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SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION

In April 2011, the California Legislature passed the Public Safety Realignment Act (Assembly Bills 109 and 117), which created a significant change to the California correctional system. Specifically, the Realignment Act transferred responsibility for incarcerating, supervising, and treating lower-level inmates and parolees from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to the counties. Implementation took effect on October 1, 2011.

The tenets of the Realignment Act require that the state and counties use a data-driven approach to balance public safety and reduce recidivism. To accomplish this, a concerted effort has been made to invest in community corrections, evidence-based re-entry programs and services, as well as, using alternative custody options.

This update, in conjunction with the annual Community Corrections Partnership Survey, affirms that San Bernardino County (County) continues to embrace the tenets of the Realignment Act and strives to implement innovative ways to reduce recidivism, foster public safety, and provide a path for our clients to become productive members of society.

San Bernardino County Community Corrections Partnership (CCP):

The fourteen-member CCP collaborates to prepare and develop an implementation plan (Plan) that will enable the County to meet the goals of the Realignment Act. The Plan is then voted on and approved by the CCP's Executive Committee who then provides recommendations to the County Board of Supervisors (Board). The Plan is deemed accepted unless the Board rejects the Plan with a four-fifths vote.

The CCP Executive Committee is currently comprised of the following:

- Chief Probation Officer (Chairperson)
- Chief of Police
- Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator
- District Attorney
- Public Defender
- Presiding Judge of the Superior Court or his/her designee
- Head of the Department of Social Services

SECTION 2

FISCAL INFORMATION – Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23

The CCP approved allocation in the amount of \$122.8 million for 2022-23, which was distributed by the CCP amongst the member agencies with the understanding that all agencies are to provide a quarterly report on the financial activity and use of the realignment funds. The budgetary allocations were as follows:

Agency	2022-23 One-time AB109 Funding	2022-23 Ongoing AB109 Allocation	2022-23 Total AB109 Funding
Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator	620,000	62,463,639	63,083,639
Probation	671,875	45,566,006	46,237,881
District Attorney	1,200,000	4,528,813	5,728,813
Public Defender		3,125,493	3,125,493
Human Services (DBH and others)		6,652,233	6,652,233
Workforce Development		285,096	285,096
Law & Justice Group Administration		190,064	190,064
Total	2,491,875	122,811,344	125,303,219

SECTION 3

PROBATION

Research supports that a combination of systematic interventions and evidenced-based practices culminate in an overall reduction of recidivism. This premise represents a primary goal of the Probation Department's (Probation) community corrections efforts. While there continues to be challenges, such as the number of clients with increased diverse criminogenic and sociogenic needs, Probation remains dedicated to the mission of protecting the community by assisting clients in becoming productive members of society. Probation achieves this through progressive supervision strategies, proactive rehabilitative efforts, and collaborative efforts with stakeholders.

REALIGNMENT SERVICES PROVIDED:

- **Day Reporting Centers (DRCs)**: Located in the three main regions of the County (Central, West Valley, and High Desert), the DRCs represent a multi-agency collaboration designed to reduce recidivism by identifying and addressing the factors that can often lead to re-offending. In essence, these centers are a "one-stop" concept that offers a variety of comprehensive treatment services to assist clients in successfully transitioning back into the community.

Each DRC provides opportunities for clients to receive services that address concerns such as substance abuse, physical and mental health issues, finding and maintaining employment, and resources for family needs. Probation Officers located at the DRCs play a significant role in coordinating services. A critical component for Probation Officers in the success of DRC functions is developing a rapport with clients and being part of a more significant support group. Other County agencies co-located at the DRCs include the following:

- Department of Behavioral Health (Behavioral Health),
- Transitional Assistance
- Workforce Development
- Department of Public Health

For example, the Department of Public Health has a Health Specialist assigned to the DRCs. This specialist provides educational services that include:

- Nutrition/Diabetes Management
- Tobacco, Alcohol, and Substance Abuse Education
- Basic Hygiene
- Sexually Transmitted Disease Education

Each DRC is also assigned a Correctional Nurse that provides additional medical services, including:

- Basic medical triage
- Blood pressure checks
- Diabetic checks
- Assistance with obtaining prescribed medications

- Physician referrals
- Dental referrals

Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and contracted agencies are also utilized at the DRCs to augment the available resources.

