



Mendocino County

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Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Including Acceptance of Presentation of the Mendocino County California Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan FY2021-22

(Sponsor: Probation)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Accept presentation of the Mendocino County California Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan FY2021-22.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

None.

Summary of Request:

On September 30, 2020, Senate Bill (SB) 823 was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom. Some of the SB 823 highlights include the cessation of intakes to the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and the eventual complete closure of DJJ, adjustment of the local age of jurisdiction for commitments, establishment of the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) and the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJRBG) program.

The DJJ provides education and trauma informed treatment to California's youthful offenders up to the age of 25 who have the most serious criminal background and most intense treatment needs. The bill initiated the closing of DJJ and realigned the responsibility for those youth formerly eligible for commitment to DJJ to the counties. Effective July 1, 2021, normal intake to DJJ ceased, transferring custodial care, supervision and rehabilitative needs and requirements to local jurisdictions. Until DJJ shuts its services entirely, youth already committed to DJJ can remain until completion of their program or the anticipated complete closure of all DJJ facilities on June 30, 2023. The bill also amended Welfare and Institutions Code Section 208.5 to extend the age of juvenile court jurisdiction and confinement up to age 23 or 25 for youth adjudicated for serious offenses.

Further, Senate Bill (SB) 92 was signed into law on May 14, 2021 by the Governor, which requires local courts to consider placement in local programs as an alternative to commitment to the DJJ. SB 92 also requires the DJJ to close on June 30, 2023 and requires the Director of DJJ to develop a plan for the transfer of

jurisdiction of youth remaining at DJJ. Some other SB 92 highlights includes: the establishment of secure youth treatment facilities for wards who are 14 years of age or older; requirement of the court to set a baseline term of confinement and a maximum term of confinement for youth committed to a secure track facility; requirement of the Judicial Council to develop and adopt a matrix of offense-based classifications to be applied by the juvenile courts in all counties, and; the requirement of the Department of Finance to allocate funds under the JJRBG by July 1st of each year.

Additionally, SB 823 established the JJRBG program providing funding allocations to counties based upon custody, care, and supervision of youth who are realigned to their originating counties from DJJ or who were otherwise eligible for commitment to DJJ. To be eligible for the JJRBG, counties are required to create a subcommittee of the multi-agency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) to develop the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Plan.

SB 823 created the OYCR, a new department within the Health and Human Service Agency to be effective July 1, 2021. The mission of the OYCR is to promote trauma responsive, culturally informed services for youth involved in the juvenile justice system that support the youths' successful transition into adulthood and help them become responsible, thriving and engaged member of their communities. In order for counties to receive JJRBG FY2022-23 funding the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Plan must be submitted to the OYCR by January 1, 2022. To continue to receive funding the plan must be submitted by May 1st each year following the initial submission.

The Mendocino County JJCC SB 823 Subcommittee was formed and the Mendocino County FY 2021-22 Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan was developed. This subcommittee submitted the Plan to the JJCC on September 24, 2021. The JJCC unanimously approved the Plan as submitted, authorized the Chief Probation Officer to present the Plan to the Board of Supervisors, and authorized the Chief Probation Officer to submit the Plan to the OYCR by the established deadline.

To implement this Plan, designated funding will need to be accrued over multiple years and held separate from the General Fund. Probation is working with the Auditor's Office and the Executive Office to establish this mechanism. Funding will also be available to support facility modifications within Juvenile Hall, as specified in the Plan. These modifications will need to be prioritized and implemented by the County. Probation staff will be submitting facility modification requests to ensure Facilities & Fleet staff are aware of the need, able to develop cost estimates, and incorporate the modifications into work plans.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Provide alternative direction to staff.

How Does This Item Support the General Plan? Fulfills requirement for Mendocino County to develop a Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Plan and Receive Associated Funding

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: Board of State and Community Corrections

current f/y cost: N/A

annual recurring cost: N/A

budget clarification: N/A

budgeted in current f/y: No

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: Yes

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: N/A

CEO Liaison: Steve Dunnicliff, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Final Status:**Approved with Modification**

