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VOTE ONLY ISSUES**0250 JUDICIAL BRANCH****ISSUE 1: TRIAL COURT REVENUE SHORTFALL**

The Governor's May Revision requests an additional \$15.5 million General Fund to cover the revenue shortfall in the trial court budget. This brings the total General Fund transfer for the shortfall to \$66.2 million. This is a technical adjustment to the Governor's January proposal based upon updated revenue estimates.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve as proposed.

ISSUE 2: EXTENSION OF FEE INCREASES TRAILER BILL LANGUAGE

- 1) Existing law imposes a supplemental fee of \$40 for filing first papers in certain civil proceedings, until July 1, 2015, subject to reduction if the amount of the General Fund appropriation to the Trial Court Trust Fund is decreased from the amount appropriated in the 2013–14 fiscal year.

This bill would delete the repeal date for the supplemental fee, thereby extending that fee indefinitely.

- 2) Existing law, until July 1, 2015, requires a \$1,000 fee to be paid on behalf of all plaintiffs, and by each defendant, intervenor, respondent, or adverse party to a civil action that is designated or determined to be a complex case, after which existing law requires a fee of \$550 to be paid. Existing law, until July 1, 2015, imposes a limitation of \$18,000 on the total amount of complex fees collected from all defendants, intervenors, respondents, or other adverse parties appearing in a complex case, after which existing law imposes a limitation of \$10,000.

This bill would delete the repeal date associated with the \$1,000 complex case fee and \$18,000 total fee limitation, thereby extending that higher fee rate and limitation indefinitely.

- 3) Under existing law, the uniform fee for filing any specified motion, application, order to show cause, or any other paper requiring a hearing subsequent to the first paper is \$60 until July 1, 2015, at which time that fee is reduced to \$40.

This bill would delete the repeal date associated with the \$60 filing fee, thereby extending the \$60 filing fee indefinitely.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adopt as placeholder, include language extending the sunset to July 1, 2018.

ISSUE 3: NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY TRAILER BILL LANGUAGE

Existing law designates state holidays. Existing law adopts those state holidays, with certain exceptions, as judicial holidays.

This bill would additionally exclude Native American Day from the list of judicial holidays.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve Proposal

ISSUE 4: RECIDIVISM REDUCTION FUND TRAILER BILL LANGUAGE

Existing law, in the Budget Act of 2014, appropriates \$15,000,000 for the establishment or ongoing operation and staffing of programs known to reduce recidivism and enhance public safety by means of a competitive grant program developed and administered by the Judicial Council. Existing law, the Budget Act of 2014, authorizes these funds to be expended until June 30, 2017, after which any unexpended funds revert to the General Fund.

This bill would allow these funds to be encumbered, in addition to being expended, until June 20, 2017, thereby making an appropriation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve Proposal

5225 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION**ISSUE 5: PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIAN STAFFING MODEL ADJUSTMENT UPDATE**

The May Revision includes a decrease of \$975,000 General Fund and 10.6 positions to implement the revised staffing model for Psychiatric Technicians.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve Proposal

ISSUE 6: COLEMAN TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT UPDATE

The May Revision includes a decrease of \$3.45 million General Fund and 30.1 positions to reflect updated costs for the Governor's January budget proposal.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve Proposal

ISSUE 7: LEASE REVENUE DEBT SERVICE ADJUSTMENT UPDATE

The May Revision includes a decrease of \$10.95 million General Fund to make technical corrections to the amount budgeted for debt service as a result of three bond refundings this spring, which result in lower debt service costs and the issuing of fewer bonds than anticipated.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve Proposal

ISSUE 8: JANITORIAL SERVICES AUGMENTATION UPDATE

The May Revision includes an increase of \$600,000 General Fund and 13.9 positions to complete the roll-out of the CalPIA janitorial services programs to all institutions, with the exception of the California Health Care Facility in Stockton.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve Proposal

ISSUE 9: DRUG INTERDICTION EVALUATION

The 2014 budget act provided \$5.2 million General Fund for increased contraband and drug interdiction efforts. In addition, the Legislature adopted trailer bill language requiring that any drug and contraband interdiction efforts on the part of CDCR be applied to all individuals in a facility including inmates, department staff, volunteers, and contract employees and that CDCR establish methods to ensure that the searches shall be done randomly and without advance notice.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adopt placeholder trailer bill requiring an independent evaluation of the effectiveness of CDCR's drug interdiction efforts and removing the strip search requirement from statute.

