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From: Chief Probation Officer Marshall Hopper

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Subject: Placer County's Realignment Block Grant Plan Addendum

1. Please provide further details on the facility improvements that you are making to accommodate youth in the secure track who will be subject to longer commitments, as you described to us, such as the career center and other expansions of educational and employment services, among other intended or desired improvements.

Modification of a Unit:

We will be modifying a housing unit to include a temporary wall so when needed, we can separate the secure youth based on their offense severity and treatment needs. This will allow for us to ensure the safety and protection of all youth based on their different ages, gender and specific needs.

Modifications needed for this unit will include adding a telephone line, internet, moving a ventilation duct and fire sprinkler, carpet, paint, adding a workstation and supplies to retro fit the unit for Title 15 programming and compliance.

Career and Higher Learning Center:

We will be turning one of our vacant units into a career and higher learning education center. The unit currently has a library, and we will be adding 4 computer terminals, tables, chairs, and rockers to enhance this space. We will be adding permanent internet connection and hard wiring to this unit to allow for the additional technology. We will also paint and add carpet for a more "home" like feel to this space.

The computers will be used for onsite school testing, additional hoteling station for youth during school, career and educational webinars, on-line college courses and a research station for youth looking into career and employment opportunities.

Our local employment agency and Placer County Office of Education will also be able to use this space for in person learning and education around career development. In addition, our volunteers and mental health providers can use this space for small groups to ensure confidentiality.

We will need to make these modifications to ensure Title 15 compliance and safety and security of the youth and staff. In our modified unit, secure youth will need access to a phone, staff will need a computer to access a workstation and the unit will need to be up to code. In our career center, youth will need access to additional technology to allow for their pursuit in a career and higher learning.

By making these adjustments in the facility this will allow for a safer environment, ability to use behavior modifications as needed in a safe location, create a higher learning environment with amenities necessary to have outside providers and virtual webinars, and a space to allow for youth to participate in college courses.

2. Please provide further details on your individualized approach to classifying youth, such as the weekly meetings that you described to us.

The youth will be classified in 1 of our 3-4 units. Currently, we have an Intake unit where all youth are housed upon entering our facility for approximately 14 days. We also have 2 general population units depending on the population count. Finally, we have our Placer Youth Center (PYC) program for youth who are participating in a specialized program. Our secure youth can be housed in any of these units after 14 days depending on their programming, sophistication level, behavior and service needs.

A Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) meeting is conducted once a week at the Placer County Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF) to review each youth in custody's classification and case file. The JDF manager, supervisor, and line staff along with representatives from: Placer County Office of Education staff, WellPath (medical and mental health service provider in JDF) nurse and mental health worker, Children Systems of Care (CSOC) mental health worker, probation manager/supervisor and probation field staff will meet to discuss the progress of each youth and their programming while incarcerated.

The team will focus on the goals and service needs for each youth weekly to include the following:

- the youth is housed in the correct location within the facility,
- the youth is attending and participating in school,
- the youth is participating in the appropriate programming and services,
- medical, mental health, and substance use needs are being met
- family needs are being addressed,
- the goals and case plans for the youth are updated and continue to be appropriate in their program.

During the meetings, the team will discuss any concerns and/or report out any positive behaviors regarding the youth in-custody. The team will come up with a plan to address any concerns and follow up with the appropriate team members to resolve any issues and/or provide the support the youth and/or family may need.

The team will continue meeting, following up and reporting out on each youth in the facility weekly as a youth progresses through their programming at the JDF.