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Humboldt County Addendum

On March 14, 2022, the State Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) requested clarification on the following information as it applies to Humboldt County's plan submitted pursuant to Section 1995(e) of the Welfare and Institutions Code:

- Disaggregated demographic and offense data (including race/ethnicity) for all of your youth with 707(b) and/or 290.008 offenses for 2019, 2020, and 2021 (if already available).
- 2. Disaggregated placements for all of your youth with 707(b) offenses and/or 290.008 offenses [e.g., placed in juvenile hall, ranch, home etc.] for 2019, 2020, and 2021 (if already available).
- Further details on the facility improvements that you are making to accommodate youth in the secure track who will be subject to longer commitments.
- 4. Further details on how you will classify youth to make initial housing placements to ensure the safety and protection of youth having different ages, genders, special needs, and other relevant characteristics in the secure facility.

The requested data in the first two items is attached to this document.

Regarding Item 3, the Humboldt County Juvenile Hall has just completed construction. It is a brand-new facility with a large footprint to accommodate multiple programming spaces, including multi-purpose rooms, 3 recreation yards, and a large shared living area. Youth can be spread out in the facility to accommodate learning and behavioral needs. In the upcoming fiscal year, Humboldt County intends to partner with Humboldt County Office of Education to put a horticulture program on site for youth to develop vocational skills.

Regarding Item 4, the Humboldt County Juvenile Hall has a capacity of 30 beds with an average daily population of 10 youth. It is a small population. There are no pods or separate living areas. When youth are initially detained, they undergo screening for health and mental health issues. By the time they are placed in the Secure Youth Treatment Program, they have been in the facility for months. Their behavior and needs determine how much they interact with other youth. A youth's interaction with their peers may be restricted and/or modified based on their behaviors while in the facility. This is reviewed and assessed throughout their time in the program. The facility has the space to accommodate youth programming individually.

It is noted that no youth has been ordered to the program as of the writing of this addendum. It is expected more details will be resolved as it goes into effect.

Respectfully,

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