ISSUE 10: HEPATITIS C TREATMENT UPDATE

The May Revision includes a General Fund increase of \$51.8 million in 2014-15 and \$60.6 million in 2015-16 for the cost of providing inmates with new Hepatitis C treatments. The Governor's January budget proposal included this funding in the statewide set-aside for high cost medications. The funding is now proposed to be shifted to the CDCR budget.

The January budget proposal reserved \$300 million General Fund (\$100 million in 2014-15 and \$200 million in 2015-16) for the costs associated with several new Hepatitis C drugs for inmates in state prisons, patients in state hospitals, and participants in Medi-Cal and the AIDS Drug Assistance Program who are infected with Hepatitis C. The Administration also indicates it will convene a workgroup of affected entities, including sheriffs and the Receiver, to address the state's approach regarding high-cost drug utilization policies and payment structures.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve May Revision

ISSUE 11: PEACE OFFICER SELECTION AND EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT

The May Revision includes a proposal to reduce the Correctional Officer Training Academy from 16 weeks to 12 weeks, remove the requirement that correctional officers receive an additional four weeks of institutional field training, and re-establish the Commission on Correctional Peace Officer Standards and Training (CPOST).

LAO COMMENTS

The May Revision proposes to redirect \$1.1 million in savings resulting from the reduction in the length of the correctional officer training academy from 16 to 12 weeks to re-establish the CPOST. Under the proposal, CPOST would be responsible for developing and monitoring standards for the selection and training of correctional officers and would be governed by six members (three from CDCR management and three from the correctional officers' union) appointed by the administration. We find that this proposal has merit but could be improved. Specifically, the LAO recommends that the Legislature modify the proposal to (1) increase the CPOST board from six to seven members and (2) require that the additional member be a nationally recognized expert on correctional officer training appointed by the Legislature. This would increase legislative oversight over correctional officer training and help ensure that the standards set by the board are consistent with national best practices.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve the May Revise proposal.

ISSUE 12: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS INCENTIVE GRANTS UPDATE

The May Revision includes an increase of \$1.1 million in Community Corrections Performance Incentive Grants funding due to an update in the formula used for measuring county performance. The May Revision proposes modifying the SB 678 grant formula in several ways including: (1) removing payments to counties for offenders diverted from jail, (2) changing the baseline against which the county performance is measured, (3) basing payments on the types of offenders diverted from prison, and (4) basing a portion of each county's allocation on its past payments under SB 678 (Leno), Chapter 608, Statutes of 2009.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve as proposed

ISSUE 13: PHARMACEUTICAL FUNDING UPDATE

The May Revision includes an increase of \$18.4 million (General Fund in 2014-15 for the pharmaceutical budget. This increase is based on pharmaceutical usage (less Hepatitis C and Valley Fever, for which separate funding is available).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve as proposed

ISSUE 14: ARTS IN CORRECTIONS

The May Revision requests \$2 million General Fund for funding the Arts in Corrections program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve as proposed

5227 BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**ISSUE 15: BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FUNDING SHIFT TRAILER BILL LANGUAGE**

Existing Law authorizes the State Public Works Board to issue revenue bonds, notes, or bond anticipation notes in the amounts of \$366 million and \$854 million, in two phases, to finance the acquisition, design, and construction of approved local jail facilities. Existing law also authorizes the State Public Works Board to issue revenue bonds, notes, or bond anticipation notes in the amounts of \$500 million to finance the acquisition, design, and construction of approved adult local criminal justice facilities, as defined. The revenues derived from these revenue bonds, notes, or bond anticipation notes are continuously appropriated for the purposes described above.

