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**Sonoma County Data Management and Evaluation Subcommittee
Of the Community Corrections Partnership**

**October 28th, 2024 at 11:00 AM
Meeting Notes**

Present: David Braddock, Sheriff's Office; Kim Fitzgerald, Public Defender's Office; Matt Henning, District Attorney's Office; Hon. Christopher Honigsberg, Superior Court; Andrew McLaughlin, County Administrator's Office; Sarah Lewis-Crow, Human Services Department; Wardell Anderson, Darren Fravel, Alison Lobb, Matthew Roehm and Rob Halverson, Probation Department; Dr. Sonia Jain and Dr. Hollie MacDonald, DNA Global.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Announcements

The Community Corrections Partnership approved the recommended first activities for the AB 109 Evaluation, beginning with the Static Risk Need Assessment (SRNA) local validation, then moving to the analysis of the effectiveness of electronic monitoring over time, and then to the racial-ethnic and gender disparities analysis. The vote was four in favor, and one against, citing concerns that the accuracy of race data to be used in the racial-ethnic and gender disparities analysis is limited by the Racial Identity Profiling Act, which prohibits law enforcement from asking about the person's race. More discussion on this topic will follow in future meetings.

3. Static Risk Need Assessment Validation Plan

Rob Halverson introduced the purpose of the discussion, which is to review and provide input on the SRNA Validation Plan, and approve proceeding with the plan if ready. Drs. Jain and MacDonald presented the Proposed Evaluation Plan for the validation of the SRNA. The presentation, as well as the full Proposed Evaluation Plan document, were posted with the agenda, and may be accessed at <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/data-management-and-evaluation-subcommittee-meeting-october-28-2024>.

Discussion:

The SRNA is used for setting supervision intensity and guiding case planning for Formal Probation, Mandatory Supervision and Post Release Community Supervision, not to be confused with the Public Safety Risk Assessment used to assess the likelihood of Court appearance and new criminal activity during the Pretrial period.



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The the main outcome of interest for the SRNA is recidivism, with all known validations of the SRNA using conviction for a felony. The subcommittee has interest in also including misdemeanor convictions, as well as arrests for felonies and misdemeanors.

Deputy Chief Probation Officer Wardell Anderson offers to meet with staff from the District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office and the Superior Court to provide further clarification on how the SRNA fits into Probation practice. This is seen as necessary context for interpreting the results of the validation. Wardell will arrange a meeting for this purpose.

Rob Halverson described a data sharing agreement that will allow the County to share data with DNA Global for the validation study. Each data owner – in this case the Superior Court, Sheriff's Office, District Attorney and Probation Department – must provide permission before any data they generate may be shared. All data to be shared are present in the IJS system and will be de-identified. Probation will compile and transfer the data securely, subject to review by the data owners. The data sharing agreement will be routed for signature by the data owners, and accompanies these notes.

4. Next Steps, Next Meeting Date

A project team of subject matter experts within Probation is being convened to collaborate with DNA Global, and assist in coordinating activities on the SRNA Validation. Their first meeting will be in November.

A next meeting will be scheduled for January to review SRNA Validation results.

5. Public Comment on Items Not On The Agenda

The opportunity was provided for public comment, and no public comment was offered.

Meeting adjourned.