

# Human Resources Recruitment and Retention

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# Human Resources Department



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4 Divisions

Administration

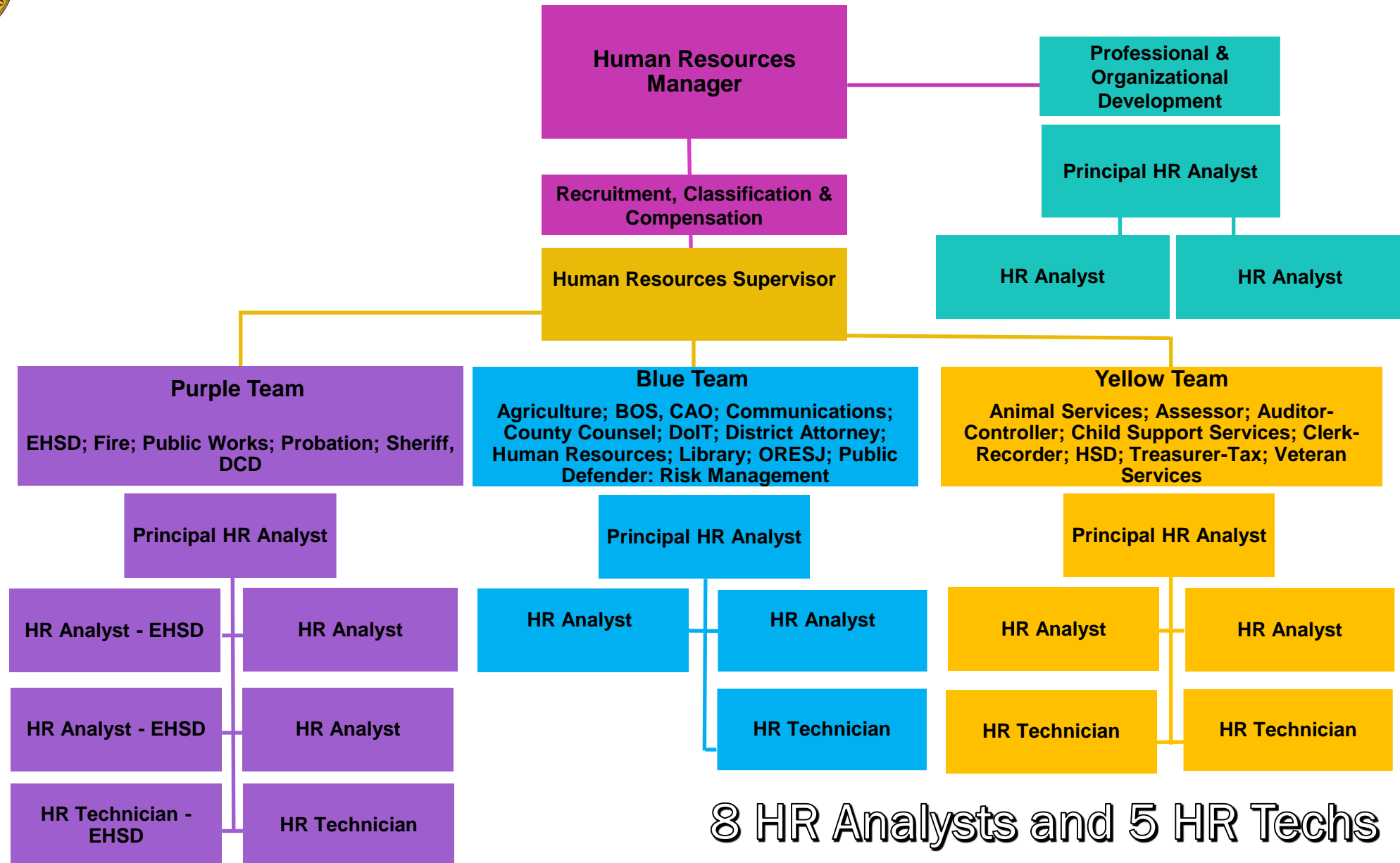
Benefits

HR Systems  
Management

Personnel



# Personnel Division – Recruitment, Classification and Compensation



# Hiring 2020 - 2024

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Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Hires	1214	1610	1625	1760	1568*
Avg/Mon	101	134	135	147	156

