



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

AGENDA

Public Protection Committee

Supervisor Ken Carlson, Chair
Supervisor Candace Andersen, Vice Chair

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Monday, May 18, 2026 **1:30 PM** **309 Diablo Road, Danville, CA 94526 |**
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1. Introductions
2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two (2) minutes).
3. CONSIDER accepting the Record of Action for the April 20, 2026 meeting of the Public Protection Committee (PPC). (Enid Mendoza, Staff to PPC) [26-2192](#)
Attachments: [Draft PPC ROA 3-16-26](#)
4. PRESENTATION on the GEMMA Project (Cynthia Chase, LCSW, GEMMA Project Executive Director) [26-2193](#)
Attachments: [GEMMA Project Presentation](#)
5. CONSIDER accepting report on the programmatic outcomes and current outlook of the County's Holistic Intervention Partnership. (Ellen McDonnell, Public Defender) [26-2194](#)
Attachments: [Public Defender HIP Report](#)
[Public Defender PPC HIP Presentation](#)

The next meeting is currently scheduled for June 15, 2026.

Adjourn

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Staff Report

File #: 26-2192

Agenda Date: 5/18/2026

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PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: May 18, 2026

Subject: Draft Record of Action - March 16, 2026

Submitted For: Monica Nino, County Administrator

Department: County Administrator's Office

Presenter: Enid Mendoza, Senior Deputy County Administrator, Staff to PPC

Contact: (925) 655-2075, enid.mendoza@cao.cccounty.us

Referral History:

County Ordinance requires that each County body keep a record of its meetings. Though the record need not be verbatim, it must accurately reflect the agenda and the decisions made in the meeting.

Referral Update:

Attached for the Committee's consideration is the draft Record of Action for the March 16, 2026 meeting.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

APPROVE the Record of Action of the Public Protection Committee's March 16, 2026 meeting.

Fiscal Impact (if any):

None.



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Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

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Present: District II Supervisor Candace Andersen and District IV
Supervisor Ken Carlson

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1. Introductions

Chair Carlson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two (2) minutes).

No one requested to speak during public comment.

3. CONSIDER accepting the Record of Action for the February 12, 2026 meeting of the Public Protection Committee (PPC). (Enid Mendoza, Staff to PPC) [26-1099](#)

Attachments: [1 - DRAFT ROA of Feb 12 Meeting](#)

Approved as presented.

Aye: Vice Chair Candace Andersen and Chair Ken Carlson

Result: Passed

4. CONSIDER applicants for the one pending At-large seat vacancy and one pending Community Based Organization seat vacancy on the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, to determine recommendations for the Board of Supervisors' consideration and provide further direction to staff as [26-1100](#)

necessary. (Esa Ehmen-Krause, County Probation Officer)

Attachments: [Attachment A - JJCC Press Release 01-26-2026.pdf](#)
[Attachment B - JJCC Applications 01-26-2026.pdf](#)
[Attachment C-JJCC Applicants Summary 1-26-2026 docx G.pdf](#)
[Attachment D - JJCC Membership 01-26-2026 \(002\).pdf](#)

Chief Probation Officer, Esa Ehmen-Krause provided an introduction and allowed candidates in attendance to present and speak on their background and interests related to the roles within the JJCC. The Committee deliberated on the qualifications and interests of each candidate, acknowledging the impressive pool of candidates and also encouraging all applicants to continue seeking available seats in the future. Ultimately the Committee unanimously approved recommending to the Board of Supervisors the appointment of Denise Coleman to the At-Large Seat and Julius Van Hook to the Community-Based Organization seat on the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council.

Aye: Vice Chair Candace Andersen and Chair Ken Carlson

Result: Passed

5. CONSIDER receiving a report from the Animal Services Department on Animal Services operations and medical services, and provide direction to staff, as needed. (Ben Winkleblack, Animal Services Director) [26-1101](#)

Attachments: [Animal Services Operations Update](#)

Animal Services Director, Ben Winkleblack presented the report to provide an update on activities and initiatives in the Animal Services Department, including challenges and approaches on how the Department is tackling challenges under their Field Services, Shelter Services, and Community Services Units. Field Services is undergoing personnel changes as well as updating protocols on responses to animal welfare, which includes changes in deployment of field officers and additional training to staff. Shelter Operations provided service statistics and is increasing the frequency of staff meetings to decrease length of stay to improve animal care, refocusing Animal Center Coordinator roles, expanding access to volunteers, and changing shelter hours to be open 7 days a week starting in the spring. The Community and Outreach Services were also highlighted with an overview on the number of events provided and the access with county cities and animal welfare agencies to bring more services to county residents.

Aye: Vice Chair Candace Andersen and Chair Ken Carlson

Result: Passed

6. CONSIDER approving the proposed 2026 Committee meeting schedule and format and providing direction to staff regarding any changes thereto. (Enid Mendoza, Sr. Deputy County Administrator) [26-1102](#)

Attachments: [DRAFT PPC 2026 Calendar and Workplan](#)

Approved as presented.

