

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 6/29/06
Department Name: Sheriff
Department No.: 032
Agenda Date: 7/25/06
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time: 2 hours on August 1, 2006
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Anderson
Sheriff

STAFF CONTACT: Lieutenant Mark Mahurin
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SUBJECT: Sheriff's Department & National Institute of Corrections Presentation Hearing

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Receive a presentation by the Sheriff's Department and representatives of the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections on August 1, 2006 providing results and the recommendations of the Justice System Assessment that was completed pursuant to the direction of the Board on December 13, 2005 (est. time 2 hours).
- B. Direct the Sheriff, ADMHS and Probation to proceed with planning for a North County Day Reporting Center as an alternative for relieving short-term jail overcrowding issues and to return to the Board with recommendations as necessary.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 1. An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections Justice System Assessment:

In response to the Board direction given on December 13, 2005, the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections was asked to conduct a Justice Systems assessment for the County of Santa Barbara. The on site assessment was conducted by National Institute of Corrections consultants Bill Crout and Kevin Warwick on April 4, 2006 through April 6, 2006.

The primary recommendations because of the National Institute of Corrections Justice System Assessment include:

1. There is a need to construct a facility in the north county;
2. The older portions of the Main Jail facility have extended beyond the useful life expectancy;
3. The jail should consider implementing a day reporting center program with a strong treatment component;
4. Santa Barbara County should pursue collaborative funding strategies that would benefit all criminal justice agencies. The Second Chance Act and the Life skills for State and Local Prisoners Act are two potential funding sources for the County;
5. There is a need for suitable mental health beds in the community.

Day Reporting Center:

With our continuing effort to address overcrowding issues within the County jail and our commitment to making a positive difference with our employees and the communities we serve and protect, a community reentry committee was formed to assist in developing a plan to establish a day reporting center. The committee is comprised of representatives of Sheriff's Department Jail personnel and Sheriff's Treatment Program staff, the Probation Department and, Alcohol, Drug, Mental Health Services.

It is the goal of the committee to develop a collaborative Day Reporting program that provides intensive supervision, daily drug and alcohol testing, as well as expanded services including; educational programming and GED, Job skills training, individual counseling and group therapy, anger management, grief recovery, life skills, and family education. This program will expand the in custody Sheriff's Treatment Program (STP) to allow participants to continue their recovery while in our community.

Our recommendation is that the Board directed the Sheriff, ADMHS and Probation to proceed with planning for a North County Day Reporting Center as an alternative for relieving short-term jail overcrowding issues and to return to the Board with recommendations as necessary.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Although the County is mandated to provide jail services and the addition of an alternative sentence program would affect future services levels, none of the current recommended actions are mandated, nor do they change any service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The cost for the planning phase of the North County Day Reporting will be absorbed by the participating departments. Costs to implement the plan will be brought back to your Board.

Special Instructions:

Please forward one copy of the minute order/executing document to the attention of:

Jim Anderson, Sheriff, and
Mark Mahurin, Lieutenant, Sheriff's Department, Custody Operations Division

Concurrence:

None