



County of Orange
California

Thomas G. Mauk
County Executive Officer

May 22, 2012

Honorable Thomas J. Borris
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Subject: Status Update on Grand Jury Open Implementation Items

Dear Judge Borris:

Per your request, and in accordance with Penal Code 933, please find attached the County of Orange response to the subject report as approved by the Board of Supervisors. The respondents are the Social Services Agency, the Probation Department, the Orange County Public Information Office, the County Executive Officer and the Orange County Board of Supervisors. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Zink at (714) 834-7487 in the County Executive Office who will either assist you or direct you to the appropriate individual.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Mauk
County Executive Officer

Attachment

cc: 2011-12 Orange County Grand Jury

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ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTE ORDER
May 22, 2012

Submitting Agency/Department: County Executive Office

Approve proposed follow-up responses to pending recommendations for FY 2010-11 Grand Jury Reports - All Districts

The following is action taken by the Board of Supervisors:

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED OTHER

Unanimous (1) NGUYEN: **Y** (2) MOORLACH: **Y** (3) CAMPBELL: **Y** (4) NELSON: **Y** (5) BATES: **Y**

Vote Key: Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; X=Excused; B.O.=Board Order

Documents accompanying this matter:

- Resolution(s)
- Ordinances(s)
- Contract(s)

Item No. 90

Special Notes:

Copies sent to:

*CEO/Budget – Michelle Zink
Superior Court
Grand Jury*

5/25/12



I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Minute Order adopted by the Board of Supervisors, Orange County, State of California.
Susan Novak, Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

ASR Control 12-000600

MEETING DATE: 05/22/12
LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Board of Supervisors
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S): All Districts
SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: County Executive Office (Approved)
DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S): Michelle Zink (714) 834-7487
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SUBJECT: Status Update on Grand Jury Open Implementation Items

CEO CONCUR
Concur

COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW
N/A

CLERK OF THE BOARD
Discussion
3 Votes Board Majority

Budgeted: N/A

Current Year Cost: N/A

Annual Cost: N/A

Staffing Impact: No

of Positions:

Sole Source: N/A

Current Fiscal Year Revenue: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

Prior Board Action: 8/9/11, #34; 8/23/11, #53

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Approve proposed follow-up responses to the pending recommendations for FY 2010-11 Grand Jury Reports.
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to forward this ASR with exhibits to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court and the FY 2011-12 Orange County Grand Jury.

SUMMARY:

Approve proposed responses to pending recommendations for FY 2010-11 Grand Jury Reports.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The County Executive Office prepares an annual follow-up response to the Grand Jury addressing pending recommendations from the prior fiscal year's reports. Pending recommendations contain original responses of "requires further analysis" or "will be implemented in the future." The exhibit to this ASR contains the follow-up responses from all County departments that had pending recommendations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

STAFFING IMPACT:

N/A

EXHIBIT(S):

1. Status Update on FY 2010-11 Grand Jury Open Implementation Items
2. Transmittal Letter

2010-11 Follow Up to Grand Jury Open Implementation Items

**Report: Orange County Sheriff's Department Inmate Re-Entry Unit
Released: May 24, 2011**

R.2 Increase public awareness of the value of programs responsible for recidivism reduction.

Original Response: The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.

Orange County Probation Department will promote the existence and value of various programs aimed at recidivism reduction, including collaboration with the Orange County Sheriff's Inmate Re-Entry Unit. Efforts will include an update to the information on the Department website, and highlighting involvement in projects such as this in the Department's Business Plan. The updated website will occur within the next 90 days, and the next Business Plan is scheduled for release in 2012. Additionally, the Probation Department will discuss the possibility of a joint press release with the OC Sheriff's Department to further promote the program.

Orange County Social Services Agency (SSA) Children and Family Services (CFS) Division meets quarterly with the Orange County Sheriff's Department to discuss resources and collaborative efforts. SSA will make available to staff and clients any information the Sheriff's Department provides on the Inmate Re-Entry Program.

The Community/Media Relations Unit of the County Executive Office has already issued a press release on the 2011 Achievement Award given by the National Association of Counties (NACo) to the Orange County Probation Department for its Center for Opportunity, Reentry and Education or CORE Program, which has as its primary goal "to reduce the risk factors proven to be linked with increased likelihood of recidivism." The program was judged to be "Best in Category" among all of the entries received in the Criminal Justice and Public Safety category.

CEO Community/Media Relations will add information to the County website by September 1, 2011 to provide a direct link to the OC Re-Entry Partnerships website and associated resources. CEO Community/Media Relations will also produce at least one newsletter article on the County's Re-Entry programs which will be distributed to over 17,000 individuals by November 1, 2011.