Aye: Vice Chair Candace Andersen and Chair Ken Carlson
Result: Passed

The next meeting is currently scheduled for April 20, 2026.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

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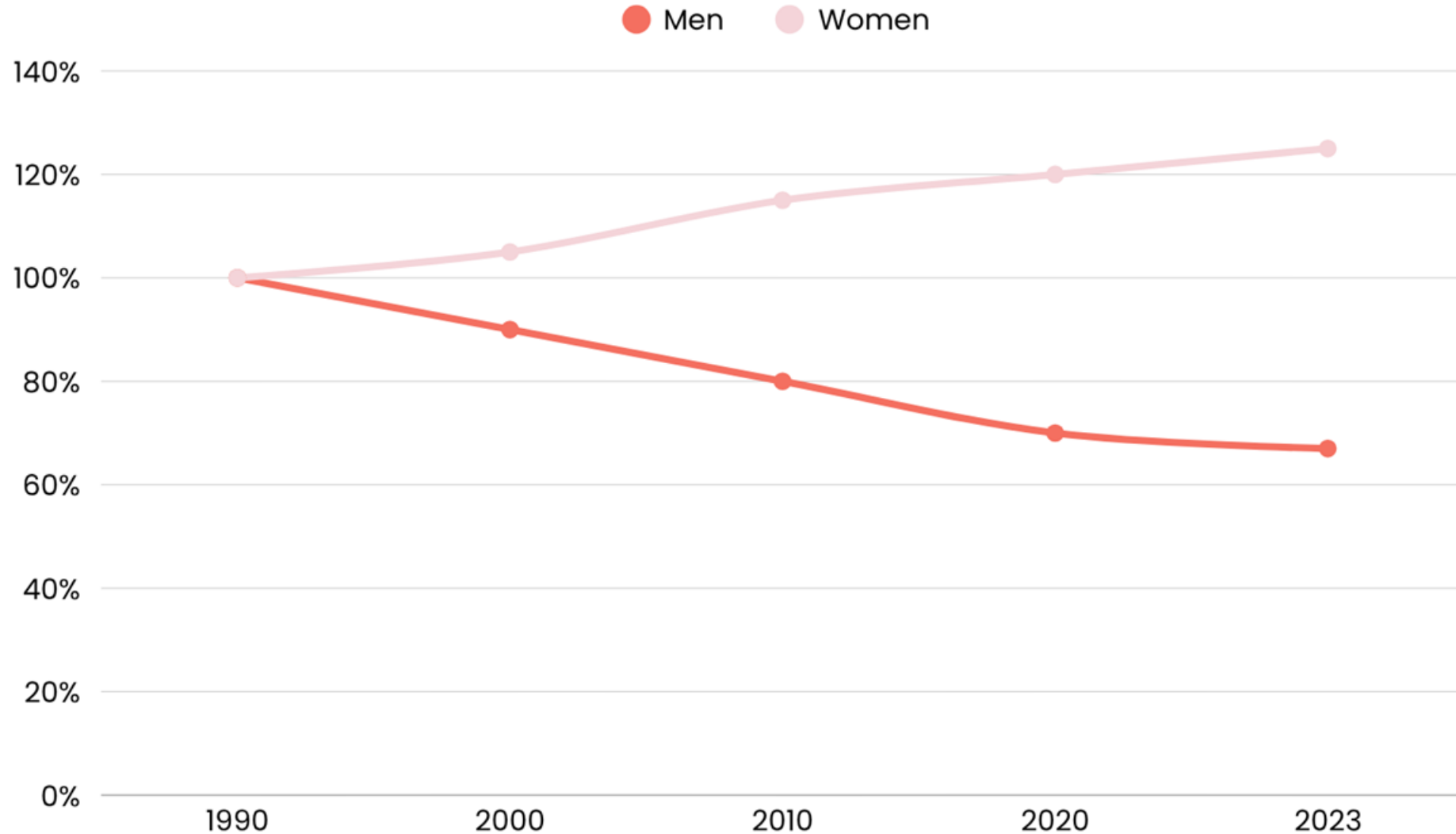
the gemma project

