

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Public Protection Committee

Report Title: 2025 Annual Report of the Public Protection Committee and Disposition of Referrals

☒ Recommendation of the County Administrator ☐ Recommendation of Board Committee

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. ACCEPT the 2025 Annual Report of the Public Protection Committee (PPC) of the Board of Supervisors.
2. RECOGNIZE the outstanding work of the County department staff who provided the necessary information to the PPC promptly and professionally, as well as the members of the public and County partners who offered valuable insights and feedback.
3. CONTINUE the following referrals to the 2026 PPC:
 - a. Opportunities to Improve Coordination of Response to Disasters and Other Public Emergencies.
 - b. Community Warning System.
 - c. Public Safety Realignment Updates and Local Community Corrections Partnership Appointments.
 - d. Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council.
 - e. Holistic Intervention Partnership, with updates on an as needed basis.
 - f. Familiar Faces
 - g. Anyone, Anywhere, Anytime (A3)
 - h. Animal Services Operations

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

BACKGROUND:

The 2025 Public Protection Committee, chaired by Supervisor Candace Andersen and vice-chaired by Supervisor Ken Carlson, met eight (8) times in 2025, accepting ten (10) referral reports from departments on its eight (8) referrals, considering and recommending various candidates to fill six (6) advisory body vacancies, and receiving two (2) reports on related topics (Stay Safe Community Listening Campaign and an update on the status of the West County Reentry, Treatment, and Housing facility). The attached 2025 Public Protection Committee Activity Reports provides a summary of these activities with links to the staff reports as presented to the Committee.

County department staff provided the following report updates to the Committee, which are recommended to CONTINUE as referrals to the 2026 PPC.

1. Community Warning System.

Staff from the Office of the Sheriff reported twice to the Committee on the Community Warning System (CWS).

On April 30, 2025, the Committee discussion included topics such as, public options for taking an opt-out approach to notifications rather than a self-subscribing approach, expanding options for chemical facility alerts to those who may not reside near a refinery, and response times during the CWS activation process.

The Committee requested that staff continue their efforts to make the CWS webpage more user friendly, particularly for the public to easily access 'know your zone', fire maps, and resources for frequently asked questions. Staff were asked to return to a later Committee meeting with additional information on its outreach and public information for emergency events and further developments to its webpage to increase public access and information on emergency preparedness and evacuation.

On October 20, 2025, staff from the Office of the Sheriff presented an update on Community Warning System related activities, highlighting revisions to the CWS alert website, additional data on alert activities by type, outreach and training events, and the department's ongoing efforts to continue providing the public with CWS information and access. The Committee shared appreciation for the information provided and noted that for future updates, it would be helpful to receive information on historical data, including year-over-year registration progression activity.

2. Public Safety Realignment Updates and Local Community Corrections Partnership Appointments.

On February 18, 2025, the Committee received the fiscal year (FY) 2025-26 AB 109 Public Safety Realignment Community Corrections budget proposal as approved by the Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee. In addition to the budgets submitted by community corrections funded departments and County partners, staff presented revenue projections based on revised State base and growth assumptions. The Committee approved the budget recommendations for inclusion in the County's FY 2025-26 Recommended Budget.

During this meeting the Committee also approved the Community Corrections Partnership recommendation to reappoint Pat Mims to the Community Representative seat and Shannon Mahoney to the Victims' Representative seat on the Community Corrections Partnership with terms ending December 31, 2025.

At its September 15, 2025 meeting, the Committee received a report from staff of the Probation Department's Office of Reentry and Justice on the FY 2025-26 solicitation process and selection of AB 109 Community Corrections reentry community programs. Funded services include family reunification services, peer mentoring, civil legal aid, employment support, housing, and comprehensive management of reentry

service networks and resources. The Committee shared appreciation for the work and speed of the project as well as the great relations established between the Probation Department and community providers.

At this meeting, the Committee also received an update on the new public facing AB 109 Program Data Dashboards developed for the reentry population served. The dashboards provide an overview of the program data for AB 109 community programs in areas such as reentry housing, employment, family reunification, mentoring, civil legal aid, and the County's reentry service hubs models. Key metrics include referral data, service needs at intake, client demographics, and notable program outcomes.

3. Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council.

At its May 19, 2025 meeting, the Committee considered two candidates for appointment to a vacant at-large youth representative seat and approved recommending to the Board of Supervisors the appointment of Ishaan Salva.

On July 21, 2025, the Committee received its annual report from the Probation Department on the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, inclusive of Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act and Youth Offender Block Grant funding and service investments. The Committee commended the Probation Department for its continued success with its pioneer model that invests in community programs and resources throughout the County.

