



## MEMORANDUM PROBATION DEPARTMENT

County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: June 23, 2020

FROM: Marshall Hopper, Chief Probation Officer

SUBJECT: Annual Report on the Placer Re-Entry Program (PREP)

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### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

1. Receive a presentation on the completion of four years of service provided at the Placer Re-Entry Program (PREP).

### **BACKGROUND:**

In January of 2013, your Board commissioned The Criminal Justice System Master Plan which subsequently identified the absence of re-entry services as a significant system and services gap in Placer County. Your Board took early action on this recommendation in 2014 and authorized the Probation department to develop a re-entry center at the Santucci Justice Center. On January 6, 2015, your Board authorized the Placer County Facility Services Department to proceed with tenant improvements to vacant office space in Building B at the Santucci Justice complex. Your Board approved a contract with the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) in the amount of \$1,314,603 for a period of sixteen months in February of 2015.

The Probation Department has worked with SCOE in providing evidence-based intervention services and in working with offenders, both in and out of custody, on changing their criminal thinking and behavior. These interventions include cognitive behavioral thinking classes, substance abuse education, treatment referrals, job training, mentorship and employment placement, education and G.E.D. preparation, life skills, and anger management along with relational and family skill development.

These services were initially planned to be deployed at 3 sites: In-custody services at the South Placer Adult Correctional Facility and Auburn Adult Correctional Facility; and at the PREP (Placer Re-Entry Program) Center in the Santucci Justice complex for offenders leaving custody serving the remainder of their sentences on Probation supervision. The PREP Center site was to also ultimately provide re-entry services to offenders in the Tahoe region via Skype or other electronic communication services. Today, Probation via SCOE provides services to offenders in the Tahoe Basin at its offices in Tahoe Vista both in person and via teleconferencing, with a fulltime SCOE staff person providing services onsite since May 2019.

Since your approval of funding in February of 2015, Probation has worked with SCOE to maximize services while minimizing expenses. Through a partnership with CDCR, we have been able to open a facility in Auburn to provide the same services as those offered in Roseville. This partnership has resulted in a cost sharing agreement allowing Placer County Probation and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to share the costs of these services between the two agencies. The Probation Department spent approximately \$3 million during the last four and a half years (through FY19) with SCOE for the Placer Re-Entry Program (PREP) for offender re-entry services in three locations (Roseville, Auburn, and Tahoe) plus services to those in-custody. The initial budget, if followed, would have allowed for over \$4 million dollars in expenditures solely for the Roseville location during this same period. The Probation Department's business practices and collaborative relationships have optimized the use of County dollars while maximizing the services available to our clients countywide.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This is a status update. Program funding is included in the Submitted FY21 budget. No additional funding is requested at this time.