

**Second Amendment to the San Diego County Public Safety Realignment and Post-Release Community Supervision 2011 Implementation Plan – Component 5 “Provide Evidence-Based Supervision and Intervention Services for Post Release Offenders”**

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**Purpose:**

The purpose of these proposed additions to the 2011 Implementation Plan (Plan) is to add specificity to the preliminary plan as it relates to Section 5 “Provide Evidence-Based Supervision and Intervention Services for Post Release Offenders.”

**Background:**

The Public Safety Realignment Act of 2011 has had a significant impact on the criminal justice system in San Diego County. It is anticipated the Probation Department will see an increase of approximately 3,000 offenders when realignment reaches full implementation. Those projections are based on an anticipated increase in Mandatory Supervision Offenders, offenders currently being released from prison as PROs, and prison eligible felons who continue to be sentenced to state prison who will return as PRO’s. Currently on average there are 200 felons sentenced monthly to state prison, of which 150 will be released under Probation supervision.

In September 2011, the Preliminary Implementation Plan addressed the initial allocation for Probation Supervision and Intervention Services to serve the anticipated population of PROs for the first six to nine months of implementation. We are now coming back to ask for the additional funding and staff years to supervise the additional offenders and an increase in funding for intervention and treatment services.

In Component 5 of the Plan, “**Provide Evidence-Based Supervision and Intervention Services for Post Release Offenders,**” it states Probation will expand the implementation of evidenced-based practices (EBP) currently utilized with high risk felony probationers to these new populations. The implementation of EBP in probation supervision involves employing risk based supervision according to the offender’s assessed risk of committing a new crime. To implement risk based supervision, every PRO will be assessed for risk and needs. Based on the results of the assessment, the offender will be assigned to a supervision level. Those assessed at the highest risk will be supervised on the most intensive caseloads. The proposed caseload ratio for the highest risk PROs was 50:1. Those assessed as medium risk were to be supervised at a ratio of 100:1.

We have learned through our experience in supervising these offenders for the past 6 months that the highest risk offenders will need to be more intensively supervised. As such we are asking to

modify the Plan to reduce the caseload sizes for high risk offenders to a ratio of 40:1. A commensurate reduction is also recommended for the medium risk caseload to a ratio of 80:1.

Our experience with this population shows a higher level of criminal sophistication than probationers. It is apparent that the experience of incarceration in the prison system has shown them to be more difficult to supervise and a higher risk to recidivate. .

With an anticipated 3,000 offenders in the community requiring supervision and intervention services, there is a need for additional treatment dollars. Based on assessment information on those offenders currently under supervision, it is anticipated the services required will include substance abuse treatment, cognitive behavioral interventions, housing assistance, mental health, and work readiness training.

**Funding**

Based on the statutory formula, San Diego County is projected to receive \$25.1 million in Fiscal Year 2011-12. Proposed funding for Fiscal Year 12/13 is projected to be \$59.1 and Fiscal Year 13/14 is projected to be \$70.1.

**Recommendations:**

The Probation Department recommends to the CCP Executive Committee the following:

- That they approve the proposed amendments to the Preliminary 2011, Implementation Plan as described in this document and that they recommend to the Board of Supervisors their approval thereof and;
- That they approve the additional allocation of \$16,215,000 from the California Local Revenue Fund 2011, to the Probation Department for supervision, treatment, and intervention services and recommend to the Board of Supervisor their approval thereof and;
  - \$5.0 million for supervision staffing for a total of \$15 million for FY 12/13.
  - \$11.0 million for intervention and treatment services for a total of \$14.0 million for FY 12/13.
  - \$215,000 for performance measures and evaluation of outcomes for FY 12/13.
- The Probation Department proposes the increase of 32.0 staff years and to redirect revenue to existing staff to accommodate the projected populations when the program is in its full implementation. To effectively manage the population at the proposed ratios mentioned above (40:1 for high and 80:1 for medium), the Probation Department proposes to add the following positions:
  - 20 Deputy Probation Officers

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- 5 Sr. Probation Officers
- 3 Supervising Probation Officers
- 1 Unclassified
- 1 Administrative Secretary III
- 1 Probation Aide
- 1 Correctional Deputy Probation Officer II

The proposed total AB109 funding amount for the Probation Department for FY 12-13 is \$29,315,000.