On average over 100 jobs posted at all times

\* YTD as of 10/24


# Time to Hire



Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Hires	217	199	158	134	131*

## Average Days to Hire

\* YTD as of 10/24



# Collaborative Hiring Process

Departments  
and HR as  
Partners

Task	Department	Human Resources
Department internal authorization to hire process		
Open a Requisition in NeoGov		
Review Requisition for available position and class		
Determine whether Job Description needs to be updated		
Determine whether a Job Analysis needs to be completed		
Develop Job Announcement and Recruitment Timeline		
Send Union Notice (union has 5 days to respond)		
Develop Exam Plan		
Select Subject Matter Experts		
Post Job Announcement (generally 2-4 weeks)		
Review applicants for Minimum Qualifications (MQs)		
Issue notices to applicants who do not meet MQs		
Applicant Appeal Period (5 business days)		
Selection of Raters		
Administer first step of exam plan (oral board, tech, written, etc)		
Issue notices to applicants who did not pass initial exam		
Create Eligible List - send candidates to Dept (Rule of 3, 5, 10, List)		
Schedule Departmental Interviews		
Complete and Score Departmental Interviews		
Select Candidate(s) for Hire & contact to make verbal job offer		
Open Personnel Action Form (PAF) in NeoGov		
Send Conditional Offer - includes fingerprinting instructions		
Send notice to Equifax to initiate I-9 process self-scheduling		
Review results of criminal history search (follow up if needed)		
Dept specific pre-employment steps (physical, fitness etc)		
Departmental Final Review of PAF		
HR Final Review and Enter New Hire in PeopleSoft		

# Updating Recruiting Policies and Practices

Revising the Job Analysis process to simplify and reduce time to complete

Reorganizing the team responsibilities to increase utilization of HR Techs to free up HR Analysts for focused recruiting

Increasing use of online recorded initial interviews providing greater candidate and reviewer flexibility

Decreasing use of lengthy multi-choice exams which were time consuming to build, score and schedule

Analyzing continuous recruitment plan to apply where most appropriate

Plan to shorten the appeals period based on data that most appeals are received in the first 2 days

Expanding to new job boards for posting and additional use of LinkedIn postings

Reviewing MQs to determine if less restrictive requirements are possible, expanding candidate pool

- ❖ Implementation of the I-9 Anywhere program allowing greater flexibility and ease of use for candidates
- ❖ Dedicated Resource model allows larger departments to work with specific HR Team members 100% assigned to their recruitments
- ❖ Expand outreach to new job boards for posting and increase presence on LinkedIn to attract a wider candidate pool
- ❖ Rebuild partnerships with colleges and workforce organizations for job postings, job fairs and career fairs



## Hiring Initiatives

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# Separations 2020 - 2024

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Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Separations	1408	1799	1908	1481	1115*
Avg/Mon	117	150	159	123	111

In years 2020 – 2022 separations exceeded hires

\* YTD as of 10/24

# Training Leadership for Greater Retention

## HR Professional and Organization Development (POD) Team

Leadership Launchpad

Managers' Retreat

Coaching

Departmental Organizational Structure Reviews

Department Specific Challenges



Contra Costa County

# 2024 MANAGERS' RETREAT

Leading the Team to Victory:  
Empowering Employees through  
Great Leadership

**Professional & Organizational  
Development Team  
Host**

## GUEST SPEAKER



**Andrea Mariano**  
Organization Development  
Manager - Alameda




**Timothy Ewell**  
Chief Assistant County  
Administrator



**Ann Elliott**  
Human Resources  
Director



**Kendra Carr**  
Racial Equity & Social Justice  
Co-Director



❖ New countywide Performance Management System to recognize employee contributions, support growth, and plan for success

❖ Return of the Service Award Program

❖ Develop an Exit Interview Process

# Valuing Employees

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Celebrating County Service

**Thank you**