DRC functions include, but are not limited to, the following program components:

- Orientation upon release from prison or county jail
- Classification via an evidenced-based risk and assessment tool
- Development of a comprehensive treatment plan
- Daily check-in with DRC staff
- Individualized and group counseling
- Substance abuse and alcohol testing
- Anger management
- Domestic violence curriculum
- Cognitive and Life Skills Development
- Parenting and family reintegration
- Health screenings
- Educational services and GED preparation
- Budgeting and money management
- Vocational training
- Work programs
- Discharge planning
- Aftercare
- **Supervision:** In addition to the need for providing services and resources, Probation is also responsible for continuing supervision of offenders in the community and ensuring they meet their required terms and conditions. Over the years, with the increase in the community corrections population, as well as the diversity of client needs, Probation has continued to develop several specialty supervision units to address specific areas of concern and to better allow for targeted supervision based on particular risks and needs. These include, but are not limited to:
 - Mental Health Supervision
 - Treatment Courts
 - DUI
 - Domestic Violence
 - Sex Offender
 - Homeless Outreach/Housing

ACCOMPLISHMENTS – FY 2021-22:

- **Veterans Treatment Court:** A collaboration between the Veteran’s Court/Treatment Court teams, the facilitation of classes began under the Courage to Change Curriculum for Veteran clients. The Classes are a 16-part series, typically three classes per week with approximately five students in each class, wherein each client is evaluated to determine their specific needs. The curriculum is then tailored to the individual.

- **Vocational Welding Program:** There were 26 graduates from the Welding certification program this year. The Welding Trailer is a mobile program that provides clients with the opportunity to earn industry recognized certifications throughout all areas of the County; including Joshua Tree, Victor Valley/Desert area, West Valley, and San Bernardino Central.
- **GED/HS Diploma through 5 Keys Charter School (5 Keys):** There were 12 graduates who earned their degrees across all County regions. Despite COVID restrictions in classrooms, Probation and 5 Keys worked together to adjust and adapt to ensure students were still receiving educational services.
- **DRC Council:** The DRC Council is a representative focus group of Probation clients who meet quarterly to provide Probation with valuable insight regarding needs and services. The purpose of the DRC Council is to receive practical input to improve the quality of services, determine services that are not already provided that would be beneficial, and review barriers that prevent Probation clients from receiving services currently being offered.
- **Implementation of Optional Virtual Services and Classes:** Flexibility of virtual options allows for clients with various barriers to still receive rehabilitative services. Classes are in conjunction with various County partner agencies and include, but are not limited to, anger management, parenting classes, employment readiness, healthy life choices, and cognitive journaling.
- **Mobile Tattoo Removal Pilot Program:** This is a mobile program that covers all areas of the County and allows Probation clients who wish to have tattoos removed for improved confidence in their appearance. This opportunity can often provide a chance at a new life by allowing access to additional opportunities for employment and education that may have been prevented previously by their choice of body art.
- **DRC Resource Fairs:** These are held quarterly and are rotating resource fairs that take place in each region to help provide a range of services and resources for clients. The focus is different for each fair and includes, among other things: educational services only, job fairs and job placement where clients can get hired that day, and Health & Wellness.
- **Linking Homeless Clients to Housing Opportunities:** From October 2021 through October 2022, Probation has provided temporary housing to approximately 495 clients.

- **Homeless Outreach Events:** Officers from the Homeless Outreach Unit planned, coordinated, and participated in numerous events throughout the year to help “at risk” community members stabilize themselves through treatment and services offered. A sampling of such events include:
 - Shelter Court: A collaboration between Probation and the Courts wherein a temporary courtroom is set up in a local community location to allow homeless clients the ability to deal with outstanding court concerns. During the last year Shelter Courts were held in areas in San Bernardino, Victorville, and Redlands with a total of 566 cases heard and 174 clients seen.
 - Resources Fairs were held in the cities of Fontana and Colton.
 - Participation in the Point in Time Count.
 - Participation in the Oro Grande Wash Clean Up.
 - Providing resources and housing opportunities during the 340 W. 4th Street Building closure in conjunction with San Bernardino City Deputy Director of Housing & Homelessness and City of San Bernardino Community & Economic Development.
 - Participation in Feed the Hungry Homeless Event with the County Behavioral Health, County Community Action Partnership, and Ministerios Rey de Gloria.