This bill would decrease the authorization for revenue bonds, notes, or bond anticipation notes in the first phase from \$366 million to \$341 million and increase the amount authorized in the second phase from \$854 million to \$870 million. This bill would also increase the authorization to be used for adult local criminal justice facilities from \$500 million to \$509 million.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve proposal

ISSUE 16: REMOVAL OF ENHANCING LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES SUBACCOUNT REVERSION TRAILER BILL LANGUAGE

The May Revise proposed trailer bill language that would sunset the requirement that unspent local Citizens' Option for Public Safety and the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act funds revert to the county Enhancing Law Enforcement Activities Subaccount. This provision ensure that 2011 Realignment funds are continuously appropriated to local agencies. This proposed trailer bill would sunset this provision as of July 1, 2015

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve proposal

ISSUE 17: POST RELEASE COMMUNITY SUPERVISION ESTIMATE UPDATE

The May Revision requests that the original Governor's budget proposal be reduced by \$4,141,000 to reflect a revised estimate of the temporary increase in the average daily population of offenders who have been placed on Post Release Community Supervision as a result of the new parole determination process for eligible non-violent, non-sex registrant second-strike offenders who have completed 50 percent of their sentence as ordered by the Three-Judge Panel and implemented on January 1, 2015.

The Governor's budget proposed to provide county probation departments with a \$16 million General Fund increase to address the temporary increase in the average daily population of offenders on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve updated proposal

0820 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**ISSUE 18: CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE UTILIZATION AND EVALUATION SYSTEM (CURES) CH. 400, ST 2013 (SB 809) UPDATE**

The May Revision increases reimbursements by \$1,112,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 and ongoing and 5.0 positions for the ongoing maintenance and operations of the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) information technology database.

The Department of Justice (DOJ) operates and maintains CURES for the purposes of regulating Department of Consumer Affairs licensees that prescribe, order, administer, furnish, or dispense Schedule II, Schedule III, or Schedule IV controlled substances.

This request includes provisional language stipulating that the spending authority is contingent on the California Department of Technology (Cal-Tech) approving a maintenance and operations plan submitted by DOJ for the project, a condition of Cal-Tech's original Feasibility Study Report approval.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve proposal

ISSUE 19: ELECTRONIC RECORDING AUTHORIZATION TRAILER BILL LANGUAGE

Existing Law, the Electronic Recordings Delivery Act of 2004, authorizes a county recorder, upon approval by resolution of the board of supervisors and system certification by the Attorney General, to establish an electronic recording delivery system for the delivery for recording of specified digitized and digital electronic records, subject to specified conditions, including system certification, regulation, and oversight by the Attorney General. Existing law requires participating counties to pay for the direct cost of regulation and oversight by the Attorney General, and authorizes those counties to impose fees to cover those costs. Existing law also authorizes the Attorney General to charge a fee directly vendor seeking approval of software and other services as part of an electronic recording delivery system. Fees paid to the Attorney General under these provisions are deposited in the Electronic Recording Authorization Account, which is in the Special Deposit fund and is continuously appropriated top the Attorney general for these purposes.

This bill would redesignate the Electronic Recording Authorization Account in the Special Deposit fund as the Electronic Recording Authorization Fund in the state Treasury.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve proposal

0552 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

ISSUE 20: QUALITATIVE MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

The May Revision requests \$3.85 million and 19 positions to allow the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) to evaluate medical care provided to inmates in all of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) adult institutions on an annual basis.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve the May Revision request and adopt placeholder trailer bill requiring the OIG to include all in-state contract facilities in their annual medical inspections.

8120 COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS STANDARDS AND TRAINING**ISSUE 21: TRAINING FUNDING PLAN UPDATE**

Rather than by eliminating 32 POST positions, as proposed in the Governor's January budget, the May Revision proposes a \$5.2 million reduction as follows:

- a. Reducing administrative costs by \$800,000.
- b. Increasing the reduction of contracted, non-mandated training courses \$1.9 million sustained in the current year.
- c. Continuing the suspension of reimbursements for local law enforcement to backfill behind officers participating in training for a savings of \$2.5 million.

The proposed reduction is a continuation of existing reductions and should not further impact the current training services offered to local law enforcement.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve the updated request.