CEO Community/Media Relations will work closely with the Sheriff's Department, Probation Department and OC Re-Entry Partnerships (OCREP) to seek additional opportunities to educate the public about the availability and effectiveness of programs targeted at recidivism reduction. OCREP is developing plans to increase community awareness of re-entry programs, which will include a town hall type forum in August 2011 for community leaders, stakeholders and the public. OCREP's plans may also include working with a local public television station that has expressed an interest in

programming on re-entry programs, as well as the use of social media and attendance at events and conferences to disseminate information about re-entry programs.

Current Status: The recommendation has been implemented.

The Orange County Probation Department has promoted the value of various programs aimed at recidivism reduction, including collaboration with the Orange County Sheriff's Inmate Re-Entry Unit. Efforts include posting information and links to reentry resources on the Department's website and highlighting involvement in projects such as Juvenile Detention Alternatives, Center for Opportunity, Reentry and Education (CORE) and Thinking for a Change (T4C) in the 2012 Business Plan. Probation also utilized Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, You Tube) sites to cross promote reentry efforts with collaboratives, including the Orange County Re-Entry Partnership (OCREP). In addition, the Department is applying for a two-year grant to continue the Transition from Jail to Community Program (TJC) efforts through Probation-Sheriff collaboration.

Orange County Social Services Agency (SSA) Children and Family Services (CFS) Division continues to meet quarterly with the Orange County Sheriff's Department to discuss resources and collaborative efforts. SSA has made available to staff and clients any information the Sheriff's Department provides on the Inmate Re-Entry Program.

The Community/Media Relations Unit of the County Executive Office issued a press release on the 2011 Achievement Award given by the National Association of Counties (NACo) to the Orange County Probation Department for its Center for Opportunity, Reentry and Education or CORE Program, which has as its primary goal "to reduce the risk factors proven to be linked with increased likelihood of recidivism." The program was judged to be "Best in Category" among all of the entries received in the Criminal Justice and Public Safety category.

CEO Community/Media Relations added information to the County website to provide a direct link to the OCREP website and associated resources. The webpage is found at <http://ocgov.com/ocgov/Law>. CEO Community/Media Relations also produced a newsletter article in October 2011 on programs designed to reduce recidivism. The newsletter is distributed to over 17,000 County employees and is posted on the County Internet at <http://www.ocgov.com/press/pdf/oct11.pdf>.

CEO Community/Media Relations has offered its assistance to OCREP and the Probation Department in promoting recidivism reduction. In August 2011, OCREP held a town hall type forum at Phoenix House for community leaders, stakeholders and the public to increase community awareness of reentry programs. CEO Community/Media Relations assisted Probation in media briefings about the implementation of Public Safety Realignment (AB109) and programs that would reduce recidivism among this population. CEO Community/Media Relations also referred a newspaper reporter interested in writing a story on Global Positioning System (GPS) monitoring and its role in reducing recidivism to the Probation Department. The story appeared in the OC Register on April

15, 2012 and is available online at <http://www.oregister.com/articles/gps-348966-tracks-ramirez.html>.

Report: The Youth Leadership Academy: A Program Review
Released: May 31, 2011

R.1 Recast program goals into measurable objectives (e.g., recidivism rates for YLA graduates) in order to facilitate the quantification of results.

Original Response: The recommendation requires further analysis.

The ability to track multiple outcomes across all service areas has been hampered by a lack of available staff. The department may have the ability to develop specific measurable criteria, and the recommendation will be evaluated as it specifically applies to YLA recidivism rates, with a decision as to capability to be made by November 30, 2011.

Current Status: The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable.

The ability to track multiple outcomes across all service areas has been hampered by a lack of available research staff. The Department continues to operate under strict fiscal constraints which preclude adding research staff to accomplish this recommendation.

R.2 Develop efficient ways to track the progress of YLA graduates in order to better measure rates of recidivism; use this information to demonstrate program effectiveness over time.

Original Response: The recommendation requires further analysis.

The department's ability to collect, analyze and report out on data has been reduced significantly due to loss of qualified staff due to ongoing budget constraints. The department will study current data collection efforts in order to begin to report out on program effectiveness over time. A decision as to capability will be made by November 30, 2011.

Current Status: The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable.

The Department's ability to collect, analyze and report out on data continues to be reduced significantly due to loss of qualified staff due to ongoing budget constraints. The Department continues to operate under strict fiscal constraints which preclude adding research staff to accomplish this recommendation.