

# Transcript

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**PC** **Public Safety Cluster** 9:04

We're gonna go ahead and get started.

Today's our public safety cluster meeting.

We're gonna start first with introductions, and I'll start it first and then supervisor solicit.

**PC** **Public Safety Cluster** 9:52

Hi, good morning, Natalie Roma, super.

Intend.

ENT and representatives from the three district morning, everyone.

Stephen Edwards, senior justice deputy for Supervisor Horvath and with me are my colleagues Ashley Smith Hernandez, Justice fellow SD3 Sophia Sudani, John deputy director, and I'm pretty sure Nick will be joining us.

Here and the representatives from the 4th district.

Good morning. Esther Lim, senior policy advisor for Supervisor Han, and I have my colleagues Chloe Chinuri, senior Justice and Mental health Deputy, and Alexandra Paz. Just as mental health deputy representatives from the 5th district morning, Sandra Croxton, supervisor Vargas, Justice deputy and my colleague Leslie Gamina will be.

Joining us shortly.

And now we'll proceed with today's meeting.

We have 3 motions, 1 presentation and two closed session items. Since there are three motions on today's agenda.

That this meeting will be recorded. So we'll move it right ahead to the motions and the first one is from supervisor.

Corbett's office and its title implementing consistent county standards during Red Flag Day, so I'll pass it off to my colleagues.

Yeah, happy to.

Do you want me to speak into this or? I don't know if they work.

Yeah. OK then.

Never mind. That's the show. So in front of you guys is our implementing consistent county standards during red flag days really, you know post our January 2025 fires? Our office has been focusing on ensuring that our county practices are in policies, have been aligning with best practices in public safety, especially in our very high fire severity zone prior to the January 2025 fires, the National Weather Service has declared in our Santa Monica Mount.

Areas which is our red flag.

Which is our high fire severity zones that they were under red flag conditions and that they were under particular danger situations.

For those that are not aware, a red flag warning is issued.

When a combination of dry fuel and weather conditions support extreme fire danger, indicating a high risk of fast spreading wildfires.

The purpose of this motion is to provide clear, standardized procedures that protect Los Angeles County employees.

Contractors authorized permit holders and the general public when wildfire risk is high during critical fire weather conditions. We must operate in ways that prevent fire, protect employee health and maintain essential public services safely.

In our very high fire severity zones, we cannot afford to have road work completed that could impede emergency access or could increase the chance of fire ignition during critical fire weather.

The mission of this motion is to create a standard operating procedure that establishes safety measures, communication channels and activity limitations to ensure that all field operations follow wildfire prevention laws and best practices from state and federal agencies.

Public works has recently codified the red Flag work day procedures.

And we're looking to make sure that there's a standard operating procedure across county departments and Vermont holders.

Are there any questions for the motion from the deputies?

Yeah. Do you know what the LA County current road work procedures during Red Park days side? Yeah. So for public works up until this point, they had kind of a back of the napkin procedure that they followed for the most part where they wouldn't be using electronics to.

Do any kind of.

Weed whipping or anything like that, they would do major. If there's any pavements

they would hold that off during red flag conditions recently, like within this last month, they've codified it from public works as standard to try to limit.

Those those practices that they already implemented, we don't, to my knowledge, have something across the county for ISP features and harbors or other county departments that say what they're red flagging conditions look like.

And so we're looking to try to model what public works has already just codified. OK, great. And you're having them look at kind of best practices and. And do you have just based on maybe that example specifically is that aligned with best practice to your knowledge or is?

There more that needs to be done.

I think definitely what public works has just codified looks like more of the best practice that we should be doing. But we also need to look at performance measures that the county permits, whether it's from planning public works, that they're also engaging in those best practices that the.

County utilizes during red flag conditions, but I'd like them to look at other regions as well to see if there's something else we should be doing.

Thank you.

Any other questions from deputy?

OK.

Thank you.

We'll move on passage to Brian for public comments division.