RESTORING HOPE, OPPORTUNITY, AND COMMUNITY

**The Silent 10%: The Untold Crisis of the Justice
System's Fastest Growing Population – Women**

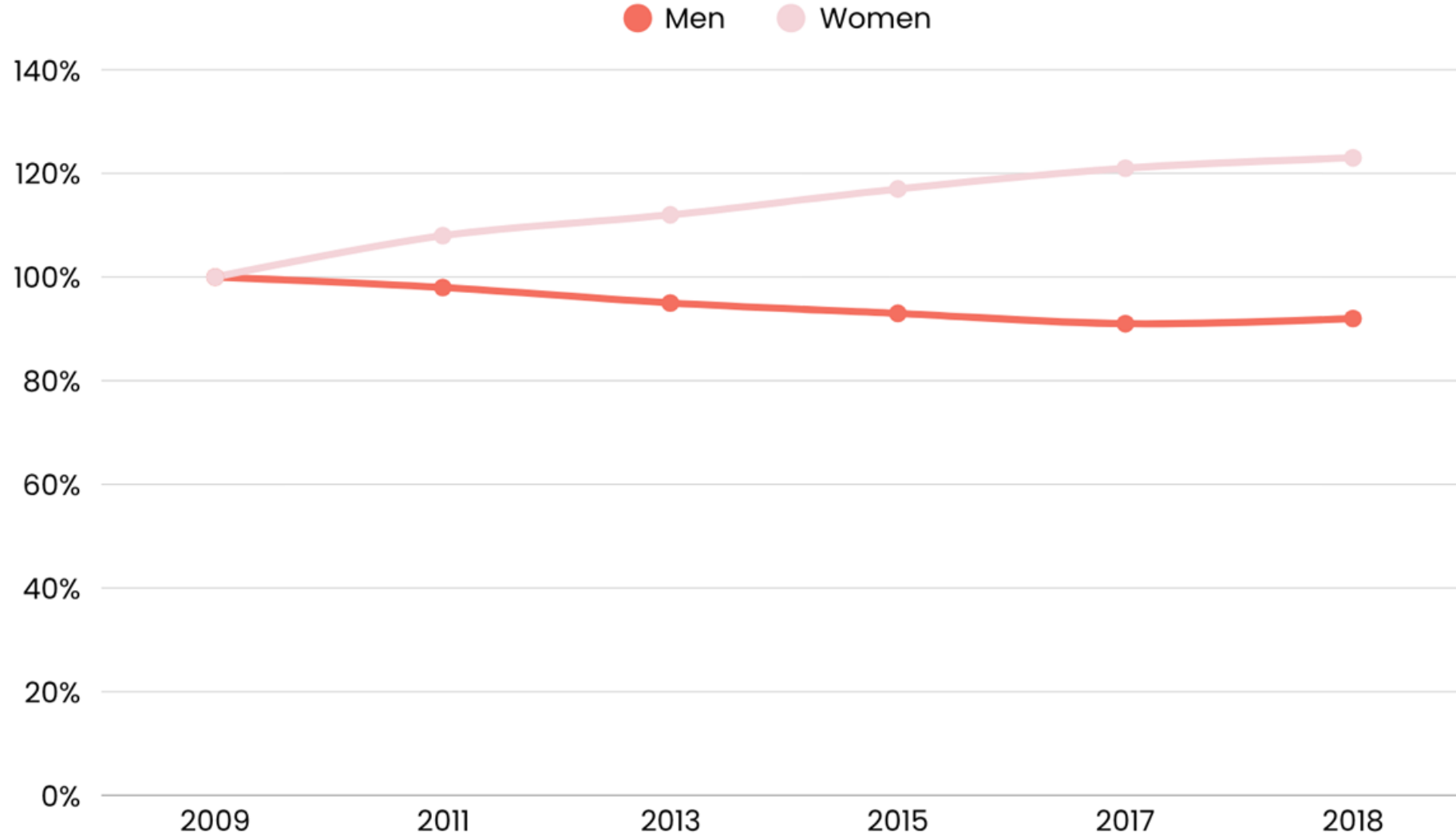
Over the past 35 years, total arrests have risen 25% for women while decreasing 33% for men

We use 100% as a baseline to show these differences



While men's jail populations fell 8% from 2009 to 2018,
women's jail populations grew 23%

We use 100% as a baseline to show these differences



The Stats

Almost 90% of women incarcerated in jail are survivors of sexual violence and 80% are survivors of domestic/intimate partner violence

26% of incarcerated women experienced homelessness in the year before their arrest compared to 16% of men

Fleeing a domestic/intimate partner violence relationship is the leading cause of homelessness for women

Nearly 80% of women in jail have minor children

Because women are often sole - caregivers, they have children's needs to coordinate which impacts availability for employment, job training, education, and treatment

Poverty is the strongest predictor of recidivism among women

Filling the Gap

Because the pathways into incarceration are unique for women, gender - neutral programming often misses the mark.

Gemma was deliberately designed to address these specific needs through gender responsive services.

Gender - responsive means you have intentionally created an environment that demonstrates through site and staff selection, program and policy development, content, and materials the important differences between men and women in psychological development, socialization, culture, exposure to trauma, and life experiences.

