

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
UNINCORPORATED SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Supervisor Nate Miley, Chair
Supervisor Wilma Chan

Location: San Lorenzo Library
395 Paseo Grande
San Lorenzo, CA 94580

Summary Minutes

Public Comment

None.

I. Presentation on Ashland Reach Youth Center Transition

Supervisor Miley, District 4, Board of Supervisors, made introductory comments regarding the proposed transition of the Ashland Reach Youth Center operations to the Sheriff's Office from the Health Care Services Agency. In December of 2017, sent a letter to the community concerning the proposed transition. Supervisor Miley stated that the Sheriff's Office is well prepared to assume the role as lead operator of the youth center.

Additional meetings will take place on the proposed transition.

Captain Martin Neideffer, Youth & Family Services Bureau, Sheriff's Office, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed transition of Ashland Reach Youth Center. Kelly Glossup, Youth & Family Services Bureau, Behavioral Health Unit, Lieutenant Miguel Ibarra, Sheriff's Office, Captain Mike Carroll, Sheriff's Office, Deputy Charles Joe, Andrea Gill, Program Manager and Sheriff's Cadet Kevin Leon, also contributed to the presentation.

The Sheriff's Office has been engaged in developing a community oriented public safety strategy to investment in communities. Through the Deputy Sheriff's Activities League (DSAL), the Sheriff's Office created a soccer league, in addition to being responsible for the boxing program and Golden Gloves tournament. DSAL is also responsible for Dig Deep Farms and building a food hub and processing facility.

The Sheriff's Office believes that youth development is critical to health and community safety and are committed to the support of young people in a variety of ways to build stronger safer communities and is consistent with former President Obama's direction on 21st Century Policing.

Speakers

Several speakers spoke in opposition to the transition of the Ashland Reach Youth Center from the Health Care Services Agency operations to the Sheriff's Office for several reasons, including; children not feeling safe with deputies' presence, racial profiling; belief that the Sheriff's office is not qualified to run a youth center. Others asked for a fair and transparent process, while others expressed that the Sheriff's Office had other motives for operating the youth center and stated that persons of color have not had good experiences with police.

Several community members spoke in support of the Sheriff's Office operation of the youth center for safety reasons and they believe they Sheriff's Office presence is in their best interest.

The Sheriff's Office staff, Health Care Services Agency staff and Supervisor Miley was also available to answer questions.

Recommendation from the Unincorporated Services Committee: Supervisor Miley stated that there will be several more community meetings on the proposed transition of the operations of the Ashland Reach Youth Center.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned to April 25, 2018.

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