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May 11, 2015

Lorie Brisbin Correctional Program Specialist Community Services Division National Institute of Corrections 320 First Street, NW Room 5002 Washington, DC 20534

Dear Ms. Brisbin,

As you know, the Santa Barbara County Probation Department and the Sheriff's Office were selected to participate with the Transition from Jail to Community (TJC) Initiative with the National Institute of Corrections & the Urban Institute, with a focus on the impacts of the AB109 Public Safety Realignment Act.

As a Transition from Jail to Community phase II site, we have worked diligently over the past two years to enhance the level of service our agency provides to offenders as they prepare to reenter into the community.

In addition, our agency is in the process of designing a new jail facility and a new reentry transition facility. Both of these new facilities will be Direct Supervision and will operate under a TJC model as it relates to facility programing and operational practices.

Since the TJC initiative will end in mid June 2015, I believe it is the appropriate time to begin the process of educating our line staff both in the TJC model as well as with the new direct supervision philosophies.

I respectfully request technical assistance through your agency to help us develop training curriculum for our custody staff. This discussion will examine local wholesystem application of the TJC model, discussion of IPC, MI, IBM, leadership and will include a detailed examination of how to integrate TJC activities with day-to-day corrections practices such as classification, inmate discipline, and direct supervision.

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Once the curriculum is developed, I envision the initial training to focus on teaching the trainers in the delivery model so that we have the capacity to continue the training of both our current and future staff.

Specifically, I am requesting two separate two-day on-site visits, with the first visit to focus on the curriculum development and on teaching the trainers in the delivery model and provide co-facilitated practical delivery of the model application in live training sessions to ensure fidelity to the process.

This process would also include up to two (2) web ex discussions prior to the first site visit with the Santa Barbara core leadership team to develop and revise the curriculum framework and may include up to two (2) web ex discussions prior to the second site visit to finalize curriculum delivery and to familiarize prospective trainers with the curriculum.

The onsite process would include the following:

Site visit #1

- Day 1 Conduct training/workshop with the entire leadership team of the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office, and would include a feedback session.
- Day 2 Meeting with core leadership to discuss debrief/feedback and consider curriculum revision based upon feedback with leaders at the end of day 1.

Onsite visit #2

- Day 1 Conduct train the trainer workshop with all prospective trainers and identified members of the core leadership team. This session would include a discussion and feedback session with trainers.
- Day 2- Co-facilitate training with new SBSO trainers delivering the curriculum to SBSO custody staff. This session would include a discussion and feedback with the trainers and leadership team.
- Finalize training plan that will allow delivery of the new curriculum in concert with the forthcoming inmate behavioral management and direct supervision training for all staff.

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I believe this curriculum development and training delivery process will improve our agency programming and new facility operations by refining the delivery of our staff-training program as we begin to prepare for the opening of our new facilities.

I would expect that the facilitators providing the technical assistance would be experts in the area of the TJC model and would have a working knowledge of Santa Barbara County's reentry processes. Our TJC initiative advisors, Gary Christensen and Kevin Warwick, would be a good match for this process.

Our contact person for this process is Tim McWilliams, Lieutenant, 4436-A Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA 93110. Phone: 805-681-4047, email: tfm2204@sbsheriff.org.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

BILL BROWN

Sheriff - Coroner