At this meeting, the Committee also considered four candidates for appointments to two vacant at-large seats and approved recommending to the Board of Supervisors the reappointments of Raymond Chimezie and Tumani Drew.

On October 20, 2025, the Committee considered two candidates for a vacant at-large seat and approved recommending to the Board of Supervisors the appointment of Jon Green.

4. Familiar Faces.

Staff from the Health Services department reported twice to the Committee on this topic.

At its May 19, 2025 meeting, staff from the Health Services department provided an update on the Familiar Faces project. Chair Andersen requested, and Health staff agreed to, return with 1) further financial data on the cost impacts, including psychiatric emergency and first responder services, for justice involved individuals within the various clusters presented and 2) how many clients, within each cluster received homeless services. Staff clarified that it would continue researching data, however, some data may not be available due to some clients having private insurance/providers. The Committee directed staff to return later in the year with the additional information requested as well as any further updates.

On November 17, 2025, the Committee received the updated report from Health Services department staff. The presentation included data, analysis, and key findings. The Committee inquired about other programs or services to better serve high utilization groups' needs that could also minimize cost impacts and whether these data sources could be used when considering preventative services. The Committee accepted the report and directed Health Services staff to present the report to the Board of Supervisors in 2026 and with any further data developments regarding program and service alternatives for the Cluster 3 populations (the Familiar Faces group). The Committee also directed Health Services staff to present the report to the Behavioral Health Commission, once the Board of Supervisors presentation was completed.

5. Anyone, Anywhere, Anytime (A3).

On April 19, 2025, the Committee received an update from Health Services department staff on the A3 Mobile Crisis Program. Staff also shared the benefits of recent Medi-Cal expansions and how the County's Measure X funding has afforded behavioral health services to expand to all county residents, not just Medi-Cal clients. Staff were asked to look into the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection Districts behavioral health response program model approach and how having a paramedic response before law enforcement in certain cases is working for them. Additional information relating to housing and other supportive services needs of A3 clients and the costs of such services per individual was also requested. The Committee directed staff to return later in the year with the additional information requested as well as any further updates.

At its November 17, 2025 meeting, the Committee received a report from Health Services department staff with additional information and data on the A3 program. The presentation included information on response levels, call volume and type of calls, and law enforcement partnerships. Staff also presented an overview of the A3 Data Dashboard, an online public resource that provides real time data on quality and outcomes, as well as demographics information and call service types. The updates included Health Services partnering with ConFire for dispatch services and the developments of the Oak Grove Rd. facility in Concord to include the call center, rapid access clinic, and respite center.

6. Animal Services Operations.

On February 18, 2025, the Committee received a report from the Animal Services Department on its operations and medical services. The report covered challenges with increasing animal intakes and costs for medical supplies, as well as the department's approaches to increase staffing, decreasing shelter length of stay, and new funding supporting additional spay and neuter surgeries to alleviate the challenges. The report also covered information regarding increased pet license activities, 64 community outreach events, and upcoming service enhancements. An increase in transfer partners was noted as a great support to reducing the number of euthanasia, despite the increasing intake numbers. The Committee approved the report and directed the department staff to incorporate relevant key highlights from

the presentation in its FY 2025-26 recommended budget presentation to the full Board at the end of April.

7. Opportunities to Improve Coordination of Response to Disasters and Other Public Emergencies.

The Committee last received a report on this topic in August of 2024 when the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services division presented the updated County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan was later approved by the Board of Supervisors at the November 5, 2024 meeting.

Since there were no updates to the Countywide Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) in 2025, a report on this referral was not presented to this year's Committee. It is recommended that this referral be continued so that EOP updates can be presented to a Board committee as they arise.

8. Holistic Intervention Partnership.

The Committee last received a report on this topic in October of 2024, with the 2024 Committee directing the Public Defender to present the update to the Board of Supervisor. Although the Public Defender was unable to present the report to the Board in 2025, the department plans to do so in 2026.

This referral has a reporting frequency on an as needed basis. The Public Defender supports continuing this topic as a referral with this Committee.

At its December 15, 2025 meeting, the Committee received a report from the Office of the Sheriff on the status of the West County Reentry, Treatment, and Housing facility. *[staff will insert additional information after today's presentation, as directed by the Committee]*

At this meeting, the Committee also had a presentation from the District Attorney and Family Justice Center partners on the Stay Safe Community Listening Campaign. *[staff will insert additional information after today's presentation, as directed by the Committee]*

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Should the Committee not approve referral recommendations, the Public Protection Committee will not have clear direction on the disposition of prior year referrals for discussion in calendar year 2026.