

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

**Thursday, April 8, 2021
10:00 a.m.**

**Supervisor Richard Valle, Chair
Supervisor Nate Miley**

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

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

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SUMMARY/ACTION MINUTES

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I. COVID-19 Impacts and Response Update

Nancy O'Malley, District Attorney, Alameda County District Attorney's Office, presented a PowerPoint presentation the office's COVID-19 impacts and response. The presentation included information on compliance with current County Health Orders, reformation of workspace, remote and staggered work plans, protocols for employee exposure and case processing.

Brendon Woods, Public Defender, Public Defender's Office, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Public Defender's Office COVID-19 impacts and response. Impacts to the Public Defender's Office include video hearings and video arraignments, reduction in court operations, decreased ability to litigate cases, court closed to most of the public, no contact visits with clients and inability to resolve cases. San Quentin Prison COVID-19 outbreak resulted in the early release of some prisoners.

The Honorable Tara M. Desautels, Presiding Judge, Alameda County Superior Court and Chad Finke, Court Executive Officer, Alameda County Superior Court, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the court's COVID-19 impacts and response. Throughout the pandemic, 14 specialty treatment calendars kept open to get people out of jail and into community treatment, case-managed services (including mental health treatment), and/or housing. Virtual court allows us to connect with participants in new, effective ways that enhance treatment and optimize efficiencies for participants, service providers, and government stakeholders. Planning of reopening efforts are underway.

Marcus Dawal, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Alameda County Probation Department, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the department's COVID-19 impacts and response. The presentation included information on the Pretrial Pilot Program, coordination of releases, pretrial monitoring, and client resources.

Yesenia Sanchez, Division Commander, Alameda County Sheriff's Office, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Sheriff's Office COVID-19 impacts and response.

All Sheriff's Office employees working in Santa Rita Jail shall be tested for COVID-19 once every two weeks, until such time this order is rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.

This includes sworn and professional staff. The vendor providing COVID-19 testing is Simple HealthKit, who will provide testing services at the Santa Rita Jail.

Inmate Services

- Economic Impact Payment (EIP) checks are now being accepted by SRJ's mailroom
- Past practice for SRJ has been to reject these types of checks and return them to the sender
- Working with Bay Area Legal Aid, and reviewing practices of other counties, SRJ has begun accepting checks that clearly identify the intended recipient
- Accepted checks will be placed in a recipient's property

Michael Durbin, Healthcare Administrator, Wellpath, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the office's COVID-19 impacts and response. Wellpath continues to update outbreak plan based on the Public Health Department and the Center for Disease Control recommendations. They will continue robust testing and monitoring. They are currently addressing vaccine hesitancy and will continue to offer vaccines to all patients.

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. Wellpath Community Care Model

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Neil Schamban, President, Melissa Bishop, Vice President of Operations and Michelle Ryder-Grebel, Regional Director of Operations, of Wellpath, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Wellpath Community Care Model.

Managing the Opioid Crisis with medication-assisted therapy (MAT) care to a population at high risk today.

Wellpath has standardized treatment protocols, regimens, and transition models for current patients and provide functional leadership/expertise from MAT division to individual facilities and clients to expand care access. Wellpath continues to be a resource to local hospitals and emergency departments, courts, law enforcement, and primary care physicians.

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III. Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council / SB 823 Sub-Committee Preliminary Plan

Brian Ford, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Alameda County Probation Department, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council/SB 823 Subcommittee Preliminary plan.

The State of California has enacted legislation SB 823 as a measure designed to reduce commitments of youth to the state juvenile and adult systems by reducing reliance on incarceration and expanding community-based options for youth. The state has given the responsibility for managing all youth under the jurisdiction of the juvenile courts pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 602 to local jurisdictions.

To support the implementation of this transition, the Probation Department created an initial draft one-year plan with various stakeholders. The Probation Department will seek the Board of Supervisors approval of the plan at the end of April 2021.

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IV. Committee Discussion of Future Potential Committee Agenda Items *(continued to a future meeting)*

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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