



To: Board of Supervisors
From: Birgitta E. Corsello, County Administrator
Date: April 9, 2019
Subject: Significant Issues Update

1) County Administrator's update on contracts

The County Administrator signed the following contracts within her authority since the last Significant Issues memo, including:

- (1) The Human Resource Department, a service agreement with W. Brown Creative Partners, to conduct the recruitment for County Counsel, \$30,150, from March 7, 2019 to August 30, 2019. The funding source is County General Fund.
- (2) Health and Social Services department, Mental Health division, a contract with Katrina Copeland, LMFT, to cover mental health services provided to H&SS clients by the County's Managed Care Network Providers, \$40,000, from February 1, 2019 to January 29, 2021. The funding sources are 50 percent Short-Doyle Medi-Cal and 50 percent 2011 Realignment funds.
- (3) Health and Social Services department, Mental Health division, a contract with Roger Grossman, LMFT, to cover mental health services provided to H&SS clients by the County's Managed Care Network Providers, \$40,000, from February 1, 2019 to January 29, 2021. The funding sources are 50 percent Short-Doyle Medi-Cal and 50 percent 2011 Realignment funds.
- (4) The Human Resources Department, a contract with JobAps, Inc., for the annual license fees, maintenance and technical support of the County's employment application software, \$47,480, from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020. The funding source is County General Fund.

2) Update on designated smoking areas at Solano facilities

On January 13, 2015, the Board of Supervisors approved the implementation of a Smoke-Free Facilities Policy on County campuses and at County facilities, subsequently approving a limited number of Designated Smoking Areas (DSAs) for County employees and the public during the transition to smoke-free facilities. The Board directed staff to review DSAs on an annual basis with the intent of reducing (and eventually eliminating) the total number of DSAs County-wide.

The Smoke-Free Facilities Policy included the establishment of a cross-disciplinary, multi-departmental policy transition team assembled to: (1) develop information in response to the Board's request; and (2) provide direction to help implement the Smoke-Free Facilities Policy. The team implemented a public awareness campaign, offered free smoking cessation classes, produced signage at all County campuses and parks and developed / presented recommendations for Board consideration. The Board subsequently authorized termination of the Smoke-free Facilities Transition Team in December 2016.

As of June 1, 2018, the last time staff provided an update to the Board, there was a total of 28 DSAs located at County facilities throughout the County. During the month of June 2018, 16 additional DSAs were eliminated leaving a total of 12 DSAs.

After the DSA removal in late June 2018, 12 DSAs remain, including six (6) at the Veterans Halls, one (1) at the Solano County Fairgrounds (with additional flexible DSAs locations based on per event basis), two (2) at the Court facilities, two (2) at the Adult Detention Facilities and one (1) at the County-owned building leased to the United States Postal Service on Kentucky Street Fairfield. These will continue to be reviewed for possible changes as needed.

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3) Solano County juvenile detention implements CBT 2.0 training

The Solano County Juvenile Detention Facility has been highlighted in a book titled, *Recalibrating Juvenile Detention: Lessons from The Court-Ordered Reform of the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center*, by David W. Roush. Solano County Juvenile Detention Facility is noted as “the only pretrial detention center working toward the implementation of CBT 2.0.”

In January 2016, the Solano County Probation Department invited Dr. David Roush, a national expert on juvenile detention facilities, to complete an Institution Analysis of the Solano County Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF) operations and programming. Dr. Roush found solid foundational elements within the facility, highlighted areas for improvement, and provided recommendations for advancing the linkages of JDF operations to evidence-based practices.

In August, 2016, a methodical review of youth perceptions of custody called Social Climate Scales began and have been conducted every six months to evaluate how program changes from the youth’s perspective. The data has shown positive gains during each successive survey.

In early 2018, an assigned program team began working on the development of a new, cognitive-based, Behavior Management System (BMS). With coaching from Dr. David Roush and development assistance from Carol Cramer Brooks, an independent consultant with expertise in juvenile detention facilities, the team built a new behavior management system.

The new behavior management system, launched in January 2019, is designed to teach youth strategies to correct behavior prior to escalation, reflect on poor behavior and identify alternate options, and reinforce positive decision-making and social skills. Youth earning points through positive behavior are eligible to use their points on incentive items and spend time in the recently established incentive room.

The next step in training for JDF staff is CBT 2.0, scheduled for Summer of 2019, which will expand on previous trainings. CBT 2.0 focuses on Restorative Justice principles, Victim Awareness, Decision-Making, Automatic Thoughts, Slowing Down Before Acting, Managing Risks and Triggers, and additional training on Rational Self-Analysis. This 40-hour training will assist staff in incorporating key elements of cognitive behavioral interventions into everyday interactions with youth, supporting and strengthening the concepts and efforts taught in programs.

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4) Expanding CalFresh to SSI recipients

Assembly Bill 1811 reverses the prior CalFresh policy that rendered recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/State Supplemental Payment (SSP) benefits, ineligible to CalFresh benefits. Starting May 2019, seniors and persons with disabilities that are currently in receipt of SSI/SSP or who are eligible to these benefits may apply for and receive CalFresh, if otherwise eligible.

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) reports that there are currently 11,490 individuals in receipt of SSI benefits in Solano County. Based on prior policy, these individuals may not be known to the county's existing CalFresh caseload and will likely contribute to an influx in CalFresh applications. Additionally, CDSS anticipates that the number of newly eligible households at implementation in Solano County will be 4,620.

Extensive outreach and collaboration with internal and external community partners like the Public Authority, Behavioral Health, The Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano, Independent Living Resources, and Catholic Charities are currently taking place in preparation for implementation. Mandatory training for CalFresh that incorporates the policy changes rolled out in March will continue into April for all staff that manage CalFresh cases.

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