

# ATTACHMENT

For Item

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Tuesday,  
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PUBLIC COMMUNICATION RECEIVED BY THE  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

**20. SUBJECT: SUPPORTING CARE COORDINATION FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS: REPORT ON POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IMPACTING DATA SHARING**

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Chair Vargas and members of the board: My name is Tom Packard and I'm a member of Showing Up For Racial Justice-North County and a professor emeritus in social work at SDSU.

I appreciate the work that your staff and others have done on this process to ensure comprehensive data sharing across public safety and human service systems. An essential area of data integration is at Intercept 1, where individuals facing a behavioral health crisis call 911 or 988 and are assessed for a referral to law enforcement, MCRT, or PERT. I encourage you to direct staff to place a high priority on getting all the law enforcement dispatch staffs to provide anonymous data on all calls on which they assess for possible MCRT response. I believe your MOAs with all the jurisdictions allow for that. In order to fully evaluate the MCRT, data to document the use of the six screening criteria for MCRT will be essential to see how the criteria are used to aid dispatcher decision making, and to see if proper decisions were made to refer or not refer to MCRT. These data systems need to be linked with behavioral health data to properly track vulnerable people from an initial contact by law enforcement to an ultimate outcome which includes stable permanent housing after all necessary services have been fully delivered.

Thank you for your leadership and support of this process and for your attention.