The Gemma Project's Legacy

Roots

Gemma was created by incarcerated women in the early 2000's - they wanted programs designed for them instead of one-size-fits all that failed to meet their needs

Origin

Gemma – a name chosen by the founding women means **“a bud ready to grow independently”**
We specialize in meeting the needs of justice-involved women

Rebirth

In 2023, Lara Love a graduate of the original Gemma & Cynthia Chase the original Executive Director reimaged & relaunched with the goal to replicate in as many jails and prisons across the country as possible

Growth

We currently serve 10 counties and both women's prisons in California

Impact

An independent study of Gemma participants found a 40% reduction in recidivism - from 70% to 30%

Gemma Services across the Contra Costa continuum

Pretrial

In-custody
Day Program

In-custody
Reentry
Support

Continuing
Care

Prison &
Parole

All female identifying individuals on pretrial are referred to Gemma. Any participants placed on formal probation are provided a warm-handoff to Gemma Care Coordinator.

Therapeutic skill building group curriculum. Eight weeks, three times each week.* Includes establishing trusted relationship with Continuing Care Coordinator prior to release.

Individual reentry planning and support for participants not enrolled in the Day Program with mild - moderate behavioral health challenges.

Community based structured reentry support, connection to resources, system navigation, and warm handoffs.

Individual reentry planning and support for participants on parole or paroling to Contra Costa County from both CA women's prisons.

What's different about working with women?

Women are socialized to be more relational and social: they will call more, ask for more help, express more needs, make more requests – interactions can't be transactional, they have to focus on trust and relationship building

Women have more co-occurring and much more complex health and behavioral health needs

Women are less likely to be employed and more likely to be homeless prior to incarceration making immediate reentry needs more critical

Women are often sole caregivers and many children are placed in foster care as a **direct result** of their mother's incarceration

Women are more likely to engage in programming, seek resources, and complete terms & conditions

Myths & Facts about justice - involved women

MYTH: women don't need services because the majority of justice - involved people are men.

FACT: gender neutral programs are often ineffective for women



MYTH: women don't want/need services because they are not showing up for services that are currently available.

FACT: spaces that are male dominated can feel predatory, triggering and unsafe for many women who have been assaulted, exploited, or trafficked



Because women who are incarcerated are often sole - caregivers, women's arrests often result in their children entering foster care and contribute to the next generation of incarcerated individuals. 1/5 of the prison population is comprised of former foster youth.

What makes Gemma Unique

By and For Justice - Involved Women - founded by incarcerated women we center the voices, needs, and leadership of justice - involved women in every aspect of our programming and structure.

We begin in - custody - laying a foundation of trust and continue into the community maintaining the continuity of care with **No Time Limit** - Participants receive support before, during, and long after release. This “no drop - off” approach addresses a common failure point in reentry programs.

Holistic, Healing - Centered Approach - Combines behavioral health support, housing navigation, family reunification, and more. - Uses wellness and reentry plans that reflect each woman’s individual strengths, needs, and goals.

Gender - and Trauma - Responsive from the Ground Up - Designed specifically for justice - involved women, not retrofitted from programs meant for men. - Incorporates trauma - responsive practices, recognizing the deep impact of trauma on behavior, healing, and reentry.

Operate as a “hub and spoke model” where we remain the consistent hub coordinating care to the many spokes of providers including probation, courts, treatment, and community providers - this approaches increases retention in all services and improves outcomes.

Policy Advocacy Coalition Deliverables

Identify and prioritize	Identify and prioritize policy areas that disproportionately impact women
Form	Form a coalition of advocates, including justice-involved women, to influence policy change and increase awareness among policymakers
Draft and present	Draft and present at least three policy recommendations to local and state governments
Work	Work with justice system stakeholders to implement evidence-based alternatives to incarceration, such as diversion
Collect and present	Collect and present demographic, program, and outcome data demonstrating the effectiveness of gender-responsive programming

JOIN US: Community Event



Diablo Valley
College –
JUNE
Specific date to
follow



Screening of
the film:
Breaking
Barriers



Panel Q&A
with justice-
involved
women from
Contra
Costa
County
including the
filmmaker



Policy
Recommendations
from the Policy
Coalition



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Staff Report

File #: 26-2194

Agenda Date: 5/18/2026

Agenda #: 5.

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: May 18, 2026

Subject: Holistic Intervention Partnership (HIP) - Program and Funding Update

Submitted For: Ellen McDonnell, Public Defender

Department: Public Defender

Presenter: Ellen McDonnell

Referral History:

In April 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved and authorized the application and acceptance of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) for the Public Defender's Holistic Intervention Partnership (HIP).

In November 2019, the Public Defender accepted a three-year \$3 million JAG grant award for HIP. As one of only two Public Defenders Office in the state to receive an initial JAG grant as part of a total \$16.2 million in JAG funding awarded by BSCC, the HIP established an innovative holistic defense system with a focus on early intervention at the time of police contact in misdemeanor cases. Through a public-private partnership between the Contra Costa County Office of the Public Defender, multiple County agencies, and community-based partners, HIP has continued to provide interdisciplinary case management and navigation services to indigent individuals to ensure timely and coordinated access to a client-centered array of housing, behavioral health, transportation and legal services at the critical time of initial law enforcement contact.

