

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 7**

**SUBJECT: UPDATE OF THE PROGRESS ON ENACTING EMERGENCY MEASURES IN  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY JAILS TO PREVENT FURTHER DEATHS  
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On August 16, 2022 (23) the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed a series of actions focused on supporting the Sheriff's Department in fulfilling the County's duty of providing sufficient care for incarcerated persons. The approved actions included emergency measures designed to keep individuals safe from drug overdoses in San Diego County jails. Among the measures were the expeditious roll out of staffing incentives, exploration of innovative strategies to promote security and wellness, and the acquisition of the latest body scanner technology and other investments to support the Sheriff's efforts to intercept and interdict dangerous drugs, especially fentanyl, from entering the jail system.

Today's requested action is for the Board to receive the Sheriff's Department's update on the progress regarding efforts to implement emergency measures designated to keep individuals safe from overdoses.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**SHERIFF**

Receive the Sheriff's update on progress regarding efforts to implement emergency measures designed to keep individuals safe from overdoses.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Sheriff's Department prioritizes the health and safety of those in custody, which requires proactive and continuous screening of individuals coming into jail facilities to ensure the safety of incarcerated persons, detention facility staff, and visitors. The Sheriff's Department is employing the integration of technology in County facilities to increase the level of care and safeguard the health and wellbeing of all incarcerated persons. Technology will be pursued to enhance screening capabilities at the time of intake and in housing units to prevent drugs and contraband from being introduced into the facilities. The requested action to pursue innovative strategies will ensure we consider diverse methods of providing a secure and humane environment for incarcerated persons and keeps all who live or work in the facilities safe.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action to implement additional measures to protect incarcerated persons and improve staffing contribute to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal to provide just and equitable access. Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) is among the programs that Sheriff's Department has implemented that deliver evidence-based care and advance equity in treatment access and quality. MAT provides a safe and controlled level of medication to help individuals overcome the use of opioids. After beginning MAT in the detention setting, clinical personnel provide linkages to a continuum of care in the community upon the patients' release from custody in coordination with Behavioral Health Services. The goal of MAT is full recovery, including the ability to live a self-directed life.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

While there is no fiscal impact for today's recommendation, the fiscal impact associated with amendments to the Compensation Ordinance approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 16, 2022 (11) and August 30, 2022 (16) will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$11.7 million for the Sheriff's Department in the current fiscal year. These costs will be absorbed by existing funding. Ongoing costs will be included in future Operational Plans. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

There will be future fiscal impacts for the purchase of additional body scanners. This request would result in an estimated cost of approximately \$1.0 million in one-time costs. Funding for the costs will need to be identified; the Sheriff's Department will monitor its budget and return to the Board with mid-year action to adjust the budget as necessary and/or incorporate future budgets as funding becomes available. If necessary, staff will return to the Board for consideration and approval of any other future fiscal impacts that may result from the recommendations. Upon potential return by staff, funding for future costs will need to be identified by the department and will proceed once identified. At this time, there will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Fletcher, Desmond

NOT PRESENT: Lawson-Remer

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County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



**Signed**  
**by** Andrew Potter

