

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

**Thursday, July 28, 2022
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>

SUMMARY/ACTION MINUTES

I. Public Defender Social Worker Program Update

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Taylor Kohles, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Sascha Atkins-Loria, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Manuel Ortiz, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, all of the Alameda County Public Defender's Office, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Public Defender Social Work Program.

Founded in 2014, the Alameda County Public Defender Social Worker Department is presently going through its second expansion in eight years. The program started with four social workers and has grown to include eleven full-time, master's level social workers, one full-time clinical supervisor, and one educational youth advocate.

In 2018, a juvenile division was created and includes one full time Licensed Clinical Social Worker and two bachelor's degree program staff. The juvenile division aims to support young people in re-enrolling in school and connect them to AB12, Extended Foster Care Benefits. In the Spring of 2022, the Department will add a Post-Conviction Unit of four additional social workers to support clients in prison eligible for youthful offender parole hearings and re-sentencing.

Curtis Norris, a client success story. Who I was before I went to jail and program did and what I am doing today, working two jobs, has an apartment and car, building pro-social relations with the community and family. Thanked the Probation Department.

Speaker

Richard Spiegelman commented on the Public Defender Social Worker Program.

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. SB 823 Implementation Update & Securing Camp Sweeney

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Brian Ford, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Alameda County Probation Department, presented a PowerPoint presentation on SB 823 Implementation Update and Securing Camp Sweeney.

The SB 823 Implementation Plan contains 229 action items and will require multi-year implementation. The SB 823 Subcommittee recommends that the County review the working group proposal presented by Free Our Kids (FOK) and undertake that or a similar process for planning and implementation of Secure Track Programming at JJC including:

- Substance Use Disorder Therapy
- Culturally and Gender Responsive Cognitive Behavior Therapy
- Culturally and Gender Responsive Anger Management Therapy
- Laney College (ROC Program)
- Virtual Electrician Program
- Gang Intervention
- Fatherhood Programming
- Raising Leaders Paid Internships (\$18/hr)

Support for Securing Camp Sweeney

1. Camp provides the Juvenile Court with another secure option
2. Camp could be used as a Step-Down option for SB 823
3. Increases access to flexible and open program space currently not available at JJC
4. Recommended by members of the JJCC Subcommittee and Alameda County Grand Jury
5. Enhances public safety Securing Camp Sweeney

Next Steps

- Costs are being determined as the Probation Department works with the General Services Agency
- Project timeline will be determined with the continued collaboration with the General Services Agency
- The Probation Department plans to work with the County Administrator's Office to identify the appropriate funding source
- Make a recommendation to the full Board of Supervisors to secure Camp Sweeney

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III. Discussion and Direction Regarding Assembly Bill 481 – Law Enforcement and State Agencies: Military Equipment: Funding, Acquisition and Use

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Richard Lucia, Undersheriff, Alameda County Sheriff's Office and Colby Staysa, Commander, Alameda County Sheriff's Office, presented the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Military Equipment Inventory List, and the Alameda County Sheriff's Office General Order 2.21.02: Military Equipment: Funding, Acquisition and Use.

Equipment the Sheriff's Office proposes to acquire:

- Command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units
- Firearms of .50 caliber or greater, however standard issue shotguns are specifically excluded from this subdivision
- Pepper-ball launcher that uses compressed air to fire PepperBall .68 caliber projectiles. It is designed to achieve compliance without causing critical injuries

The public has a right to know about the funding, acquisition, and use of military equipment by the Sheriff's Office. The ACSO believes the public has a right to participate in the Agency's decision acquire or use military equipment and the Sheriff's Office should strongly consider the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties, and should be based on meaningful public input.

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Recommendation from the Public Protection Committee: Support AB 481 Law Enforcement and State Agencies: Military Equipment: Funding, Acquisition and Use, with the exception of the Pepper-ball Launcher and move to the full Board of Supervisors on August 9, 2022 for a first reading and September 20, 2022 for a second reading.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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