



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Quarterly Assembly Bill (AB)109 Operational Impact Report – Quarter 3

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

Consider and file the quarterly AB109 (Public Safety Realignment) Impact Reports for April through June 2012 and Performance Measure Definitions.

Summary Text:

AB109 (Public Safety Realignment) has significant operational and resource changes for the Probation, Sheriff's, Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health, District Attorney, Public Defenders Departments and the Courts. The quarterly report provides a snap shot of the volume of resources being used to deliver the broad array of services associated with AB109. The report is divided into four sections: Probation, Court Services, Sheriff, and Financial.

Background:

At the September 20, 2011 Board of Supervisors (Board) Meeting you approved the 2011 Public Safety Realignment Act (AB109/117) Implementation Plan for the County of Santa Barbara (hereafter "the plan"). At the hearing on the plan, you requested that a monthly statistical report be compiled to keep the Board informed on the progress toward full implementation. The Board expressed a desire to know if the volume and type of prisoners and services were on track with the assumptions the State of California had made in establishing Public Safety Realignment. There was particular interest in tracking the financial revenue and expenses associated with implementation of AB109.

Since that hearing, CEO staff worked with executive staff from Probation and Sheriff's Departments to provide relevant data that identifies the workload and fiscal impacts of AB109. A separate data work group made up of a broad stakeholder group is identifying the realignment data that will be collected to provide longitudinal insight and evidence on the effectiveness and quality of AB109 programs and services. This research study is being conducting by the University of California at Santa Barbara.

AB109 operations involve multiple departments and agencies. The early implementation efforts, which began in October, involved Probation and Sheriff's Departments primarily, with some impact on District Attorney, Public Defender and Court personnel. As referrals are made to mental health services and medications, drug treatment and housing services, staff will identify and report relevant data from the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Department on those services to the AB109 population.

The third quarter of AB109 implementation can be summarized by some stabilization of the number of AB109 inmates sentenced, releases from the state prisons and state parolees requiring detention.

Overall, the jail continues to experience higher than the originally forecast impact of AB109 inmates by California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. The number of parolees in the jail who are there as a result of AB109 are trending lower over the last three months. However the number of inmates locally sentenced under AB109 and the number of inmates under Probation supervision who are sent to the jail are trending upwards over the last three months. These trends are to be expected as we move towards full implementation.

As might be anticipated, the expenditure of AB109 dollars has been focused on providing case management services and to some extent on detention services and alternatives to detention. The Detention Services portion of AB109 spending shows a dramatic increase. This statistical outlier is the result of the vendor accruals that were billed and paid in the last month of the fiscal year. The Sheriff's Department, in collaboration with County Human Resources, is working diligently to hire additional staff with the AB109 resources to meet the increased jail population resulting from AB109 implementation. The staffing at the jail continues to improve as a result of aggressive hiring of Custody Deputies and the influx of AB109 funding. Calendar year to date, we have hired nineteen Custody Deputies and are presently conducting background checks on fifteen more. AB109 is funding positions for the Santa Maria Jail to keep it open seven nights per week, along with funding positions for Classification Deputies, Inmate movement and transportation, and Alternative Sentencing.

Most of the spending on AB109 thus far has been to provide case management and community supervision. Spending for mental health, substance abuse treatment and housing services is becoming more important as a means of reducing recidivism among individuals receiving alternative sentences or post-release supervision. Probation staff has been working to establish service contracts with local agencies and community-based organizations, but have found many service providers do not possess sufficient capacity to deliver the needed services. In some cases, such as clean and sober housing, providers may want to provide services, but would most likely provide less service to other possible clients because of the limited additional capacity.

Nimble and creative multi-agency cooperation and coordination by departmental staff and leadership have allowed the County to absorb the impact of AB109 implementation, respond with needed resources and anticipate near term challenges in time for effective problem solving.

AB109 Operational Impact Reports will be produced and delivered on a monthly basis to all members of the Board. The Operational Impact Report will be placed on the Departmental Agenda every three months (four times per year) to provide the public with an overview of the implementation of AB109.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Creating this quarterly report requires approximately 15-20 hours countywide per month to compile.

Attachments:

A – AB109 Operational Impact Report Performance Measure Definitions

B – Final Reports for April 2012 to June 2012

C – Data trend charts since October 2011

D - Presentation

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