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Hi Supervisors,

Prop. 47 failed miserably – did nothing to improve the big cities for which it was intended. Nor is there any attachment explaining why “these enhanced services will reduce time spent in detention, avoid unnecessary psychiatric visits to emergency rooms, reduce unnecessary admissions to psychiatric hospitals, increase engagement into treatment, and increase public safety” here if it didn’t for so many other cities.

Moreover, according to the equity statement, the program will be administered by a “Local Advisory Committee comprised of diverse subject-matter experts and community members with lived experience. This approach ensures that the voices of those most affected by disparities are integral to informing and evaluating the program throughout its entire lifecycle.” But then the Sustainability statement says it will treat individuals but “protect the health and well-being of everyone in the region.” All this without saying how.

To me, it sounds like the Local Advisors know the local conditions and will probably keep the money local probably without meaning to.

So, three strikes: Prop. 47 increased the crime rate, then the documents submitted initiative don’t say what conditions there are on the grant, and then taxpayer money is likely to benefit only certain people. It feels like a lot of you just can’t let go of a failed experiment. The only part I like about this is the telehealth stuff, recommendation 2, which everyone can use – I would think.

Regards,

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