GOALS - FY 2022-23:

1. Continue to advance toward implementation of County Multi-Dimensional Anti-Recidivism Partnership (MAP). MAP is a comprehensive multidimensional rehabilitative and community integration program that seeks to develop long-term, self-sustaining, social, and independent living skills among justice involved individuals through treatment, vocational training, and personal development opportunities.
2. Continue to increase accessibility for clients to vocational/educational programs at the DRCs and through frequent collaboration with external partners, Community Based Organizations, and other qualified agencies.
3. Continue to decrease the potential for recidivism in the justice involved homeless population by linking them to housing opportunities and conducting homeless outreach events throughout the County.

SECTION 4

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

The Choosing Healthy Options to Instill Change and Empowerment (CHOICE) program provides mental health services to probationers with severe mental illness (SMI) within the County. The CHOICE program is co-located in the three County Probation DRCs in Fontana, San Bernardino, and Victorville, as well as in the Probation office in Barstow. CHOICE also offers intensive mental health treatment for those probationers deemed as needing a higher level of care in the Adult Forensic Services (AFS) Clinic, located in Colton. The CHOICE Program design enables a “one stop shop” where probation and behavioral health service needs are met at one location. The CHOICE program provides behavioral health services to our probation populations to support and encourage seamless transitions into their communities, promoting overall health and success for each individual probationer we serve.

CHOICE is funded through the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Behavioral Health allocation of AB109 funding, serving the probationers located throughout the West Valley Region of the County. Mental health services include, but are not limited to, screening and assessment, development of individualized recovery plans, individual and group therapy, crisis intervention, and case management services. The CCP funds also support supplemental substance use disorder screening, referrals and linkage and educational groups in the Joshua Tree Probation Office through the Triage Engagement Support Teams (TEST) program.

Last year, Behavioral Health planned on adjusting the staffing and service levels offered at the Barstow location, as there are other Behavioral Health Mental Health (MH) and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment programs within an one-mile radius of the Barstow Probation Office that offer a myriad of MH and SUD services to the Barstow Community. This year, MH and SUD screening and referral services for the Barstow population are being provided by Victorville DRC staff, utilizing telehealth when necessary to assess and link Barstow Probationers to indicated behavioral health services and reincorporate the previous CCP funds back into the overall CHOICE program.

FY 21/22	Total Number of Referrals	Mental Health Assessments Completed	MH Active Caseload	Transportations for CHOICE/DRCS	SUD Assessments Completed by DRCs	SUD Active Caseload
July-21	178	33	214	195	8	26
August-21	229	35	221	246	11	20
September-21	249	34	233	237	21	17
October-21	217	34	225	193	6	13
November-21	169	22	230	211	7	14
December-21	158	22	239	237	2	12
January-22	228	27	236	170	1	13
February-22	236	43	231	242	4	13
March-22	299	32	251	442	7	13
April-22	232	32	241	468	7	10
May-22	260	35	260	277	8	16
June-22	256	29	249	412	6	14
AVERAGE	225.9	31.5	235.8	277.5	7.3	15.1

FY 22/23	Total Number of Referrals	Mental Health Assessments Completed	MH Active Caseload	Transportations for CHOICE/DRCS	SUD Assessments Completed by DRCs	SUD Active Caseload
July-22	253	27	248	345	6	12
August-22	222	23	244	374	9	13
September-22	250	38	248	252	13	15
October-22	252	34	274	392	9	24
AVERAGE	244.3	30.5	253.5	340.8	9.3	16.0

SECTION 5

SHERIFF/CORONER/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

In the decade since passage of AB109, the County Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator (Sheriff) jail system has faced many AB109 related challenges. In response to the changing inmate population, the Sheriff has continued growing the services offered to current and formerly incarcerated persons, their families, and communities. These services will continue to expand moving forward to ensure public safety and a prosperous future for all residents of the County.

FY2021-22 Highlights

Mental Health Services

While the Sheriff grew through the challenges of AB109, the greatest shift came in the need to increase mental health services. In 2016, the Sheriff contracted with Liberty Healthcare Corporation (Liberty) to provide full-time staff to deliver Correctional Mental Health Services in the jail system. In 2020, Liberty developed a staffing plan to deliver quality mental health services, increasing staffing numbers to appropriately accommodate the size of the jail system.