Public comment for the motion, if any members of the public would like to address this item, please raise your hand on teams. Or if you're with us by phone today, please press \*6. We allow one minute for each person.

Seeing as there's no public comment for this motion, we'll move on to the next one, which is from Supervisor Hans office. Joe closure and communication team closing manager Joe through depopulation accountability and other key strategies.

Thank you so much, colleagues. We have a motion in front of you and just to provide some background, in June 2021, the LA County Board of Supervisors voted to create a unit called Joe Closure implementation team to be the county's lead on the safety pop.

Incarceration and its efforts to close one of the most notorious jails we have in the country, Men's Central jail. In 2019, the board rejected jail replacement plans and included a 2013 plan to use marijuana detention facility, an immigration detention facility for a woman's vill.

For women who are incarcerated due to issues with distance, lack of service providers, and the high risk of incarcerated people and staff contracting Valley fever. A dangerous fungal infection that is still present even today.

In the five years of JC's existence, it was placed in the C OS office and moved to the newly created JCOD and then back to the CEO. Since the board has moved towards Joe closure, there have been demands from the community for a Tim.

And a plan.

How do we safely close MCJ while prioritizing community safety and ensuring success for those who'll be re entering the community?

A plan that also focuses on diversion, incarceration, and reducing recidivism.

As a means to be able to safely close MCJ what we have seen in these past reports are updates about conversations that are being held since they continue to work with departments, materials that will be jointly reviewed, documents that will be drafted, Deescalated work with partners to ident.

Appropriate metrics options that will be identified without timelines attached.

Some do, which we appreciate because it does allow us and the public to have a sense of when steps are going to be completed.

However, will we need our timelines for each of these actions?

How long do we anticipate it will take for materials to be viewed?

How long will it take for options to be identified?

Lastly, as a measure of accountability, we have made some changes to the last directive, as you will, as I had shared, and I also have copies of the updated, we originally were removing the delegated authority for.

For the ceasef, however, we are changing that directive.

To now state directly that you include in subsequent reports the board include a list of all the contracts as allowed.

It has entered since the distance contract in progress and plans for future contracts and include information about, but not limited to, the vendor length of contract, cost need and status.

We believe with the directives one changing the name back to Joe Closure implementation team. We believe the new name detracts from the core reason of why it was.

Create in the 1st place to safely close MCJ with no new jail replacement.

The directives also ask for timelines to be attached to each item in the most current report dated January 16th, but also subsequent ones and as shared in the in the

January 16th, we do have timelines in some of them. However, we think for transparency purposes timeless should be.

Attached for all of them for again the board and the public to keep track of what the work is, what work is being done.

And as I read in the last directive that was changed.

Before I close, I do want to acknowledge the work that CCT and the departments have been doing and to the public. I also want to acknowledge the frustration of the work of Joe closure moving to different places within the county and different people leaving leading the work, however.

Our offices hope with this motion is that what changes in accountability it will lead to more transparency as we work towards Joe closure.

Thank you. And I will answer any questions that my colleague may have on this session.

Any questions?

Thank you.

I actually my questions aren't necessarily for the office office.

It's more for the.

People who are in my introducing, sorry. What am I introducing yourself for? Sure.

Will paint.

It doesn't work if this one works.

No, no, no. OK.

We'll paint the executive director of Community safety implementation.

Good morning, chittima Lumain deputy executive director.

Thank you.

So one larger question and and I I hear from my colleagues, I hear from justice advocates that they're in the room here about the feeling of lack of urgency.

And I know that I've heard you all talk about and I've you said very publicly that you are looking to or you guys have a directive to close without a replacement.

Which I think we're all aligned with there, but those challenges that I think you all have shared.

In your report and that have been shared in this motion as well about.

Better unintended right departments may not. Or out of your control.

Right, departments may not move forward with something.

This is something we need to do, but things like that.

Wanted to know from you all. Is there any direction or?

