

January 26, 2021
Nevada County Board of Supervisors

Public Comment

Re: AB109 Realignment Transparency

Dear Supervisors;

We have many AB109 felons continuing to reoffend in the community*. (see attachment (1). Our new Community Crisis Teams will not be able to help this demographic as most are treatment resistant. There has to be a 'new' Community Corrections Partnership *Strategic Plan* on how to solve this problem, that is "if" the goal is to keep them out of jail or prison. However, it's important that felons not continue to reoffend, which is causing significant economic loss to our communities and a public safety issue.

It becomes necessary for the Board of Supervisors to take a more active role in the Community Corrections Partnership to make sure the CCP complies with the Public Safety Realignment Act by adopting *evidence-based*, cost effective policies and practices that reduce recidivism/*reoffending*, improves offender outcomes, and promotes public safety.

The next meeting of the CCP is February 11th.

Suggestions for the Board:

- (1). Make sure each CCP meeting, including all budget meetings, are recorded on Zoom so the public has access.
- (2). Make sure the meeting agenda is posted at least 72 hours prior to the meeting and there is an announcement in The Union with directions on how the public can attend.
- (3). Make sure all CCP contracted vendors providing treatment programs are using '*evidence-based*' curricula. Read their contracts and require reports of progress in reduction of reoffending rate.
- (4). *Resume* having the Chair of the CCP provide an annual PowerPoint showing the data-driven results of the treatment programs; *that they are reducing the reoffending rate and are cost effective*. Approve the new Partnership Plan and Budget based on demonstrable data-driven results.
- (5). Make sure the following solutions are incorporated into the yearly Partnership Plan:

*For felons, a mental health diagnosis by a 'medical doctor' while in jail, '*prior to release*'.

*A 5150 (from jail) if any indication of '*danger to self or others*', or suicidal ideation.

*A thorough and accurate ‘*risk assessment hearing*’ with the ‘diagnosis’ and past mental health and addiction history ‘included’ in the information to the judge, DA, Probation and Public Defender.

*A treatment plan which addresses the specific needs of the individual when released from jail. *Mandatory treatment needs to be considered in some cases.*

*Tracking the felon as they go through treatment, making sure they are successful and don’t return to reoffending. *Data is essential.*

*Make sure homeless felons are not returned to the street or camps, but have some kind of monitored shelter arranged *prior to release from jail.*

Attachments to be entered into the record:

*(1). Felony Rearrest Date from October-December 2020

(2). AB109 Spreadsheet of Budget Expenditures, 2011-2021