

MEETING DATE: February 15, 2024

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TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Proposition 47 Grant, Cohort II: Statewide Evaluation Findings 2019-2023: **Information Only**

Summary

This information item provides a summary of the Proposition 47 Cohort II grant program evaluation administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections. Cohort II began in August 2019 and ended May 2023, except for five grantees who accepted a no-cost, one-year extension. During that time, 21 grantees provided more than 21,000 individuals with services, including mental health services, substance use disorder treatment and diversion programs. For the individuals who identified housing or employment as a goal, homelessness and unemployment rates were markedly lower at program completion relative to program enrollment. The statewide recidivism rate for Proposition 47 Cohort II participants was lower than the statewide average, suggesting that participants who received services through this grant program may be less likely to recidivate.

The attached presentation (Attachment D-1) and statewide evaluation report (Attachment D-2) highlight results and progress made by the Cohort II grant recipients toward providing services to individuals with a history of mental health and/or substance-use disorder issues who were or are involved in the justice system.

Background

Pursuant to Proposition 47, a 2014 voter-approved initiative to reduce penalties and encourage rehabilitation for people who commit lower-level crimes, this grant provides funding for mental health services, substance-use disorder treatment and diversion programs for people in the justice system. Grantees may also provide housing-related assistance and other community-based supportive services, including job skills training, case management and civil legal services. The grant funds projects that serve both adults and juveniles.

The Proposition 47 Cohort II grant period began on August 15, 2019, and concluded May 15, 2023. The statewide evaluation of the Cohort II grant compiled participant information from the 21 grantees, including demographics, services received, and program outcomes. Three outcome measures were examined: 1) change in housing status for participants who indicated housing was a goal, 2) change in employment status for participants who identified employment as a goal, and 3) recidivism rates after program enrollment. Variations in recidivism rates based on demographic information, participation status, and housing and employment status at program completion were also examined.

Attachments

- D-1: Proposition 47 Grant, Cohort II: Statewide Evaluation Findings 2019-2023 PowerPoint presentation
- D-2: Proposition 47 Cohort II: Statewide Evaluation Report