

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, October 10, 2019
10:00 a.m.**

Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers, 5th floor

County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

**Supervisor Richard Valle, Chair
Supervisor Scott Haggerty**

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

I. Alameda County Public Health Department Jails Inspection

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Dr. Erica Pan, Interim Public Health Officer, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the annual County Jails Inspections.

Recommendations

Offer an increased variety of fruits & legumes

Replace potatoes with non-starchy vegetables

Offer more whole grains

Revise menu to improve micronutrients to include Omega-3 fatty acids, Vitamin D and reduce sodium

Improve medical diet prescription and communication of diets with food service.

Improve pregnancy diet as planned.

Increase the number of healthful beverages in vending machines in inmate units

Implement quality control measures to ensure dental charts are signed by appropriate provider

Facility maintains overall good food safety management practices & good overall sanitary conditions for the housing units. No food handling violations All issues identified in 2018 had been resolved. No vermin. All items discussed with staff were corrected immediately.

Purpose:

Report progress

Advocacy or Education

Request Public Protection Committee Recommendation or Position

Other:

Recommendation from the Public Protection Committee: The Sheriff's Office staff and medical staff to provide a category of medical and physical well-being of inmates for future jail inspections.

II. Alameda County Sheriff's Office General Order 8.04 – Jail Security Access Policy

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Lieutenant Gustavo Mora, Alameda County Sheriff's Office, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Alameda County Sheriff's Office General Order 8.04 – Jail Security Access Policy.

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office worked with the AB 109 Process and Evaluation Work Group to enhance the process for allowing individuals with prior criminal convictions to enter Santa Rita Jail as service providers and volunteers.

The Sheriff's Office has made some policy modifications that would be beneficial to provide formerly incarcerated persons greater access to the inmate population in order to provide services offered through the Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee.

Rodney Brooks, Public Defender's Office, thanked Undersheriff Lucia and other Sheriff's Office staff for their work on modifying the Jail Access Policy. However, the Jail Access Policy is hindering some persons from completing contractual obligations with the Probation Department to service the AB 109 population.

Speakers

Javier Jimenez, Edward Moore, advocated for more access to the jail inmate population for persons with previous criminal convictions to work in the jail.

Jean Moses advocated for more jail access for previous incarcerated persons and advocated for better medical care for pregnant women.

Neola Crosby, Probation Department, acknowledged and thanked the Sheriff's Office for making some of the modifications. Ms. Crosby stated the longer the wait for clearance for access it affects the contractors contractual obligations.

Bob Britton advocated for more jail access and keep data to determine how many appeals were granted and denied and reasons why.

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Recommendation for Public Protection Committee: Return to the Public Protection Committee in February 2020 to determine if the modifications are working.

III. Santa Rita Jail Medication Treatment Program Expansion

[Attachment](#)

Lieutenant Ross Clippinger, Alameda County Sheriff's Office, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Santa Rita Jail Medication Treatment Program Expansion.

Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) is the use of medications with counseling and behavioral therapies to treat substance use disorders and prevent opioid overdose. Medication alone is not a viable solution. All forms of medication must be accompanied by counseling (federal mandate). The amount and type of counseling depends on the patient and the medication. Research shows that a combination of medication and therapy can successfully treat these disorders, and for some people struggling with addiction, MAT can help sustain recovery.

In August 2019, Wellpath introduced new policies which allow the use of buprenorphine and naltrexone inside the jail, to offer additional forms of MAT. Wellpath has also agreed to initiate MAT on inmates, if medically recommended.

In January 2020, with grant funding obtained through the MAT Collaborative, and in partnership with Behavioral Health, the Sheriff's Office will offer substance use counseling inside a housing unit at Santa Rita Jail. Inmates will be able to participate in group sessions as well as individual sessions. Screening will take place to determine post-release placement into community programs. This will complement the existing MAT program.

Speakers

Norma Orozco asked why the jail inspection report did not include the very high death rate of inmates at Santa Rita Jail.

Jose Bernal state that the scope of the jail inspection report falls short and did not address the jail deaths.
Sondeng Thongsy stated that the food and commissary are inadequate and there have been too many jail deaths
Senyaka Bryant stated that isolation and segregation in the jails is a form of torture.
Natalia Batina stated that immigrants are facing discrimination in the jails.
Kitzia Estera stated that isolation and immigration and other human rights violations are being perpetrated in the jails.

John Lindsay-Poland stated that there needs to be a broader picture of the state of jails, including isolation tactics, immigration policies and jail deaths.

Myrna Schwartz stated that she was very concerned for health conditions for women and pregnant women in the jails and asked if there were any open air exercise programs available to women inmates.

Kip Holloran, Well Path, commended the Sheriff's Office on the Medication Treatment Program Expansion.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Britton stated that the Alameda County Sheriff's Office began releasing inmate release dates, which allows ICE to detain persons being released from Santa Rita Jail. Alameda County should allow inmates to sign up for Medi-Cal benefits prior to release.

Kitzie Estera addressed the issue of the Sheriff's Office releasing inmate release information.

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