That you all need from the board to ensure that your work doesn't get stalled.

And I think there's a feeling of stalling in the work.

And wanting to have that information or barriers and challenges prior to your quarterly reports to the board.

So just wondering if there's any direction you need from the board that you have not gotten or direction for the work that you all are doing.

Or clarity. Yeah, how?

Thanks for the question.

You know, I've been here since December of 2024.

And so I've got an opportunity to, you know, talk to a lot of different stakeholders to read all the different reports and, you know, just to see and to talk to all your offices.

And, you know, I think we're at a point we're doing our work, I mean.

And it's good to hear how people are receiving it.

I don't know that this being received in the way that we're presenting it.

Because I would say that our reports do point out that the actions that need to be taken to close Med Central jail without replacement.

But I will say, and I've said this before, that it would be good to understand collectively how the board views jail closure and the work of CEASA specifically, right.

Because we have been very transparent about our work.

I mean, I don't there's any argument that we have done more in the last.

Year then definitely done a year before that in terms of the information we presented and the transparency that we presented.

But I think there's a question as to how the board sees, sees its role, or the things they want CISA to do.

I've heard in different board meetings different actions that people would like Cecil to take.

We have a limited staff and our primary function is to focus on closing the jail without replacement.

I do think we're at a point where we have to also have a discussion about whether the goal is just to close the building or to perform the system. I think the work previously has talked about performance system, which takes actions and time and effort we are taking.

Broad approach and we're turning over every stone to determine how to close the jail without a replacement. And like I said, I think we've communicated in our reports, but this is my my perception that around the actions that have that need to be taken,

we've proposed specific actions.

We are talking about doing with previous board reports I've talked about in terms of making sure those actions are feasible.

And they're based on data and facts, not on what people think.

And so we are looking at specifically the facts as related to what the impact of those things will be and how much effort they will take, which is around implementation.

So, you know, I think that's the biggest thing from that support from the board is really collectively understanding how jail closures are viewed, because I do think there is some differences in the conversations with the offices.

I agree.

And I also think that.

There is a difference of opinion.

Proud, sometimes community, and the approaches I think on the community that I don't want to speak for, you know, the whole community, because everybody different, but a general consensus of wanting to have.

Measurable outcomes of framework A A.

I'll call it AD day AD day and then work backwards from that, and I and I hear from you all consistently about wanting to be cognizant of the complexities of.

Gel closure, which includes like the info people the from the from the front end and all the pieces of legislation that come with that or laws that are new that come with that, those things that are that we can't necessarily we can try to plan for but may.

Not be successful in being considered of community based systems of care and how much we're investing in those.

How how much capacity they have to serve the population that we're trying to depopulate?

So I hear that but, but I think two things can exist at the same time and I do think there is a a need for, you know working timeline. However, to your point that you just made, I do think it's worthwhile to have a space for conversation and.

Deeper discussions. That's very public to talk about.

Outside of the reports that you guys are giving but like to have a deeper conversation about what gel closure looks like here in LA County, and I would hope.

I'm. I'm turning to Anabel as the chair, but I'd hope that we can utilize the public safety cluster space to have that conversation and I think.

Direct.

Ive 1.

Where the report back is in 30 days on the timeline. I think that I mean my recommendation would be to the author's office that that report that comes here to cluster and consistently 30 days like each month.

Right to come here so that we can have a deeper public conversation about the progression of the work that you all are doing.

I have some of it, so if that's OK, can I just say one thing around?

Sure, just a different.

Opinions or thoughts and views in communities. So we have been doing community meetings. I think people know. So we've met in all the sequel for the Supervisory District. We have another meeting coming up the end of this month and so there are different views even in the commun.

Around jail closure, there's a lot of misconceptions around what jail closure is.

And so we take all those things into account as we do our work.

We've met with, you know, other stakeholders like contract cities and all of those things as well. But we also meet with your offices, you know, regularly and you know, I do want to make sure it's clear to that we take into account the feedback we get from your.