5196 2011- STATE AND LOCAL REALIGNMENT**ISSUE 22: ENHANCING LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES GROWTH SPECIAL ACCOUNT TRAILER
BILL LANGUAGE**

The Enhancing Law Enforcement Activities Growth Special Account is within the Enhancing Law Enforcement Activities Subaccount in the Law Enforcement Services Account within the Local Revenue Fund 2011. The Enhancing Law Enforcement Activities Subaccount is funded from Vehicle License Fees and, if sufficient revenue is received to exceed base funding of \$489.9 million, growth funds are transferred to the Growth Special Account.

Current law specifies that certain programs within the subaccount shall receive a portion of the growth funds. Additionally, current law specifies that growth funds shall be distributed by August 25th each year with certain allocations being determined based on a schedule provided by the Department of Finance.

This bill would delete the requirement that funds be allocated by on August 25 of each year. This bill would also specify that each growth allocation from the Enhancing Law Enforcement Activities Growth Special Account shall utilize the same allocation schedules calculated for the base allocations from the same fiscal year to which the growth is attributed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve proposal

8940 CALIFORNIA MILITARY DEPARTMENT**ISSUE 23: CAPITAL OUTLAY – RENOVATION PROJECTS (SAN DIEGO READINESS CENTER AND SAN BERNARDINO, ONTARIO, AND BAKERSFIELD ARMORIES)**

Consistent with the Governor's 5-year infrastructure plan, The May Revision includes \$4.5 million for the following projects for the California Military Department:

- The Sustainable Armory Renovation Program—\$3,645,000. This funding is for preliminary plans, working drawings, and construction for three armory renovation projects. Over 77 percent of the state's 115 armories are over 50 years old, are structurally deficient, and do not meet current access, training, or equipment requirements. This proposal would address structural deficiencies at the San Bernardino, Ontario, and Bakersfield Armories. The proposal also includes provisional language to allow the appropriations to be available for encumbrance until June 30, 2018.
- San Diego Readiness Center Renovation Project—\$856,000. This funding is for preliminary plans and working drawings for the expansion and renovation of the San Diego Readiness Center. The San Diego Readiness Center, constructed in 1955, is severely undersized and has numerous structural and space deficiencies. The renovation and expansion of this facility will address the current shortage of training, classroom, and administrative space and will correct the structural deficiencies, address code compliance issues, and will enhance unit readiness.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve proposal

DISCUSSION ISSUES

0690 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

ISSUE 1: COMPREHENSIVE DIRECT SERVICES FOR ALL VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The issue before the Subcommittee is Direct Services for All Victims of Human Trafficking.

PANELISTS

- Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking
- Office of Emergency Services
- Department of Finance
- Legislative Analyst's Office
- Public Comment

BACKGROUND

Founded in 1998 in Los Angeles, California, CAST was one of the first organizations in the United States to provide comprehensive social and legal services for survivors of human trafficking. Additionally, CAST opened the first shelter in the country exclusively dedicated to providing physically and psychologically safe housing for survivors. CAST serves male, female, and child victims of trafficking who come from almost every region of the world including Asia, Latin America, Eastern Europe, Africa and the United States. To date, CAST has provided services to over 1500 survivors and their family members, as well as thousands of hours of technical consultation to organizations working on this issue in California and across the country. Our experience providing legal services, social services, and shelter to survivors gives us critical information about their real-life experiences and their critical need for safety and services. Currently, the lack of resources dedicated to the safety and recovery for survivors of modern-slavery in California is dismal. There is no fund that supports direct services that will support these individuals in their journeys to heal and rebuild their lives.

Seeking a better life, thousands of women, children and men, representing both U.S. citizens and foreign nationals, are victimized by traffickers every year in California.

The U.S. Department of State estimates that approximately 80% of victims trafficked annually across international borders worldwide are women and girls and 50% are minors. Human trafficking is a crime that disproportionately impacts women and children in our communities.

According to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC), California ranks at the top of the NHTRC hotline calls, more than 1,000% higher than Arizona, the state with the next highest number of calls. Between 2012 and 2013, calls from victims in Los Angeles saw an 80% increase and calls from San Francisco saw a 20% increase – highlighting the unprecedented need for expanded services in California.

