

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

**Thursday, November 16, 2023
10:00 a.m.**

**Supervisor Elisa Márquez, Chair
Supervisor Nate Miley, excused**

**Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Suite 512
Oakland, CA 94612**

Webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/99247500951>

SUMMARY/ACTION MINUTES

**I. Alameda County Public Health Department Annual Santa Rita Jail Inspection Report -
Information Item**

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Dr. Nicholas Moss, Alameda County Health Officer presented the 2023 Annual Inspection Report for Santa Rita Jail.

The inspection involved medical, mental health, nutrition, and environmental health aspects. The inspection covered standards governed by California codes and regulations, with inspections conducted by both ACPHD and the Department of Environmental Health.

The inspection team included medical and mental health inspectors, registered dietitians, and environmental health specialists. They reviewed facility policies and procedures, conducting visual inspections on various areas covered by the standards. The findings indicated compliance with most articles, with recommendations for improvement in certain areas.

For medical and mental health, recommendations included enhancing continuous quality improvement efforts, improving pharmaceutical management procedures, and documenting nursing assessments of restrained individuals. Regarding nutrition, recommendations focused on increasing whole grain servings, reducing sodium content, and documenting menu substitutions.

The presentation highlighted follow-up on previous year recommendations and showed improvements in certain areas like the variety of breakfast and lunch menus. Overall, the report aimed to ensure compliance with minimum standards and enhance the quality of services provided at the facility.

Director Browder covered the environmental health and hygiene aspects of the inspection. The focus was on sanitation, food preparation, and hygiene at the Santa Rita facility. Minor operational violations were promptly corrected during the inspection. The presentation highlighted policies adopted by the Sheriff's department regarding food safety training and written procedures. Three unique permits were issued for the main kitchen, bakery, and officers' dining area. Various aspects of kitchen facilities, including storage, reheating, dishwashing, and handwashing, were discussed to ensure proper sanitation and food safety. Equipment violations were noted but promptly repaired, including issues with condenser units, spray nozzles, and floor tiles. The inspection also covered housing areas, with attention to cleanliness, water quality, and access to food and water for inmates. Overall, the facility was deemed to be in good shape, with past violations corrected and ongoing compliance efforts acknowledged.

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education**
- Request Public Protection Committee Recommendation or Position

Other:

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

II. Alameda County Sheriff's Office Update on Santa Rita Jail Programs and Contract Vendor Update- Information Item

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Captain Oscar Perez presented a comprehensive overview of Santa Rita Jail Programs and Contract Vendor update. He covered various topics including the jail's population, employees, consent decree compliance, programs, and services offered to inmates.

The jail's current population stands at 1,760 individuals, including those in general population, protective custody, therapeutic housing units, special security inmates, and others, including gang members.

Perez discussed the jail's compliance with a consent decree, highlighting achievements such as policy updates, discharge planning, behavioral health access, and increased out-of-cell time for inmates.

The meeting also addressed the establishment of a newly formed reception center aimed at improving reentry processes from the moment individuals are booked into the jail. The center provides assessments and services to help with successful reintegration into society.

Other initiatives highlighted include the Transition Center, educational programs offered through partnerships with institutions like Chabot College and Five Keys, telecommunications services, a veteran program, and a pre-apprenticeship vocational program scheduled to start in 2024.

Additionally, the financial specialist discussed revenue and expenditure details, including funds generated from commissary sales, phone time sales, and commissions, which contribute to the Inmate Welfare Fund's balance.

Revenue and Expenditure: Revenue from inmate purchases through the commissary service, which offsets expenses such as phone time sales reimbursed from the inmates' accounts.

Commissary Update: The jail's contract with Trinity Services Group is under review due to a projected 30% increase in commissary prices. To mitigate the impact on incarcerated individuals and their families, the commission was reduced while maintaining the same pricing.

Technology Upgrades: The jail implemented Verovision mail scanners to detect narcotics and common cutting agents in incoming mail. Additionally, Tech 84 body scanners were installed for individuals entering the jail to detect weapons and contraband.

Safety Measures: Amnesty boxes were installed in intake areas for individuals to dispose of contraband anonymously. Narcan, a medication to reverse opioid overdoses, was distributed within the facility and to individuals upon release.

Staffing and Training: The jail transitioned to an all-civilian labor force, meeting staffing obligations. Efforts were made to recruit and train personnel effectively.

Medical Services: The jail met the requirements of the Medical CalAm's initiative, offering access to Medi-Cal for individuals in custody. Partnerships with WellPath and the use of tablets facilitated enrollment.

Future Outlook: Plans include developing vocational programs, collaborating with community partners for employment opportunities, enhancing mental health and medical services, and exploring technology like the Epic system for improved care delivery.

Education: Efforts are underway to expand education courses and certifications for incarcerated individuals, fostering community engagement and support for reintegration.

These measures reflect a comprehensive approach to managing the jail facility, ensuring safety, addressing inmate needs, and promoting rehabilitation and successful reintegration into society.

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III. Alameda County Behavioral Health Services Santa Rita Jail Forensic Behavioral Health Update – Information Item

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Juan Taizan, Forensic, Diversion, and Re-entry Services Director, Alameda County Behavioral Health presented a PowerPoint presentation to update the Committee on the annual progress of adult forensic behavioral health at Santa Rita Jail He outlined the services provided, including assessments, therapy, psychiatry, crisis intervention, and reentry planning.

Mr. Taizan discussed significant highlights from the past year and future plans, including updates on the consent decree. He emphasized partnerships with crisis support services and highlighted the expansion of clinical coverage and staffing.

Additionally, Michelle Porter from Telecare discussed mental health services provided at the jail, and Shanice Smith from Roots Community Health Center spoke about the Safe Landing pilot program for released individuals. The presentation highlighted successes and challenges and outlined next steps, including hiring, improving quality care, and expanding contracted providers.

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