

Community Corrections Partnership Advisory Board

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TO: CCP Advisory Board

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RE: **STAFF REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM #6**

6 – Approve Recommendation to CCP for Adoption of a Countywide Definition of Recidivism

At the June 2, 2022 CCP meeting, the CCPAB report back included a request for assistance from the Sheriff's Office and the Probation Department to acquire recidivism data based on a standardized data definition and timeframes. The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) recidivism definition was identified by the CCPAB as the recommended definition for Sacramento County. The Ad Hoc AB109 Budget and Program Committee brought forward the recommendation because the BSCC developed the recidivism definition as part of their AB 109 administrative duties related to the annual AB 109 Plan Update and annual surveys regarding AB 109 expenses and activities each county submits by December 15 each year. CCP members noted there is a lot of confusion around what recidivism means and that it would be helpful to adopt a countywide definition of recidivism. It was noted that capturing data based on the established definition would allow for identification of a recidivism baseline and any changes over time as an overarching indicator for how well county justice and social service partners and systems are doing addressing issues driving further criminal activity for people who have been convicted of a criminal offense. The CCP concluded discussion by directing the CCP Analyst to work with the CCPAB to develop a recommendation for a countywide recidivism definition that could potentially be adopted at the August 4th CCP meeting.

Ongoing work through the Ad Hoc AB109 Budget and Program Committee has made it clear the local criminal case process and data systems do not allow for straight forward capture of new convictions during the three years after post-sentence release from jail or post-sentence community supervision start, which is what the BSCC recidivism definition seeks to track. It would not be feasible to recommend a recidivism definition that can't be tracked, so the ad hoc committee and CCP Analyst are continuing work with data experts to establish a methodology for tracking recidivism with the goal of staying as close to the BSCC recidivism definition as possible (https://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_recidivism/), then utilize that methodology identifying what can be tracked to create the countywide recidivism definition that will be recommended to the CCP for adoption at the August 4th meeting.

It is recommended the CCPAB approve delegating a recommendation to the Ad Hoc AB109 Budget and Program Committee for the countywide definition of recidivism to the CCP based on this plan.