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CLERB POLICY RECOMMENDATION: USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO MONITOR HEALTH AND SAFETY OF INMATES

Dear Chairperson Youngflesh,

The Sheriff's Department welcomes and supports the Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board's (CLERB) independent review of complaints alleging improper actions by members of this organization and in-custody deaths. We continuously strive to respond with professionalism and concern to the citizens we serve and the CLERB process provides invaluable input to that end.

On April 12, 2022, CLERB recommended the following policy change related to San Diego County Sheriff's Department's Policy and Procedure.

1. Research, and publicly report the results of its research efforts, i.e., associated costs, technology considered, reasons for not implementing, if applicable, etc., the use of technological devices to identify and subsequently aid inmates who may be in medical distress.
2. Incorporate into policy the use of technological devices to identify and subsequently aid inmates who may be in medical distress.

Thank you for your recommendations as they pertain to your review of an in-custody death. We are committed to providing the highest quality medical care to our incarcerated population. In order to provide a high level of care, we recognize we must research and review the use of technology which could supplement our current health care system. The leadership in the Detentions Services Bureau has been reviewing several technological options, which we feel may enhance the safety and overall care of our incarcerated population. When the San Diego Sheriff's Department does onboard any new technology, we update our policies and procedures accordingly. This would be

responsive to your second recommendation which reads, "Incorporate into policy the use of technological devices to identify and subsequently aid inmates who may be in medical distress."

As to the first recommendation, we follow all Departmental and County policies as they relate to the research and procurement of technology and/or equipment. The consideration of costs and feasibility of use are all part of this process. Additionally, the Sheriff's Department complies with the law as it relates to the release of information to the public for all procurements, including "the use of technological devices to identify and subsequently aid inmates who may be in medical distress." When the Department does invest in new technology it is common practice for us to share that information with the community, as it assists in educating the public on the measures we are taking to provide a safe environment for our incarcerated population. This sharing is done in a variety of formats, including community forums, social media posts and public records requests.

For clarification we are currently in the process of contracting with a new medical provider. Through this new partnership, the San Diego Sheriff's Department will be incorporating several new health reporting systems to track and plan individualized health care for our incarcerated population. The Department will also have access to other health management systems which will help track previous prescriptions provided to all incarcerated individuals while they were not in custody. This will assist in the continuity of care for those individuals who may not be able to provide us with the information we need at the time of their booking.

The San Diego Sheriff's Department started a Detentions Body Worn camera (BWC) pilot program in February of 2022. This program was launched at the Las Colinas Women's Detention and Reentry Facility. This pilot has proven successful and is now being implemented at the San Diego Central Jail (SDCJ), which is our largest male intake facility. We are currently in the procurement stage and are building our BWC staging room. We hope to have our first body worn cameras operational at SDCJ by August of 2022.

The Department is currently investing in major infrastructure upgrades at all of our facilities, which includes the introduction of Wi-Fi into our older facilities. This will enable us to implement a BWC system in all of our facilities in the near future. It will also enable the Department to incorporate the use of tablets for our incarcerated population, so they can request medical, dental and mental health visits through a private and timely digital platform. These same tablets can also be used for education and entertainment for our incarcerated population.

The Sheriff's Department will continue to review programs and technology for the care and welfare of our incarcerated population.

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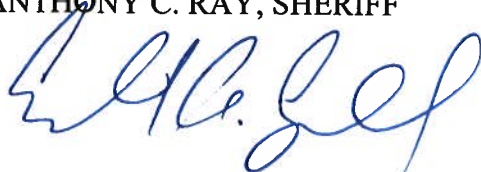
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In closing, we appreciate the time and effort of the Citizen's Law Enforcement Review Board. We would like to thank you for your service to the Citizens of San Diego County and the policy recommendations. It is our goal to provide the "Highest quality public safety services" to everyone in San Diego County.

Sincerely,

ANTHONY C. RAY, SHERIFF

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E.A. Greenawald', written over the typed name.

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