

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 11

**SUBJECT: PROBATION - SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
REALIGNMENT (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

San Diego County's juvenile justice system has been undergoing a significant transformation to adopt national best practices in supporting justice-involved young people. On September 30, 2020, the State enacted Senate Bill (SB) 823 to close the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) facilities and realign responsibilities to the counties for the detention of justice-involved youth. Youth committed ("sentenced") for the most serious offenses are often housed at DJJ facilities for specialized programming and public safety. SB 823 authorizes counties to house youth described in this legislation in local custody until age 25 and provides funding to support evidence-informed programming that supports youth success.

The legislation required counties to establish a subcommittee of their Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council to create implementation plans. Membership of the subcommittee, as guided by state law, includes the Chief Probation Officer, serving as the Chair, the Juvenile Court, the District Attorney and Public Defender Offices, Health and Human Services Agency, the San Diego County Office of Education, individuals with lived youth justice system experience, and community stakeholders. The Coordinating Council's SB 823 Subcommittee met on eight (8) occasions this calendar year to analyze data trends and seek input for programs and services that should be provided to youth who will remain in County custody, rather than transferring to a state facility, pursuant to Senate Bill 823.

The implementation plan must be submitted to the State's Office of Youth and Community Restoration by December 31, 2021, for counties to remain eligible for future State funding.

Today's action is a request for the Board of Supervisors to receive the SB 823 implementation plan. The plan identifies the need to contract for supportive services including family transportation, career and academic support services, positive youth development programming, behavioral health treatment programming, and reentry support. The plan also identifies long-term needs for post-high school academic and career development services. Further, today's request will authorize the Department of Purchasing and Contracting to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide supportive services to youth in custody.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Receive the County of San Diego's Senate Bill 823 Implementation Plan.
2. In accordance with Section 401, Article XIII of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for supportive services to youth in custody and to support their reentry into the community, and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award a contract for a term of three (3) years, with two (2) option years and up to an additional six (6) months if needed, subject to the availability of funds and a need for services, and to amend the contract as needed to reflect changes to services and funding that do not materially impact or alter the program, subject to the approval of the Chief Probation Officer.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Senate Bill 823 makes substantial changes to California's juvenile justice system. Youth of color are overrepresented in the juvenile justice system and previous strategies to address treatment and rehabilitation have not always been inclusive of lived experience. The implementation plan includes feedback from community stakeholders and individuals who were previously involved in the justice system. Eight (8) public meetings were held to receive input. Clinical and cognitive behavioral interventions have been demonstrated to support youth in successfully exiting the justice system. Linkages to community colleges for traditional academic and career technical education will promote sustainable and high paying jobs. The Request for Proposals to provide positive youth development services will include specific hiring standards for the prior justice-involved population, inclusion of youth voice into programming, and culturally responsive services. The inclusion of transportation services and incentive payments for families will promote youth connections with caring adults and aid in their successful completion of programming. Probation will include equity measures in a future contract to ensure youth are achieving success at similar levels. In addition, use of an outside evaluator will support juvenile justice partners in determining success and opportunities for improvement.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with the requested actions in the current fiscal year. Funds for this request will be included in the Fiscal Year 2022-24 CAO Recommended Operational Plan and future years Operational Plans for the Probation Department to support contracted services to youth in custody. Staff will return to the Board to establish additional appropriations if necessary.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

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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



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