In 2012 in California, there were 1300 victims of human trafficking identified by California human trafficking taskforces and 1,798 arrests and a 280% increase in the number of investigations conducted between 2010 and 2012. Additionally, the NHTRC in 2014 received calls from about 914 potential victims in California. The most requested services for victims of human trafficking are shelter, case management and legal services. Service providers in California currently report wait lists for trafficking victim services, and law enforcement partners struggle to find shelter for victims they have identified. In fact service providers report that victims may often be arrested by law enforcement simply because there is no other way to secure services for trafficking victims.

States like California are particularly vulnerable to human trafficking because of factors such as large runaway and homeless youth populations, proximity to international borders, the number of ports and airports, a significant immigrant population, and a large economy that includes industries that attract forced labor and sex trafficking.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), three of the nation's thirteen High Intensity Child Prostitution areas are in California – Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego. A recent Los Angeles County Probation survey revealed that 59% of the 174 juveniles arrested on prostitution-related charges were from the foster care system, and victims were often recruited from group homes.

While many legislative efforts in California and elsewhere have focused on how best to prosecute and punish traffickers, the difficulties for the victims do not end when the perpetrators are brought to justice. If and when a victim of human trafficking does successfully escape his or her situation, that victim is often suffering from mental and physical health conditions due to the conditions of enslavement. These victims require specialized programs that offer “shelter, nutrition, and appropriate medical treatment, as well as psychological evaluation, counseling, alcohol and drug treatment programs, education programs and life skills training.”

Victims typically have few or no resources to house and support themselves, and they often end up homeless – vulnerable once again to traffickers. Providing funds to organizations which shelter and provide critical social and legal assistance to victims of human trafficking is essential to ensure victims do not escape their horrific situations only to be re-trafficked, but instead are provided comprehensive, trauma-informed

services to help them escape their traffickers, receive the help they need, and move toward healing and stability.

However, a lack of funding is a significant barrier for new and existing programs to provide the wide range of services needed to properly assist victims of human trafficking. According to a study funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, 72 percent of services providers cited inadequate funding as major barrier in responding to victims' needs. 78 percent cited lack of adequate resources, particularly housing and shelter resources, and 65 percent indicated inadequate training as significant concerns.

California must now actively build multi-disciplinary networks to provide survivors with better access to comprehensive care. While the focus on ending the sex trafficking of children in California is crucial, we must not underestimate the need to fund specialized services for women, men, and child victims of sex and labor trafficking. To ensure that trafficking survivors receive the comprehensive services they need, a dedicated funding stream must be established to support specialized organizations serving survivors of human trafficking. Additionally, partnerships with allied organizations-including runaway and homeless youth programs, domestic violence, sexual assault, rape crisis centers, and migrant farm worker and labor groups must have funding to support specialized trafficking services in their existing programs. This will ensure existing frameworks and resources are expanded and efforts are not duplicative. It is only through providing additional funding to new and existing programs that we can begin to meet the increased demand for services for victims of modern slavery.

Comprehensive Services for victims of Modern Slavery must take a four prong-approach:

- I. **Shelter**-Trafficking victims are often vulnerable to exploitation because they do not have traditional safety nets of support and often have no place to go. Service provider experience shows that victims may return to their trafficker if they are not provided with appropriate housing. Providers report that law enforcement partners often arrest trafficking victims to get them shelter and other services as there are no other local options for them. "Safe, long-term shelter is particularly scarce for male and underage sex trafficking victims," as many programs restrict beds to female victims of trafficking.
- II. **Case Management**- Survivors who have been long-term victims of abuse and trauma, often since childhood, are in need of comprehensive case management services in order to access specific recovery programs. Existing systems often struggle with addressing the specialized needs of trafficking victims. Having specialized case managers to help with life skills, transportation, employment, education, access to medical and mental health services, and other basic necessities is essential to any trafficking survivor's recovery. This consistent trusted advocate is important to ensure stability during a survivors' journey to stability in a new life.

- III. **Legal Services**- Trafficking victims have some of the most complex legal needs, spanning all court systems, including claims for immigration, criminal, and civil relief. Trafficking victims' legal needs are often more complex than other victim groups because too often they have been arrested and criminally charged with crimes their trafficker forced them to commit. Specialized attorneys are needed to interface with all the complex legal system trafficking survivors must face.