Offices.

And as well as our partners who are here with us and we include that as we, you know, craft our report backs, right.

But the report back process, you know, reporting every 90 days is great.

It's great to be transparent, but when you're building a plan, those reports aren't going to be holistic in a way that if you were just implementing something that was already scripted out, right?

And so I I I acknowledge that each individual report back when you read it, and we tried to state we stated this in the most recent one.

That you really have to think about them all together because we we are attacking parts of this at different points in time because there is so much to it. But you know we we are making progress and we have done the work and even you know we're almost.

Like the jail population, right?

The jail population just changed 10 times, probably the time that we've talked, you know, day-to-day, week to week.

Our information changes and what we would report.

Is going to be different. You know, two days from now than what it would be now,

because.

We're constantly getting that information. So you know, we are making progress. We are moving along and we are at a point now that we we have addressed most of the barriers to figure out ways to address most of the barriers that we're facing.

But as we try to determine, as I said in the last verbal report back in October, I said the county's gonna have to do more than it's doing now and make certain commitments in order to change.

I mean, in order to close the jail without replacements.

So that means we have to identify things above and beyond what's already happened.

And that's what we're doing, console.

And sometimes we're gonna look at things that we think will have an impact that they won't as we dig deeper into that.

But that's that's just all the process of what's happening.

So you guys are seeing us doing the work and thinking through it as we're moving along and we're telling you that every 90 days.

So that's different than just implementing a plan.

That's already, you know, put together.

Yeah, I hear you and I. And I think given the I, I I hear that and feel that.

And and given the feedback that we keep hearing about, the desire to have kind of a timeline be a part of that, I think that's important and valid and I think.

Given we have this space where all the offices are represented here and we can have a deeper conversation.

Conversation and I think.

Why? I know the last time you guys came to the board, my boss had brought up wanting to see the full landscape and have she didn't know. But like, what place can we have these conversations and questions?

Not that the boardroom isn't the space, but there is a limited amount of time. We have limited amount of time here, but we definitely dig deeper into the weeds of different things that come here, whether it's the OIG or the COC, whatever that may be.

So I think this is the natural space to have those conversations and to get some of the questions that you all may have in the in between time.

I know you knew with us individually, but for us to all here, that piece is is important for this specific project, particularly since the public is very vested in it. And I think

the board is very vested in it too.

So I would hope that we can maybe schedule monthly check-ins here with progress. And talk through and have full discussions about.

What gel closure looks like for LA County?

That's my one long question and I have another one which I don't think is a question for you all hopefully, but let me just address Natalia.

Thank you for bringing that up.

I agree that I think we need to have more frequent conversations about the Joe closure work and in a more public space.

And so I know with your original request also included in the motion, we would like to include that, so that not only are we getting.

Updates from.

You know, the January 16th report for September subsequent reports to not only be here discussed here, but also 30 days like we do with other items like OIGMPOC updates.

So you will include that in the directive and see that as a. Currently another thing.

Thank you.

Thank you.

And then my next my last question.

So I know she's looking at me all the time.

My last question is more so for CEO budget. Just from my understanding.

Hey. Oh.

So the last directive, and I know it got changed, was about the delegated authority that.

Jason Cifid has I.

I just wasn't clear what delegate is authority do they have?

Because I know CEO. But just if there's some clarity around what that is, if you know and if not, you can report I can report back all into it, if that's OK. OK, that's cool.

Yeah. Follow through Brian and Brian.

OK, OK.

All right.

Sounds good.

Thank you.

Yeah, that that language I believe was in the watch 2021 motion.

Original motion for June 2020, so I don't know.

Yeah, so sure I can e-mail you too.

And then I got it. OK, cool.

That's my my question. You put in some other.

Sorry, have a moment.

Just in the meantime, I know there will be follow up.

I know that we follow up on this from our CEO budget team, but the June 2021 motion.

Directive 8 is where the delegated authority comes from.