West Valley Detention Center (WVDC) has seen beds designated to house seriously mentally ill inmates rise from approximately 80 beds in 2013 to over 1,000 beds today. As of November of 2022, 1,022 beds are set aside to house seriously mentally ill inmates in various classifications. With a rated total capacity of 3,315, 30% of WVDC is designated for seriously mentally ill housing. In 2021, Liberty staff focused on services provided during the intake process. It is now standard practice to screen each individual for mental health needs at the time of booking, rather than waiting for a referral from medical staff. This updated screening process allows risk assessment to take place immediately for correct housing and mental health care services, appropriate medication management, and case management to start as soon as an individual is booked.

In addition to more robust intake related services, Liberty increased access to various mental health services, offering group sessions with the Seriously Mentally Ill and Seriously Mentally Ill Lockdown populations, one-on-one therapeutic encounters with licensed clinicians and psychiatrists, and assisted with meeting appropriate housing needs for the population. With the increase in these services came a need for added security from Deputy Sheriffs (Deputies) assigned to the jail system. At the beginning of 2020, Liberty had 12 Deputies assigned to assist with the safety and security of mental health staff. As of the end of 2021, there were 26 Deputies assigned to assist Liberty, and a total of 33 Deputies and one Sergeant assigned to support various mental health roles.

Population Management Unit (PMU)

For more than six months in 2020-21, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) stopped accepting people sentenced to state prison leaving these

individuals in county jails to serve their state prison sentence. As a result, the PMU expanded the early release criteria to allow AB109 inmates with as many as 180 days remaining on their sentence to be released.

In late 2021 and early 2022, as COVID-19 restrictions waned, CDCR returned to accepting sentenced inmates. As a result, for population management needs, early releases take place with inmates who have 60 days or less remaining on their sentences as of November of 2022.

Community Service and Reentry Division

On July 3, 2021, the Sheriff formed the Community Service and Reentry Division (CSRD). CSRD aims to look at rehabilitation holistically, offering intensive psychotherapeutic, vocational, and self-development programming while inmates are in custody, as well as providing former inmates with continued programming and services following their return to the community. CSRD continued through a growth and reorganization phase during 2021-22.

Several 2021-22 goals outlined in the previous AB109 plan were met, including:

- (1) Increase social service staff working with justice involved population. CSRD started 2021-22 with only one Social Worker to serve the entire county jail system. As of November 2022, that staff has grown to four. One Social Worker has now been assigned to reentry services, while the remaining three continue to provide general supportive services.
- (2) Develop programs with the PMU to allow for program-based housing. During 2021-22, PMU and CSRD worked together on the development of a special housing area designated for sentenced inmates participating in reentry programs. These inmates were also flagged in the Sheriff's computer system to alert staff if the inmates are program participants. This ensured inmates were not moved around the jail system without good cause, as doing so disrupted rehabilitative programming.
- (3) Develop a relationship with Helping Hearts to provide housing for justice involved persons with mental illness following their release from jail. On July 27, 2022, after a year of relationship building, the Inmate Welfare Committee approved \$225,000 in funding for Helping Hearts services. A contract for these services is currently in development with placement services planned to begin in the first quarter of 2023.
- (4) Secure an outside location for community-facing services. During 2021-22, CSRD secured office space at a location in San Bernardino where other reentry services are collocated. The Family Attachment Interventions Through Healing Solutions (FAITHS) team works out of this facility on out-of-custody programming for former inmates following their release.

CSRSD's outreach operations include the Homeless Outreach Proactive Enforcement (HOPE) team and the Sheriffs Transitional Assistance Reentry Team (START). These teams continue to work with those experiencing homelessness or undertreated mental health and substance use disorders, whether in the field or during incarceration.

During 2021-22, the HOPE team worked collaboratively with Probation to assist justice involved persons experiencing homelessness, some of whom are AB109 probationers. The team's Probation Officer is able to immediately connect qualified AB109 probationers to available services. The 2022 Point in Time Count shows 22% of homeless individuals contacted were incarcerated in the past year, and the HOPE team continues to work to assist this population with connection to services

Efforts to impact the homeless realigned population is one of the many missions of the START team. Several months into 2021-22, at the request of CSRSD and Sheriff management, START began tracking their contact with realigned inmates. As of November 2022, START provided services to 106 AB109 realigned persons, both during their incarceration and following their release, which included transportation to probation offices and behavioral health providers, vital document services, bus passes, and more.