- IV. **Prevention/Training**- Training and technical consult for existing programs and other first responders such as medical & mental health providers is critical to ensure appropriate services for trafficking victims when referred to these essential services. Additionally, increased awareness and education will ensure early identification and prevention of trafficking in California by giving the tools and knowledge to those individuals in California best situated to identify and prevent potential cases of human trafficking.

5225 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION**ISSUE 2: ADULT AND JUVENILE POPULATION AND PREMISE BINDER UPDATE**

The issue before the Subcommittee is the CDCR's updated population projections.

PANELISTS

- California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- Department of Finance
- Legislative Analyst's Office
- Public Comment

BACKGROUND

The May Revision includes a decrease of \$21.3 million General Fund in 2014-15 and \$108.5 million General Fund in budget year for costs related to adult inmate and parole population changes. The revised average daily population projections for adult inmates are 133,451 in 2014-15 (a decrease of 1,535 inmates below the Governor's January budget) and 127,990 in 2015-16 (a decrease of 5,119 inmates below the Governor's January budget). The revised average daily parolee population projection is 44,073 in 2014-15 (an increase of 847 parolees above the Governor's January budget) and 44,570 in the budget year (an increase of 4,103 parolees above the Governor's January budget).

The May Revision also includes a decrease of \$494,000 General Fund in 2014-15 and \$2 million General Fund in 2015-16 for costs related to adult inmate and parole population changes. The revised average daily population projections for juvenile wards are 683 in 2014-15 (a decrease of two wards below the Governor's January budget) and 677 in 2015-16 (a decrease of 32 wards below the Governor's January budget).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve proposed update

ISSUE 3: RECEIVERSHIP TRANSITION PLAN UPDATE

The issue before the Subcommittee is the Receivership Transition Plan Update.

PANELISTS

- California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- Department of Finance
- Legislative Analyst's Office
- Public Comment

BACKGROUND

The May Revision includes a request for \$1.9 million General Fund and 16 positions, in addition to the \$4.9 million and 30 positions requested in the January budget, to address the workload associated with the March 10, 2015, federal court order modifying the federal health care receivership transition plan.

The Governor's budget proposed \$4.9 million from the General Fund, and 30 positions, to expand the receiver's quality management efforts in 2015-16. Of the additional staff being requested, 20 positions are to develop quality management programs in the receiver's new regional offices. Regional staff would be responsible for overseeing prisons located within their geographic area of responsibility. Similar to existing quality management staff, these requested staff would be responsible for tracking prison performance, identifying areas where medical care is deficient, developing performance improvement plans, and sharing best practices across prisons.

On March 10, 2015, the federal court issued an order describing a process for ending the federal receivership. These additional positions will assist in the transition by allowing the federal receiver's office to review policies and procedures to create regulations, provide analytical assistance in determining which institutions will be removed from the receivership and to continue to monitor those institutions once their health care has been return to CDCR responsibility. In addition, these positions, along with the 30 positions requested in the January proposal will allow the receiver to quickly implement the Quality Management program.

In June 2008, the federal court approved the receiver's "Turnaround Plan of Action" to achieve a sustainable constitutional level of medical care. The plan identified six major goals for the state's inmate medical care program, including specific objectives and actions for each goal. One of the identified goals was to implement a quality assurance and continuous improvement program to (1) track prison performance on a variety of

measures (such as access to care), (2) provide some training and remedial planning (for example, developing a plan to improve access to care at a prison that is struggling to meet that goal), and (3) share best practices across prisons, among other tasks.

Currently, the quality management section within the receiver's office has 32 positions and a budget of \$3.9 million. In addition, there are also 170 staff statewide (5 positions at each prison) who are involved in quality management activities. These staff include psychologists, managers, and program specialists who perform quality management functions as well as other responsibilities. According to CHCS, about 90 percent of their time is devoted to quality management activities.

QUESTIONS FOR RECEIVER

Will you please provide clarification on how the physical condition of the Correctional Rehabilitation Center, in Norco, could impact the termination of the Healthcare Receivership?

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve the updated transition plan and seek further information on how the Correctional Rehabilitation Center could impact the Healthcare Receivership.