OK.

Thank you, Sandra.

I have one question to the C set team related to the name because I know this was presented at the board. You know a few months ago.

So can you remind us of how this name change seems to be?

Yeah. I mean, I think the first step I say is we looked at or I looked at the ATI workgroup report.

We talked about the moving safety unit.

It also came out, as I said, thinking about the various stakeholders in this work, and I thought it better reflected in aligned with the care. First, Jill's last velocity to the county adopted as well. You know, community safety to me and generally I believe is just about.

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Well-being right and making sure you know people have, you know, work education, all the things that need to be to prosper and be.

How successful I. But I do think it is important as a as it was brought up around the different.

Opinions and community around jail closure. You know, I do think it's important that a name reflects and allows people to take part in something that may not necessarily see themselves and specifically jail closure.

I also don't think the name jail closure being in the name has anything to do with the work we do, but we've been even with the name change, we've continued on the

directive of.

Closing the jail, whatever place, every community meeting we're in, we talk about it. Everything we do, we've even.

Engaged with partners and made sure the focus was on people who are in jail, like getting people in jail safely who can be safely removed or diverted out and preventing people from going in.

So to me it doesn't have to be in the name for the work to be done.

I don't think. I think the motion talks about detracting.

I don't see how anybody could say that has detracted us from.

Our mission, we've done it.

We work hard to do it and we continue to work hard to do it.

So. So that's where the name change came from.

So yeah, appreciate that. Thank you.

You don't have.

To follow up. Oh, no, go ahead, Bob.

And did you see for board feedback when you when you were?

Yeah, we talked about it in the board.

We talked about it in the April board verbal board hearing.

I think a question was raised whether we.

Do it and County Council is in the room and no one said we couldn't do it like there was nothing that said that the board had to approve the name change. But we talked about it we and we did it. I mean, we didn't.

We didn't hide it.

We didn't hide the fact that we were going to do it.

None of the supervisors.

Well, I think Supervisor Hindvoice some concern, but you know supervisors ask questions and then.

That was that was the stuff.

Excuse me.

We did also.

So it was.

It wasn't just an overnight thing. It was a period of time that led up to the change in the name. At that time we had been in contact with a bunch of different partners, department partners, community partners.

We made sure.

All of them were aware of the name change and discussed it with them.

Got their feedback.

Overwhelmingly, the feedback was positive that people were glad to see that that we our focus wasn't just the closure of the building. The mission was still the same.

Closure of mid central, but that we were also trying to do that safely and appropriately, which the motions that created Jason Seasit speak to.

That's one we did get some feedback, in particular from some community groups that we met with directly that they were concerned that the change in name would be a change in mission.

So we made clear that that was not happening. The same motions that gave us the directives to come up with a plan to implement the closure that is still the the directive we're operating under.

We've made it clear on all of our materials, all of our report back.

Speak directly to that mission, and even in the Community meetings and the subsequent meetings that we've had with those organizations, it has the focus, has been jail closure.

So there was several weeks and months that led up to the change of the name and prior to that we also reached out to each of your offices for your feedback as well.

My last question and just understanding the impact of this motion on any work that you guys are doing.

I mean, I think when we think about listen, I get it's no problem like you say with hey, given timelines and talking about what we are intending to do and as the author pointed out, we do provide timelines in motion in our report backs now, right.

I think.

If it was an additional task and it seems like the motion may be changing a little bit, but it was additional task that can create a challenge, right?

The more that there's a motion that directs us to do something that outside of what we're already doing, which we are already providing timelines. So that's why I'm saying it's not really that much. Then it takes time away and it can prolong the work.

We also have to.

Work with departments.

Who now tend to provide more information to us potentially at times.

So it can potentially draw the work out, but if we're talking about a motion that.

Is asking us to come here every 30 days to talk about the work and in addition, add timelines into our and make sure all of our next steps have timelines.

Then you know, I think that's doable.

That's our intention anyway, right?