The Committee received a report on HIP in October 2024. The Committee requested having a presentation on the HIP program to the full Board of Supervisors when convenient for the Department. The Department has obtained the most current program data, outcomes, and funding levels. Due to the gap in time since the last presentation to the Committee, the Department is reporting back to the PPC, rather than going directly to the Board of Supervisors.

Referral Update:

Please see attached report and presentation for programmatic outcomes and the current outlook of the Public Defender's Office Holistic Intervention Partnership (HIP) program.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

ACCEPT the program and funding update of the Public Defender's Office, Holistic Intervention Partnership (HIP) program, and PROVIDE direction to staff as needed.

Fiscal Impact (if any):

No fiscal impact.



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
PUBLIC DEFENDER

Ellen McDonnell
Public Defender

DATE: MAY 18, 2026
TO: PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE
FROM: ELLEN MCDONNELL, PUBLIC DEFENDER
SUBJECT: HOLISTIC INTERVENTION PARTNERSHIP (HIP) UPDATE

Executive Summary

The Holistic Intervention Partnership (HIP) represents a proven, collaborative model that strengthens public safety, improves court outcomes, and stabilizes individuals with complex needs. By integrating legal defense with targeted social services and housing supports, HIP has demonstrated measurable success in reducing repeated system involvement and improving client engagement.

Since its launch, HIP has served **1,965** community members and, in the last 3-year HIP grant, exceeded its original goal of clients served by 158%. The program has achieved a low failure to appear rate of **12.33%** and initial recidivism data for HIP participants is significantly lower than comparison groups, outcomes that reflect both individual stabilization and system efficiency.

However, with the expiration of the latest state grant that funded housing resources through a partnership with Hope Solutions, HIP is now operating without the core element that drove its success. While the Public Defender's office has secured a smaller follow-up state grant to sustain some program functions and to focus on serving those charged with in Proposition 36 theft and drug cases, the loss of funding for housing and other crucial reentry supports presents a critical inflection point.

This report outlines HIP's demonstrated impact, the system-wide value it provides, and the importance of sustaining its core components.

Strategic Context: From Program to System Function

HIP was designed not as a standalone service, but as a **system level intervention**. Traditional approaches often treat legal representation, housing instability, and behavioral health needs as separate challenges. HIP integrates these elements into a single coordinated response – aligning public defense, community-based organizations, and court partners around a shared goal: **stabilization that leads to better outcomes for individuals and the system as a whole.**

This model has produced:

- Increased court compliance
- Reduced new system involvement
- Stronger coordination between justice and community-based partners

Of equal importance, HIP has earned **trust across traditionally siloed systems**, including judicial officers and justice partners – an outcome that is both rare and operationally significant.

HIP serves as a highly effective tool to safely divert clients with mental illness and substance use disorders out of our local jails and connect them with local resources. In providing HIP services, the Public Defender’s Office partners with Contra Costa County Health, Housing and Homeless Services; Behavioral Health Services; Employment and Human Services; and the Antioch, Martinez, and Richmond Police Departments. HIP’s community-based partners include Rubicon Programs, the Reentry Success Center in Richmond, and housing provider Hope Solutions. Additionally, researchers from California State University Long Beach, who are the grant’s evaluators, are collaborating with the HIP partners.

HIP has been guided by a diverse Local Advisory Committee, which includes representatives from county agencies, courts, local organizations and service providers, and individuals with lived experience in the criminal legal system.

Program Impact and Outcomes

HIP’s effectiveness is best understood through its outcomes:

- Initial recidivism data for HIP clients shows that **Felony arrests** were **181%** more likely for non-HIP public defender clients with comparable demographics and criminal backgrounds.
- **Felony charges** were nearly two and a half times more likely (**236%**) for the comparison group.
- Criminal **convictions** altogether were **238%** more likely for the comparison group.
- Over **95%** of HIP clients have not had new charges filed since the initial qualifying incident.

Housing stability has been a central driver of these outcomes:

- During the last three years, HIP successfully housed **323 people**, and the number of people housed each year increased every year.
- In the last year, HIP **successfully housed 80%** of clients who were homeless at intake.
- Sober living environments served almost half (48%) of housed clients. 19% entered independent (private) housing, 13% to shared private housing, 13% to living with family or friends. Only 2% were housed in shelters.

These outcomes demonstrate that **targeted housing investment – paired with legal and social support – produces measurable improvements in both individual stability and system performance.**

Current HIP funding challenges have impacted our housing programming. Due to recent funding cuts and the winding down of HIP’s contract with Hope Solutions, HIP could not provide housing services to 39 unhoused clients over the last couple of months. **This is the first time that HIP has had to deny those services.** As of the most recent data, 14 clients remain in HIP-funded housing without a clear path to alternative placement by the end of the month. Our team continues to seek additional resources, to work collaboratively with all local partners, and to locate any and all supports for these clients.

