Probation  
**Department No.:** 022  
**Agenda Date:** June 23, 2026  
**Placement:** Administrative Agenda  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:** N/A  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director: Holly L. Benton, Chief Probation Officer  
Contact: Spencer Cross, Deputy Chief Probation Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 and 2026-2028 Agreements for Adult Probation Services

Signed by:  
*Holly L. Benton*  
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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Good Samaritan Shelter (Good Sam) a local vendor, to provide enhanced treatment services and related recovery and re-entry services; recovery residences; shelter beds; Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) group services; pretrial services navigator positions to provide case management supportive services; and provide Day Habilitation program (DayHab), as a service under California Advancing and Innovating Medical (CalAIM). The population served under this Agreement are adult clients under the supervision of the Probation Department, including realigned clients, standard probationers, post release community supervision clients, clients supervised on felony probation, clients with acute needs, high-risk clients not on pretrial supervision and clients released to the Pretrial Supervision Program (PTS), and clients with complex health and quality- of life- needs, with a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,212,617 from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027;
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Community Solutions Inc. (CSI), to provide Reasoning & Rehabilitation, a cognitive behavioral treatment program; Coping with Anger, a cognitive behavioral intervention and anger management program; Courage 2 Change (C2C), a cognitive behavioral Motivational Interviewing infused journaling curriculum to address and target criminogenic needs; Batterer’s Intervention Programming (BIP); and to conduct Enhanced Case Management, as service under California Advancing and Innovating Medical (CalAIM) to adult clients who are under the supervision of the Probation Department, including realigned

clients, clients supervised on felony probation, realigned domestic violence clients and indigent clients, and clients with complex health and quality-of-life needs, with a total contract amount not to exceed \$805,960 from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027;

- c)** Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with SCRAM of California, to provide Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring (SCRAM) that includes equipment, installation, and removal of equipment, monitoring, training, and support for adult clients who are under the supervision of the Probation Department, including realigned clients, and pretrial defendants released to the Pretrial Supervision Program, with a total contract amount not to exceed \$854,000.00 from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027;
- d)** Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc. dba SCRAM Systems (AMS) to provide Global Position Systems (GPS), and Remote Alcohol Breath on Demand Testing, leased equipment, and monitoring services for the enhanced monitoring of adult and juvenile clients who are under the supervision of the Probation Department, including adult pretrial clients released to the Pretrial Supervision Program and those in the Alternative Sentencing Program (ASP) as identified by the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office and monitored by the Probation Department, and training and support regarding the use of leased equipment, associated systems, and software with a total contract amount not to exceed \$320,827.80 from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027;
- e)** Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Sanctuary Centers of Santa Barbara (Sanctuary), a local vendor, to provide enhanced outpatient mental health treatment services and related recovery and re-entry services to dual diagnosis clients under the supervision of the Probation Department with an increased risk of incarceration under Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and Post Sentence Supervision (PSS) and standard supervision, with a total contract amount not to exceed \$180,000 from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028;
- f)** Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Stalwart Clean & Sober Inc. (Stalwart), a local vendor to provide Transitional Sober Living services to probation clients with a total contract amount not to exceed \$84,500 from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.
- g)** Authorize the Chief Probation Officer or designee to approve subsequent changes to the agreement, including authorizing additional services, amending program staffing requirements, amending service locations, and adding program goals, outcomes, and measures, and reallocation of funds between funding sources. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer or designee to approve line-item budget changes to Attachment B-1 of the Agreements in an amount not to exceed 10% of the stated line-item budgeted amounts for each service. Changes can be made as long as the total contract amount of the agreement is not increased, and subject to the Board's ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time, and provided that in no event shall any such amendment extend the term of the agreement; and
- h)** Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities of funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially

significant physical impact on the environment and are therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA guidelines.

**Summary Text:**

This item is before your Board to execute a total of six agreements, including agreements with Good Sam, CSI, SCRAM, AMS, Sanctuary, and Stalwart. Services provided to Probation Department clients under these Agreements include BIP; cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT); substance abuse treatment; recovery residences; shelter beds; secure continuous remote alcohol monitoring; and related recovery and re-entry services; navigators to provide case management and supportive services; enhanced outpatient treatment services and related recovery and re-entry services to a dual diagnosis.