So I mean, what I would say is we try to provide information even when we don't have it fully fleshed out.

And so that's why sometimes you might not see timelines because it's not fleshed out enough.

But we want to let you be transparent.

Show people what we're doing. So you know what we might ultimately might have to do is not include things that aren't fully trusted so that we're not, you know, having to worry about creating a false timeline.

I don't want to create false timelines.

I it doesn't serve anybody to put forward a plan that is not actionable, implementable and built on facts and data.

So you know, but I mean by April, I mean I've said this before.

By April, our goal is to really provide.

A lot of information around the actions that we have put forth that require closure, I mean are required to close the jail without replacement. We will provide information about timelines and you know all of that stuff that we can. And if we can't provide it, we will provide.

When we can get it, when we work in the partners, do that now.

Just to add.

The delegate of authority piece and it's helpful to note that the potential change or it sounds like the change in the language.

For us, that wouldn't change our work if it was to come and report about how we're using the authority and who we're contracting with. The nature of the work that would, that, that we're happy to do that.

I know CEO currently does the quarterly reporting on how we're using delegated authority, so this would just be bringing that to to this form, which is we are happy to do that on the on how the timelines and the reporting would affect us, it will be helpful to.

Clarify a few things before we do speak to the full impact of that. So one question is. It would be helpful to clarify when the 30 days applies. As drafted, the motion. So if the motion goes into is adopted on March 3rd, 30 days would put us at roughly April 4th.

For us, that would be an in between period because we have our next verbal

presentation to the board on Tuesday, April 7th and then we have a written report back to April 9th or Thursday.

Just to add another date in there, we are actually going to do our written report back earlier.

So instead of waiting till April 9th, we're gonna finish our written report back by the end of March so that you all have it.

So the public has it.

And digest prior April 7th.

So I guess the question is about the timeline that were that would be sought for the motion is 30 days intended to be its own separate reporting deliverable or is it something that we can incorporate into the existing timeline that I just laid out?

So the purpose of that directive, right?

And as I had acknowledged, there are some timelines, but not throughout, right?

And we need the timelines so that we can and and the Community can also just kind of keep the jasons work accountable to the public. And so if the March report, because it sounds like there's going to be a March report which is next month, we're going to.

Accelerate.

Is that also going to contain the contents in the January 16th report?

If so, then I think our expectation is that the March report and subsequent reports will have timelines attached to all of them.

So so build in the reporting in our next immediate report.

Next immediate report and then in subsequent reports got it and the subsequent reports. The intent of this motion isn't to change the cadence of subsequent reports. We'd still do our regular 90 day reporting.

Just continue to build in the timeline.

Right. And then we're also accepting St. Twos amendment which is so that which is that you all will come to cluster right with report facts every 30 days so that we can use this cluster platform as a way to I guess dig deeper into the action steps and.

Just talk broadly about what Joe closure is and.

Absolutely one thought.

Again, just a point of clarification, so.

If we build in monthly cluster presentations into the reporting requirement of the motion.

Would the expectation be that we have our partners available every month?

The reason I ask is because that requirement would affect all the departments we have more than 10 departments that we work with.

Many of them are here today and we right now we're doing quarterly reporting with them.

We're doing monthly meetings with them. Some of them are in our work groups. And that that's all part of the work.

So, so you know, so that is fine and that will continue. I would just say if we build in a requirement to present it cluster, it would have implications for departments.

So instead, perhaps if we could keep the motion as is in terms of building in timelines going forward, cease we will sign ourselves up to present that cluster just like we did last year. We we got into a monthly cadence. So we were practically reaching out and.

Signing up.

That's the one thing I suggest is I agree with the the monthly presentations. I think building it into the motion does have implications.

It adds another layer for us and for the departments that I would want us all to think through collectively before we write in an explicit, I mean our hope is that I mean the purpose of jset is so that to be a representative of the county's work.

Until closure.