Program Background and Context

Year after year, misdemeanors make up the vast majority of criminal cases prosecuted in Contra Costa County, placing significant pressure on the criminal legal system. Most individuals impacted by our local criminal legal system are represented by the Public Defender's Office, and the bulk of Public Defender clients experience acute needs related to housing, behavioral health, and other reentry services. More recently, with the passage of Proposition 36 in 2024, 100s of theft and drug cases that would have been filed as misdemeanors are being filed as felonies.

The Public Defender’s Office is dedicated to a “holistic defense” model that pairs vigorous legal advocacy with intensive, client-centered supportive services aimed at addressing the underlying causes of system involvement. Over the last decade, the office has launched several innovative programs designed to meet the complex needs of clients struggling with repeated system involvement and improve outcomes both in and beyond the courtroom.

Early Representation Program

In 2016, the Public Defender launched the Early Representation Program (“EarlyRep”) to provide legal representation to individuals immediately following law enforcement contact for misdemeanors. The EarlyRep program serves approximately 5,000 community members countywide each year. Expanding early access to legal representation has proven to be incredibly successful in lowering the Failure to Appear (FTA) rate¹ and reducing bench warrants for missed court dates, which saves the county approximately \$1,057 per FTA avoided², as well as providing assistance related to the critical needs of those served by the Public Defender’s Office. The Early Representation Program was awarded the “Defender Program of the Year” by the California Public Defender Association (CPDA) and has served as a model for similar programs across the country.

HIP “1.0”: 2020-23

In May 2020, the Public Defender launched the Holistic Intervention Partnership (HIP), a public private collaboration designed to address the underlying needs of indigent individuals immediately after arrest. Building on EarlyRep, HIP provides intensive holistic support — including housing funding and reentry resources — for people with recent police contact for misdemeanor or low-level felony offenses. HIP 1.0 was funded with a \$3.1M state JAG grant.

HIP 1.0 exceeded expectations, enrolling 503 clients (target was 300). Of the 155 clients experiencing housing instability, 73.1% exited to permanent housing. Rubicon achieved 127 of 156 civil legal goals, mainly family court and license revocation hearings. Research showed that recidivism was dramatically lower under the HIP model: comparable non-HIP clients were far

more likely to face felony arrests (181%), new felony charges (236%), or convictions (238%). HIP clients also had a much lower failure-to-appear rate (15.1% vs. 45%).

HIP “2.0”: 2023 - 2026

In 2023, the Public Defender’s Office was awarded an additional State BSCC Prop 47 grant to sustain and grow HIP. This “HIP 2.0” program received \$6 million over three years to serve 900 total individuals, tripling the program’s capacity. HIP 2.0 has an increased focus on housing and recidivism reduction for individuals arrested for low-level offenses – the majority of 2.0 funds supported housing. HIP clients may be eligible for short-term, emergency stabilization housing and long-term housing support with employment training.

Under our second HIP grant, the program has continued to exceed expectations and resulted in continued successes for participants. Early recidivism data from HIP evaluators demonstrate that HIP decreases system involvement. Of the 238 clients enrolled in year one, only 16% were rearrested, just six clients were convicted of a new charge, and only one individual received a jail sentence.

We have received a no-cost extension through the end of August 2026 to expend all funding from this State grant and are working to extend HIP’s resourcing utilizing a new, but reduced State grant. Our team is creatively exploring revenue sources to continue our robust support of HIP clients.

Conclusion

HIP is no longer a pilot – it is a **proven, system aligned program delivering strong results**. Pairing legal advocacy with housing and supportive services has improved outcomes for individuals and strengthened the broader system.

HIP and EarlyRep have expanded access to counsel, reduced incarceration tied to missed court, and addressed unmet housing and mental health needs for nearly 2000 indigent community members. This holistic, collaborative model is now seen as a best practice in indigent defense and supports community safety for vulnerable residents in Contra Costa, most of whom are Black and Brown.

The current moment presents a clear decision point: how do we creatively search for additional resourcing for HIP clients, especially those who are in need of housing funding and supports in a way that sustains and strengthens HIP’s impact.