**Discussion:**

The County has current Agreements with Good Sam, CSI, SCRAM, AMS, Sanctuary, and Stalwart, with terms through June 30, 2026. These Agreements, before the Board, if executed, will continue to provide the same or similar services as the current Agreements, including:

Good Sam will provide enhanced treatment services and related recovery and re-entry services; recovery residences; shelter beds; Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) group services; pretrial services navigator positions to provide case management and supportive services. The population served under this Agreement are individuals under the supervision of the Probation Department, including realigned clients, standard probationers, post-release community supervision clients, clients supervised on felony probation, clients with acute needs, high-risk clients not on pretrial supervision, and clients released to the Pretrial Supervision Program and to provide Dayhab, as a service under California Advancing and Innovating Medical (CalAIM) to adult clients who are under the supervision of the Probation Department, including realigned clients, and clients supervised on felony probation.

CSI will provide Reasoning & Rehabilitation, a cognitive behavioral treatment program and related recovery and re-entry services; Coping with Anger, a cognitive behavioral intervention and anger management program; Courage 2 Change (C2C) a cognitive behavioral Motivational Interviewing infused journaling curriculum to address and target criminogenic needs; and Batterer's Intervention Programming (BIP), and to conduct Enhanced Case Management, as service under California Advancing and Innovating Medical (CalAIM), to adult clients who are under the supervision of the Probation Department, including realigned clients, clients supervised on felony probation, and indigent clients.

SCRAM of California will provide SCRAM services that include equipment, installation, and removal of equipment, monitoring, training, and support for adult clients who are under the supervision of the Probation Department, including realigned clients, and pretrial defendants released to the Pretrial Supervision Program.

AMS will provide Global Position Systems (GPS), and Remote Alcohol Breath on Demand Testing, leased equipment, and monitoring services for the enhanced monitoring of adult and juvenile clients who are under the supervision of the Probation Department, including adult pretrial clients released to the Pretrial Supervision Program and those in the Alternative Sentencing Program (ASP) as

identified by the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office and monitored by the Probation Department, and training and support regarding the use of leased equipment, associated systems, and software.

Sanctuary will provide enhanced outpatient treatment services and related recovery and re-entry services to dual-diagnosis clients under the supervision of the Probation Department, with an increased risk of incarceration under Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and Post Sentence Supervision (PSS), and under standard supervision.

Stalwart will provide Transitional Sober Living services to probation clients under the supervision of the Probation Department, with an increased risk of incarceration under Post-Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and Post-Sentence Supervision (PSS).

**Background:**

The County executed Agreements with Good Sam, CSI, SCRAM, AMS, Sanctuary, and Stalwart with terms through June 30, 2026. The Agreements before your Board would continue to provide the same or similar services as the current Agreements for FY 2026-27 and FY 2026-28. All Agreements include performance measures for the upcoming fiscal years, as Probation focuses on increasing appropriate referrals and providing services and supervision to clients for equitable and successful reentry into the community.

The services for the adult supervised population outlined in these agreements are funded through the Public Safety Realignment Act (AB 109) and The California Community Corrections Performance Incentives Act of 2009 (Senate Bill 678 or SB678). These funding sources support the continued implementation of evidence-based practices and supervision strategies designed to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for individuals under probation supervision.

The services for the adult-supervised population recommended in these Agreements and related realignment expenditures were reviewed and endorsed by the Executive Committee of the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) and included in the FY 2026-2027 Spending Plan and the County's FY 2026-2027 Public Safety Realignment Plan, which was approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 12, 2026.

The Public Safety Realignment Act (AB 109) was implemented on October 1, 2011, to address overcrowding in California's prisons and to assist in alleviating the State's financial crisis. The Act transferred 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, or SB 678), and created a seven (7) member Executive Committee from at-large CCP members. Following the passage of the Act in 2011, a plan to implement Realignment funding in Santa Barbara County has been brought before the Board of Supervisors each year for approval and adoption.

When SB 678 was enacted, funding for services to probation departments was based on achieved reductions in the failure rate of adult felony probationers. The State defined a failure as an adult probationer sent to state prison for probation revocation, and an adult felony probationer sent to state prison for a new felony conviction. The California Community Corrections Performance Incentives Act of 2009 (Senate Bill 678, or SB 678) established a performance-based funding system that shares state General Fund savings with county probation departments. This initiative incentivizes counties to invest in evidence-based practices that reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for individuals on felony probation—ultimately decreasing state prison commitments. The SB 678

formula has undergone numerous modifications since its inception, largely to address sentencing and policy changes that could affect county awards for reasons unrelated to actual performance.

