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Attachment A

Division of Juvenile Justice Realignment

San Bernardino County Initial Implementation Plan

Pursuant to Senate Bill 823

Background

Senate Bill 823 transferred responsibility for managing all youthful offenders from the state's Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to local jurisdiction effective July 1, 2021. The state will then begin a phased closure of its DJJ facilities. SB 823 repealed previous legislation moving the DJJ into the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) as the Department of Youth and Community Restoration (YCR).

The bill establishes a Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant program to provide county-based custody, care, and supervision of youth who are currently under the jurisdiction of the DJJ or who would have otherwise been eligible for commitment to the DJJ.

This document outlines the initial implementation phase (Phase 1) of the County's strategic operational plan to successfully comply with the requirements of SB 823.

County Executive Subcommittee

Pursuant to the bill requirements, the County established multi-agency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Executive Subcommittee chaired by the Chief Probation Officer and consisting of representatives from the District Attorney's Office; Public Defender's Office; Department of Social Services; Department of Mental Health; County Office of Education or School District; the Superior Court of California, and three community members.

The initial committee goals are as follows:

- To assess initial program requirements and establish realistic timelines and a strategic framework for delivering service requirements and infrastructure plans capable of achieving full compliance.
- To establish strategic partnerships and areas of responsibilities for each partner and related entities.
- To establish an annual operational plan that can fully adhere to the requirements of SB 823 with regards to providing appropriate rehabilitation and supervision services to the population and meet the needs of youth.



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- To establish criteria for providing and implementing public health approaches to support positive youth development, building the capacity of a continuum of community based approaches, and reducing crime by youth.
- To establish program evaluation and review processes to ensure continuous improvement processes and procedures.

Implementation Phase (1)

Seek County Board authorization to initiate a four-step implementation process that ensures appropriate resources in place to commence operation on July 1, 2021:

- 1) Approve Initial Implementation Plan that establishes the authority to engage partners in planning and development of preliminary operational infrastructure.
- 2) Approve development of initial implementation budget and appropriation authority.
- 3) Approve request for twelve (12) new positions to ensure availability of required clinical support and supervision resources.
- 4) Approve Capital Improvement Project to modify existing Probation High Desert Juvenile Assessment and Detention Center in Apple Valley for suitability of SB 823 requirements.

The sub-committee has been meeting and continues to meet on a regular basis to further enhance the implementation plan. To this end, facilities, programs, services, supervision strategies, and other responses are under active development, including the delivery of mental health and other behavioral trauma-based treatment, as well as other support programs and services that promote healthy adolescent development. A facility plan identifying how housing will accommodate varying levels of offense severity and treatment needs as well as what improvements will be made to accommodate long-term commitments and ensure the safety and protection of youth having different ages, special needs, and other characteristics is under production.

It is the intent of the Department to present the Plan developed by the subcommittee to the Board in the spring.