Contra Costa Holistic Intervention Partnership

*Improving Public Safety, Reducing System
Costs, Strengthening Communities*



Ellen McDonnell, Chief Public Defender

Contra Costa County Office of the Public Defender

Report to Public Protection Committee

May 18, 2026

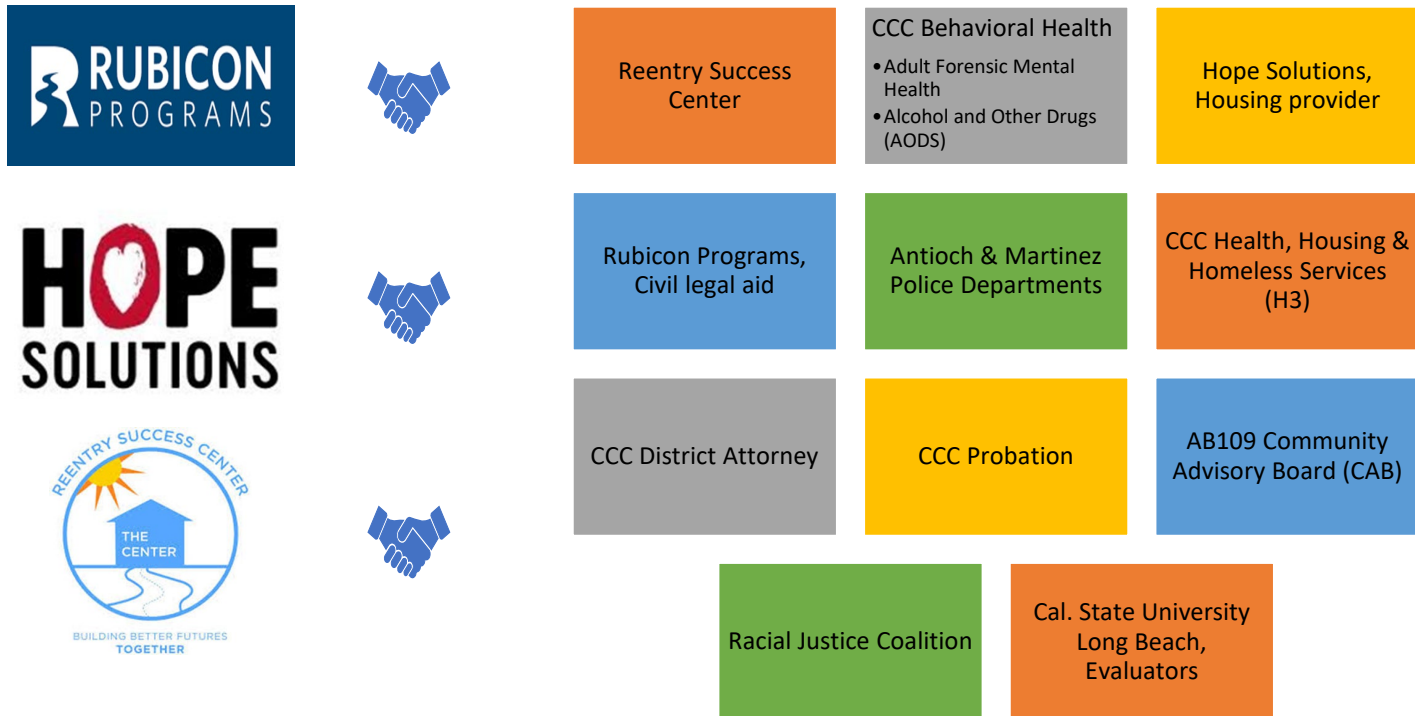


What is The Holistic Intervention Partnership?

HIP launched in 2020; this is a state-funded diversion & stabilization initiative

- Focus: Highly vulnerable Public Defender clients facing misdemeanor or “wobbler” charges with:
 - Homelessness, substance use, mental illness, disability, extreme poverty
- Since its launch, HIP has served **1,965** total people
- **1,195+** people served in last 2.5 years
- Exceeded three-year goal of clients served by 158%

HIP Partners are County and Community-Based



Who Does HIP Serve?

Current HIP clients present with more complex issues

- Increase in unhoused HIP clients and those with Behavioral Health & Substance Use Disorder challenges
- Reduction in those with health insurance or receiving public benefits
- HIP target population similar to the Familiar Faces population serving those with repeated system impacts



One of Many HIP Success Stories

HIP Client living in car struggling to maintain employment

- Rapidly housed through HIP partnership
- Connected to employment support and CalAIM services
- Case resolved without incarceration
- Permanently housed and stably employed



Funding Challenges

State funding extended — but reduced

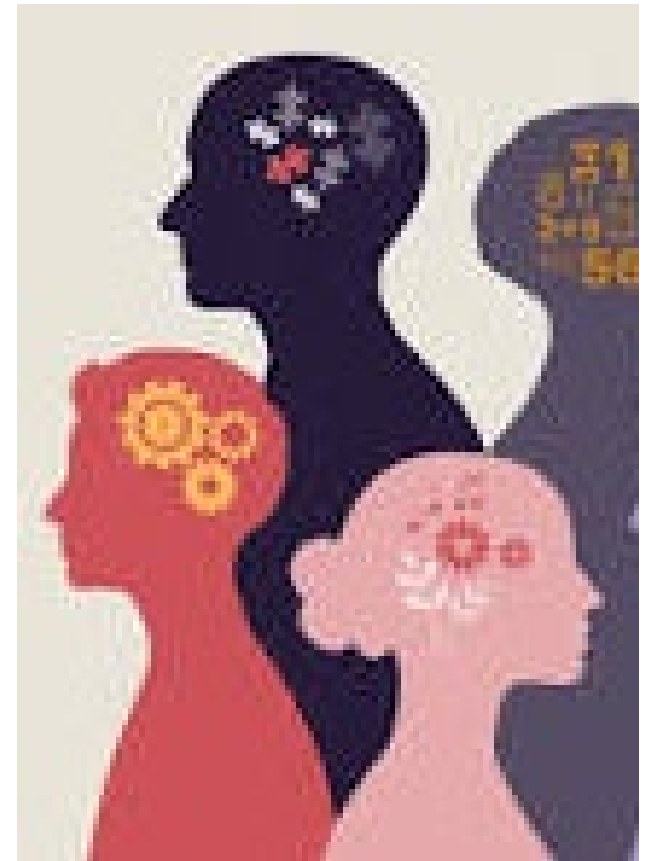
- Larger BSCC Prop 47 grant ends Summer 2026
- Small state grant maintains reduced services
- Acute need for housing and other reentry services continues to increase
- Client complexity increasing due to new focus on Prop 36

