



**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: February 11, 2014
Placement: Departmental
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If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Public Safety Realignment in Santa Barbara County: Preliminary Evaluation Report

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Receive and file a presentation on *Public Safety Realignment in Santa Barbara County: Preliminary Evaluation Report*

Summary Text:

In an effort to address overcrowding in California's prisons and assist in alleviating the State financial crisis, the 2011 Public Safety Realignment Act transferred the responsibility for specific inmates and parolees from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to counties. This change was implemented on October 1, 2011.

The Act expanded the role of the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) established in the California Community Corrections Performance Incentives Act of 2009 (Senate Bill 678) and created a seven member Executive Committee from at-large CCP members. The Executive Committee of the CCP is required to recommend an implementation plan to the Board of Supervisors. The initial Implementation Plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors on September 20, 2011, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-13 Plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 22, 2012, and the FY 2013-2014 Plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 21, 2013.

Background:

The Santa Barbara County CCP continues its commitment to implementing Public Safety Realignment as effectively and cost efficiently as possible. Acknowledging that evaluation of the outcomes attained by the strategies included in the Plans will be critical in order to guide future decisions in the investment of subsequent Realignment funds, the CCP received approval from the Board of Supervisors to allocate funding to support formal data analysis and outcome measurement assessment. The University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB) Research Team has been very much engaged in this effort and has published the *Public Safety Realignment in Santa Barbara County: Preliminary Evaluation Report*, which will help to appropriately assess the implementation and ongoing impact of the County Realignment program.

Additionally, Santa Barbara County's Realignment-related outcomes continue to be reviewed in a variety of ways. On a quarterly basis, local data is submitted to the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC). An interactive data dashboard is electronically accessible at <http://www.cpoc.org/assets/Realignment/splitsentencedashboard.swf>, where local data as well as statewide data is available. Through CPOC's data effort, outcomes regarding Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and Post Sentence Supervision (PSS) recidivism can be compared statewide.

The *Public Safety Realignment in Santa Barbara County: Preliminary Evaluation Report* allows for a more in-depth review of local Realignment programming and subsequent reports will become more robust as future years of data become available.

Some notable highlights from the *Report*:

- Between October 2011 and March 2013 there were 495 offenders referred to PRCS in Santa Barbara County upon their release from prison.
 - Of the 92 PRCS participants who were exited from supervision locally, 60 achieved successful early termination (65%)
 - Exited female participants (n=13) were particularly successful in PRCS, with the vast majority earning successful early termination (n=12; 92%)
 - Of the 92 clients who exited the PRCS program with successful, unsuccessful, or expired PRCS statuses, a total of 21 offenders (23%) received new charge convictions

Special Instructions:

None

Attachments:

Public Safety Realignment in Santa Barbara; Executive Summary, October 2011 - March 2013
Public Safety Realignment in Santa Barbara; UCSB Preliminary Evaluation Report, October 2011 - March 2013

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