

Memo

To: Community Corrections Partnership
From: Probation Department
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Re: Warrant Reengagement and Program Barriers

Shifting CCP Resources to Warrant Reengagement

The CCP currently funds a 12.0 FTE AB 109 Supervision Unit, of which 9.0 FTEs are Probation Officer IIIs. There are currently 367 realigned offenders on the caseloads of these nine probation officers. However, 177 of these offenders (48% of the total realigned cases) have outstanding warrants. The danger to the community these disengaged individuals pose is of concern. This, combined with the fact that AB 109 probation officer average active caseload size has decreased since the inception of the AB 109 Supervision Unit, leads Probation to look into changes about how we supervise these offenders and how we reengage those with warrants.

To right-size caseload sizes, and more importantly, to increase supervision integrity and bring greater accountability to the warrant population, Probation will shift two of the nine CCP-funded probation officers to dedicated “Warrant Reengagement” positions. These two positions will focus exclusively on locating and reengaging AB 109 offenders as well as other probationers currently on warrant status. While these additional probationers are not currently on realigned caseloads, many non-realigned probationers on warrant were on realigned caseloads under previous charges¹.

Over time, we expect this reengagement strategy to increase Probation Officer active caseloads; increase the number of probationers engaged in the Day Reporting Center, Effective Practices in Community Supervision, and other evidence-based practices; and decrease outstanding warrants. The Probation Department will update the CCP as developments unfold.

Addressing Program Barriers

The RDA report reviewed at today’s meeting suggests three strategies—

1. Structured Probation Processes
2. Dedicated Staff Member for Screening at the Jail for Eligibility/Treatment Planning
3. Evidence-Based Residential Treatment

¹ Similarly, 77 individuals currently on an active Formal Probation-only caseload were previously on a realigned caseload.

to address the top five barriers to successfully completing supervision as identified by the interdisciplinary 12-member Advisory Committee:

1. Substance use disorders
2. Unstable living environment/lack of support
3. Need for stable housing
4. Service coordination issues
5. Basic needs not being met

This memo serves to alert the CCP that as we assimilate RDA's report, the suggested strategies may generate funding requests. Most likely, requests would come from Probation, the Sheriff's Office, and/or Health services—the departments identified as best equipped to lead implementation efforts. We look forward to collaboratively addressing the barriers that most commonly impair client success.