The Inmate Services Unit (ISU) of CSRSD is responsible for education, self-development, and spiritual needs of the incarcerated population. ISU has continued to build on programming designed to serve the needs of an incarcerated population that, because of AB109 and other statutory changes, face longer custody times than county jails were originally designed to accommodate and are more criminally sophisticated.

During 2021-22, ISU staff developed and launched a data survey instrument used by programming staff to collect data on inmates requesting services. Data collected is used to analyze programming and supportive service needs and develop additional pathways to assist this population.

Also, during 2021-22, ISU social work staff received training in Medi-Cal enrollment procedures. CSRSD Social Workers received certification as "application assisters" for Medi-Cal Enrollment and gained authority to enroll inmates into CalFresh as their release date nears. As 2022-23 began, CSRSD and the Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) completed a data sharing MOU in furtherance of the goal of connecting eligible inmates to community support at the time of their release. This MOU is the first of its kind, between IEHP and a public safety agency, to help ensure a smoother transition back into the community for those in need of housing and other IEHP eligible support.

Family Attachment Intervention Through Healing Solutions (FAITHS)

During 2020-21, the Sheriff entered into a partnership with three area universities to bring the FAITHS program to the incarcerated population. FAITHS operates under the umbrella of CSRSD. The program delivers evidence based, psychotherapeutic rehabilitative programming to the justice involved population, both during incarceration and following their return to the community. While FAITHS was initially funded by the Inmate Welfare Fund, it is now fully supported by AB109 funds. During 2021-22, FAITHS

staff served 441 participants across multiple forms of rehabilitative programming. During the first quarter of 2022-23, 231 participants enrolled in various FAITHS programming and there have been 141 successful completions from class cycle programming at varying levels of recidivism risk (low, moderate, high, and very high).

During 2021-22, the Custody to Community (C2C) pilot program was launched. This program screened and released certain inmates into community-based custody with GPS monitoring and rehabilitative programming continued following their release. Since its launch, the program has been further refined to include more participant assessments and out of custody programming, once limited to 30 days pursuant to PC 4025.5, which has now been extended to six weeks thanks to FAITHS receiving AB109 funding. During the pilot period, 25 in-custody inmates participated in C2C, with ten participants successfully completing their ankle-monitoring period and another ten participants on track to complete their ankle-monitoring period.

C2C is showing strong promise throughout the pilot phase. Of the 20 successful completions, 1,116 days that otherwise would have been spent in custody were instead served in community-based custody under our GPS supervision. At a daily bed rate of approximately \$177, the successfully served days alone equate to a savings of approximately \$197,532 in custody expenses. Although, perhaps the decrease in recidivism in this group is more significant. Staff reviewed the arrest history for each of the 20 successful candidates for the year prior to the arrest that led them to C2C. This group was responsible for 49 separate arrests in that period. Since participating in C2C, that same group has been responsible for 3 arrests. Two of those three arrests were one individual with a misdemeanor drug warrant stemming from before his time in custody. Only one new charge has been generated by this group.

To illustrate C2C effectiveness, FAITHS has received Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval from Cal State University San Bernardino to facilitate, author, and publish research involving over 10 different behavioral assessments on the upcoming C2C cohorts in 2022-23 and 2023-24. FAITHS staff intend to refine C2C rehabilitative practices to expand available C2C cohorts and/or implement community-based supervision programming to pursue diversionary programming alternatives.

In 2022, several FAITHS staff were certified as Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS) Lead Trainers and have certified 46 staff members within Sheriff. FAITHS intends to consistently train any incoming interns and interested Sheriff staff to promote assessment sustainability in going forward. In further collaboration with California Baptist University, FAITHS has submitted an application to Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Gather Assess Integrate Network Stimulate (GAINS) Center to facilitate "How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses" Train-the-Trainer to begin facilitating trainings in 2022-23.

Finally, FAITHS launched the Pregnancy Support Group and Throughcare Coalition during 2021-22. The Pregnancy Support Group blends FAITHS and Maternal Health Network (MHN) material to support incarcerated females experiencing pregnancy, whether prenatal or postpartum. The Throughcare Coalition aims to provide a platform

for public and private entities to connect and collaboratively develop better reentry practices and prepare partners for CalAIM changes ahead.