The need is growing. The funding is shrinking.

What Makes HIP Different?

Early identification + holistic intervention

- Strong county-CBO partnerships: Hope Solutions, Rubicon, Centro Legal
- Rapid housing placement and rental assistance
- Employment and reentry services
- Public benefits advocacy and CalAIM enrollment
- Local Advisory Committee from all sides of the justice system stewarding the project



Housing Impact

April 2023 – December 2025:

- **506** individuals/families received housing services
- **85.2%** successfully housed

122 HIP clients housed in 2025

- Average time in HIP-funded housing: 120 days



Prevention services stop homelessness before it starts.

HIP's Reentry Services and Civil Legal Aid Partnership



Public benefits

Employment training

Family court hearings

DMV hearings

Employment & licensing appeals

Support & transportation w/court ordered meetings

Fiscal Responsibility

\$6M grant over 3 years;
served 1,195+ people

- Average cost: **\$5,020 per person**
- Familiar Faces cluster average: **\$191,423 per person**
- HIP connects clients to benefits and healthcare

*HIP isn't a cost center.
It's a cost-avoidance strategy.*



Strategic Opportunity

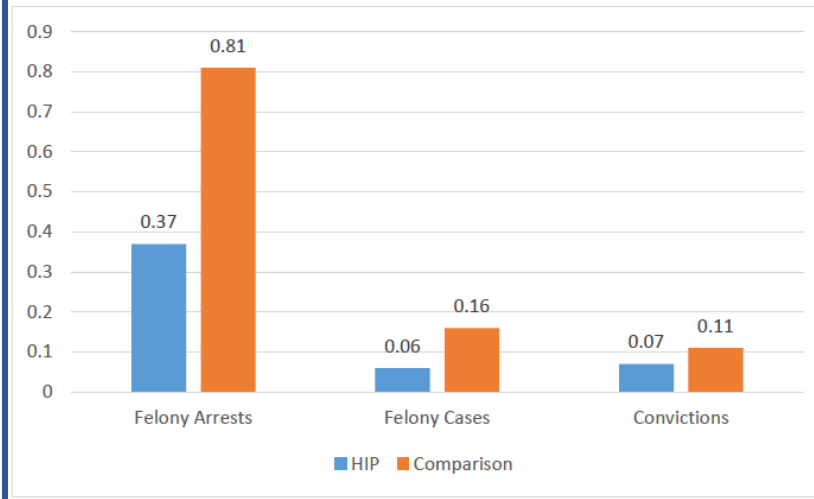
HIP has the potential to continue to:

- Support the Familiar Faces impacting systems across our county
- Expand benefits enrollment and increase community stabilization
- Leverage Continuum of Care funding
- Attract additional public and private grants

County collaboration positions HIP to unlock outside funding

HIP Decreases Future System Involvement

Figure 3-6: 12-month significant criminal history outcomes



Felony ARRESTS were 181% more likely for non-HIP public defender clients with comparable demographics & criminal backgrounds

Felony CHARGES were nearly two and a half times more likely (236%) for comparison group

Criminal CONVICTIONS as a whole were 238% more likely for comparison group

HIP is Proven, and More Critical Than Ever

- HIP is an effective model at reducing recidivism
- Local Misdemeanor and Felony filings have both increased driving the need for HIP services
- Proposition 36 filings are increasing incarceration time locally and in state prison
- Behavioral health and homelessness pressures rising
- HIP infrastructure already built and evaluated

Scaling HIP is critical to increasing community stability.

HIP Strengthens Public Safety and Equity

Reducing system costs by
reducing homelessness

Improving behavioral health
outcomes

Enhancing public safety

Advancing racial equity and
system efficiency

Maximizing state and federal
funding leverage

Thank you!



HOLISTIC INTERVENTION PARTNERSHIP

If you have had recent police contact, we may be able to connect you with free resources that will help you get back on the right track

- ✓ Employment assistance
- ✓ ID and document retrieval
- ✓ Fight an eviction
- ✓ Substance abuse treatment
- ✓ Counseling
- ✓ Reinstate/apply for benefits
- ✓ Restraining orders
- ✓ Debt collection issues
- ✓ Housing navigation
- ✓ Mental health services

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