The CCP reviews local SB 678 funding, services, and strategies each year. There are no changes to existing SB 678 strategies, which include three targeted areas: the use of Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) and Interventions through supervision services; the assessment and evaluation of treatment services; and the funding of cognitive behavioral therapy-based programs offered to clients throughout the county.

### **Performance Measures:**

In Agreements with terms ending on June 30, 2026, each contractor was given specific performance measures tailored to the level of service they provide. All providers are meeting their specified performance measures in those Agreements.

Performance measures in the Agreements before your board include assessments to measure improvements in cognitive behavior based on evidence-based principles, with a focus aimed at reducing recidivism, the timely completion of client intake appointments, delivering written discharge plans upon program completion, providing on-site training, and the percentage of clients enrolled in employment services and secure employment.

To monitor ongoing performance measures of contracted providers, Probation employs multiple Department Business Specialist (DBS) staff who review invoices and service summary worksheets, which capture provider performance metrics, and produce performance reports. DBS staff also conduct quality assurance reviews, which include in-person audits of programs and reviews of curriculum and/or facilities. Additionally, they provide comprehensive quarterly reports on the progress of established performance measures for each program and provider.

### **Contract Renewals:**

The County has long-standing agreements with Good Samaritan Shelter, CSI, SCRAM, Sanctuary, and Stalwart. In addition, the County entered into an agreement with AMS in 2023. There are no significant risks associated with renewing these agreements, and the County remains satisfied with the past performance of all existing vendors.

The Agreements before your Board will continue to provide housing and evidence-based programming, to ensure continuity of services tailored to the needs of the clients served, thereby enhancing client success as they re-enter the community.

As noted above, these Agreements are funded through state funding sources, such as AB 109, SB 678, and the Youth Offender Block Grant (YOBG), which are governed by specific statutory requirements. Noncompliance with these requirements could result in audit findings. To mitigate this risk, the Agreements with Good Sam, CSI, SCRAM, AMS, Sanctuary, and Stalwart incorporate these statutory obligations within the Terms and Conditions sections. Additionally, the Probation Department's Fiscal Unit conducts ongoing oversight through monthly reviews of invoices and supporting documentation to ensure full compliance with grant requirements.

### **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The proposed services will be funded through AB 109, SB 678, and YOBG grants, and the general fund. Sufficient appropriations to ensure financial coverage for the implementation of these initiatives have been incorporated into the department's FY 2026-27 requested budget, subject to approval by

the Board of Supervisors. Additionally, funding for FY 2027-28 will be included through the department’s FY 2027-28 requested budget. These initiatives will be fully grant-funded, with no additional impact on the General Fund.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>FY 2026-27</b>	<b>FY 2027-28</b>	<b>Total Contracts Cost</b>
General Fund	\$75,675.00		<b>\$75,675.00</b>
State	\$3,292,229.80	\$90,000.00	<b>\$3,382,229.80</b>
Federal			
Fees			
[Other Source]			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,367,904.80</b>	<b>\$90,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,457,904.80</b>

The attached six (6) Agreements provide an array of services designed to support adults and youth participating in the Probation Department’s programs. The Agreements are financed by State funding sources, comprised of \$2,838,872.40 from AB 109, \$355,427 from SB 678, \$97,930.40 from YOBG and \$75,675 from the General Fund, totaling \$3,367,904.80 for FY 2026-27, and an additional \$60,000 from AB 109 and \$30,000 from SB 678, totaling \$90,000 for FY 2027-28. The total not-to-exceed amount for the six contracts across the two fiscal years is \$3,457,904.80. Funds for the FY 2026-27 portion of the Agreements have been accounted for in the Probation Department’s FY 2026-27 proposed budget. The remaining funds for the FY 2027-28 portion of the Agreements will be included in the Probation Department’s proposed budget for FY 2027-28, ensuring continuity of services and fiscal responsibility.

**Staffing Impacts:**

N/A

**Special Instructions:**

Please scan and electronically submit one (1) fully signed copy of each of the six (6) Agreements and one (1) Minute Order to:

Probation Department  
 Attn: Fiscal Services Unit

[ProbationFiscal@countyofsb.org](mailto:ProbationFiscal@countyofsb.org)

**Attachments:**

**Attachment A** – Good Samaritan Shelter, FY 2026-2027

**Attachment B** – Community Solutions Inc, FY 2026-2027

**Attachment C** – SCRAM of California, FY 2026-2027

**Attachment D** – Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc. dba SCRAM Systems, FY 2026-2027

**Attachment E** – Sanctuary Centers, FY 2026-2028

**Attachment F** – Stalwart, FY 2026-2027

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