Goals 2022-23

CSRSD continues to grow and work toward a wider range of programs and services for the hardest to serve populations. In 2022-23, CSRSD will work to further align the goals of outreach operations with the larger goals of the division and department. These goals include reducing the cycle of arrest and release of high utilizers, working to positively impact the unhoused population and connect them to additional services, and continuing to build in-custody programs aimed at increasing successful reentry. CSRSD is also working on launching further collaborations to assist those experiencing homelessness and high utilizers of the justice system and other public services.

High utilizer intervention programs will be at the forefront in 2022-23. Once the contract for housing services with Helping Hearts is completed, CSRSD staff will begin to work directly with the 100 most commonly arrested persons across the County. Efforts will include staff working inside and outside the jail system who will attempt to engage these high utilizers at every opportunity with the ultimate goal of diverting them out of the criminal justice system and into stabilization and treatment paths.

In 2022-23, CSRSD will work toward partnerships with the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (SBCFPD) and Behavioral Health to develop and implement services to assist unhoused residents and those in mental health crisis. Current partnerships include additional K9 support and SBCFPD Paramedic partners to supplement the HOPE team and the creation of a Community Outreach and Support Team (COAST). The COAST team is envisioned to offer a specially trained, multiagency team to work with those in mental health crisis or pre-crisis with a goal of rapid connection to services and reduced strain on public safety resources.

Within custody operations, CSRSD staff will continue working toward a large-scale deployment of tablet computers to the incarcerated population. This 2021-22 goal was not achieved and remains a goal in 2022-23. Tablet computers will offer a large increase to educational and religious programming for the entire incarcerated population, provide increased access to law library services, and move almost all inmate mail to a digital format, creating staffing efficiencies and reducing the flow of drugs into the jail.

In addition, in 2022-23, FAITHS staff will continue to expand their programming and anticipates developing and implement substance abuse classes, expand services designed to strengthen fatherhood engagement, and continue to collect and analyze data in response to County Board of Supervisor's Resolution 2020-103, affirming that racism is a public health crisis. FAITHS staff is also working toward expanding internship opportunities to additional colleges and universities creating a larger and more diverse pool of interns from which to draw.

SECTION 6

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

The AB109 allocation funds a number of positions at the District Attorney's Office (DA) to accomplish the DA's goals:

Deputy District Attorneys – A total of three (3) positions have been funded since 2012 to ensure adequate staffing for Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and Parole Revocation Hearings. The volume for these hearings steadily increased following the passage of AB109. As the DA reported in 2012, the average number of hearings was 155 per month. In 2013, it more than doubled to 365 hearings per month. After July 1, 2013, when parole revocation became an activity handled by the DA, the department started to experience increases averaging 385 hearings per month. These cases have continued to increase annually, as have caseloads resulting from individuals previously sentenced to prison who now receive sentences of probation or county prison.

Office Assistant III – A total of six (6) positions have been funded since 2012. Since 2012, the DA has utilized AB109 funding for Office Assistant III positions to handle PRCS and Parole Hearings, as caseloads increase and since cases are not settling at formerly experienced rates. These positions also assist victims of crime through various processes, including processing documents for reimbursements as a result of victimization. While case filings are increasing, cases are not settling at the same rate as had occurred prior to the passage of AB109. Specifically, due to jail overcrowding, defendants and their attorneys are opting to take matters to trial or further litigate matters, possibly with the knowledge that of limited available jail spaces. At times, matters will progress further toward trial simply because of disagreements between parties, as to sending a defendant to state prison versus county jail/prison.

Victim Advocate II – Four (4) positions have been funded since 2012. Victim Advocates provide support to victims of crime both in-court and in other capacities. With the jail overcrowding described above, defendants in cases involving victims of crime that would normally be housed in state prison can now potentially be sent to county prison. This increased population in local jails means that in cases of traditionally lower-severity victim crimes (such as many domestic violence cases), defendants are released sooner than they would otherwise have been prior to the imposition of AB109. Victim Advocates within the DA spend additional time explaining court processes, the current status (i.e., capacity issues) of the jail system, and the likelihood of defendants being released earlier, as a result. Additionally, Victim Advocates assist victims of crime in registering for the National Victim Notification Network (VINELink) program. Victim Advocates currently process more claims for assistance in shorter time-frames than they have done in the past (including processes for relocation of victims and other such services), given the possibility of early releases for defendants.

In March 2022, the DA received approval from the AB109 CCP Committee to fund three (3) Victim Advocate II positions to provide services to victims of crime and also ensure

compliance with Marsy's Law in advising victims of their rights, such as the right to receive notifications of defendant status changes from the Board of Parole. Two of the Victim Advocates will be assigned to the police victim advocacy program and work at city police departments and the third Victim Advocate has been assigned to the County Sheriff's because the Sheriff does not currently employ their own victim advocates. These programs allow the DA to provide services to victims of crime sooner than in the past.

Senior Investigators – A total of five (5) positions have been funded since 2013. A new component to the 2013 CCP plan was the inclusion of Senior Investigators. In 2013, five Senior Investigators were funded through CCP allocations. The direct purpose of these positions is to fill necessary trial preparation units related to matters going to trial. Senior Investigators are needed to conduct follow-up investigations on matters that are pending trial and service of subpoenas and transportation of witnesses. With the closure of the Needles and Barstow courts, victims with little or no transportation options (private or public transportation) struggle to travel from those locations to Victorville for court and to provide testimony statements without assistance. This same phenomenon existed with the closure of Chino and will arise again with the impending closure of the Fontana criminal courts.

Business System Analyst II - One position was added in 2014 and later reclassified to a Business System Analyst III (BSA). The purpose of the BSA position is to modify the DA's case management system to track activities related to AB109 more readily. This position continues to work on re-tooling the DA's new case management system to allow ongoing tracking. The Business Analyst position will coordinate the current expansion of the DA's reporting infrastructure. This includes SQL Server Reporting Services, SQL Server Integration Services, and SQL Server Analysis Services. The Business Analyst II position also developed Key Performance Indicator requirements for the Executive Management Dashboard; a tool that generates statistics and facts on current AB109-related operations for increased efficiency. The requirements will create business rules for real-time error and fact-checking capabilities.

Further assistance for Victims – in March 2022, the DA received approval from the AB109 CCP Committee to fund several new initiatives. The DA received funding for two (2) Accounting Technicians to locate and reestablish contact with victims of crime to distribute stale-dated Court-ordered restitution that has been collected from defendants. Over time, contact with victims can be lost when victims change names and move locations without leaving a forwarding address.

In addition, the DA is developing a portal to its new case management system for applicable County departments to research victims' contact information and for victims to provide their current contact information. If these County departments can reestablish contact with victims prior to the restitution becoming stale-dated, it will reduce the DA's workload to verify the restitution amount and locate the victims.

SECTION 7

PUBLIC DEFENDER

The Public Defender (PD) allocates its AB109 funding to improve the PD's client's ability to transition from county jail detention to the community. By strategically allocating human and technical resources, the PD seeks to avoid the release of clients into the community without access to appropriate resources and support services. To do so, PD attorneys identify vulnerable and underserved clients who may benefit from social services and supports. Attorneys then refer each client to PD's social service practitioner team which coordinates with service providers, such as Behavioral Health, Probation, and Veterans Affairs to assist clients with accessing housing resources, substance abuse programs, transportation services, health care, and other support services. The process requires significant information sharing, which, in part, is coordinated by PD's Office Assistants. By prioritizing early needs assessments, PD staff work diligently to connect clients to services when their vulnerabilities impede success.

PD's commitment to holistic representation enables its clients to begin the process of change. The holistic and client-centered approach facilitates early needs assessments, allowing clients to benefit from support services, diversion programs, and other opportunities to exit the criminal justice system and regain stability in the community. Knowledgeable, responsive, and experienced PD staff improve client well-being and provide a roadmap to access social services that will decrease recidivism and improve the safety of our communities. Realignment funds the process of change within PD's office.

SECTION 8

SUMMARY

As the State of California continues to transition to local agency responsibility for monitoring populations historically supervised by state entities, the CCP will continue to address changes as needed with the funding provided. Undoubtedly, this is a population with diverse and complicated needs, which often requires more and varied resources than the historical local community corrections population. As such, the County CCP will continue to monitor and adjust opportunities to provide the best service to all residents of the County. By addressing the holistic needs of individual justice involved adults and providing them the services and supervision most amenable to the successful reintegration into the community, the CCP will continue to work together to balance public safety and reduce recidivism.

County agencies and community stakeholders collaborate to provide these services and have developed unique and evidence-based solutions. It is the goal of the CCP to assist all justice involved persons with respect, to offer focused and appropriate services, and provide the opportunity for individuals to succeed in a pro-social manner.