So, you know, I don't think that we need the departments all the time.

I think it will be just be dependent on what the contents of the report and if my colleagues need, you know additional support from them from the department then fine. But I think the purpose is that you know this body was created as a facilitator for the county.

To update the board on the work to take the actionable steps towards actual closure.

So.

My hope is that.

That you know, this body is informed enough to speak on it, right?

And then I will lean on to the colleagues that if there needs to be deeper information from, you know, based off the content of the report and you know that they will request, you know, a department to show.

But I don't think that is the expectation for every single department to appear during cluster.

I agree.

I think even when we have reports from, I'm using COC and OIG which are totally.

Specific thing done, but they if they need, they bring their one person.

But it's usually them representing. It's not the whole Commission or whatever, so that's why that's why the only thing I would say just know that then if a question is asked that needs to be answered by a department and won't get answered. Yeah, we yeah we because we.

We won't be here. We don't.

So we hope that you know enough, yeah, to speak to all this, but I don't want this cluster process to be.

We don't know. We don't know.

No, that's not the intention, and that's not the way we do the work. I think what will be speaking to is just going to the intent that we just discussed here, if the intent is to dive deeper into the operations, more specific timeline specific actions and as the Board motion calls out departments that are responsible and having that understanding that departments are owning the pieces that they're responsible for. There are questions that come up that we need them to speak at in real time.

So what?

What I would say is.

If if there is going to be a friendly amendment added, I would just.

Like for us to do a little bit more exploration offline about what that expectation looks like before we build it into the written motion that that's that's that's why I point that out we can.

I mean, I'm happy to talk.

We'll also talk offline because I know that we're getting deep in the weeds and we still have some more questions and then we'll move on.

Yeah, and my my questions aren't so much for the author As for csid, but not only that, it is this conversation which I understand. My colleagues will continue.

For my part, I would just say.

I think.

Implicit in the conversation about timelines is actually reporting on what you all need from the departments that might not be getting the word really wants to know that. So I would encourage you to put that in there.

I know that department sometimes have a difficult space to navigate in terms of pointing out what their fellow departments are or not doing, but I also think for this project we know we need that.

So I think for I definitely want to see that.

And we would, I think each of us probably would reach out to the respective departments directly and try to get some questions answered and push those buttons and so on.

So, but we just need to hear it and I think it also helps you all in terms of writing it down to your department.

This is what we asked.

This is what we understood.

This is what you did or did not do that helps them understand what they're going to be held accountable to. And four.

So I think that's a very important piece of the puzzle as well.

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I don't have mixed feelings about that every 30 days, but, but I'm gonna let it go. So thank you.

Thank you.

And then we'll move on now to.

Any members of the public actually just really quickly before we get into public comment, I just want to, you know, just talk about the, you know, we went back and forth about the, the, the name, the reason why our office believes the name is is important and to.

Front and center.

What and why this unit was created?

It was created for Joe closure. This unit was created through a board motion.

Through the board motion after you know, feedback from the community and the demand for jail closure, Jason was created at the peak of when the board fully adopted.

Care first Jill's last. Their commitment to closure of MCJ.

That is why the name is that important and why this motion has that in the directive.

Joe Closure implementation team is expectation that we have for this unit.

And we want to recognize the work that you all have been doing on it, but also.

The many homes that Jason has been in, including in JCOD and you know, CEO once before that.

But Joe closure implementation is important.

The other around timelines and I agree.

We don't want false timelines.

However, timelines are important. If timelines are not, be able to be reached.

Whether it's because of what you know. My colleagues have kind of named about, you know, challenges, different departments working together and so forth.

That's information that we as the board and the public should know, we as a board were constantly asking how can we help, how can we help.

And I think this is a great opportunity opportunity for us to see what challenges and barriers there are to the work so that we can be more effective in supporting you all and the departments to get to Joe closure.

And then we can go to. Thank you.

Any members of the public would like to address this item. Please raise your hand on teams, or if you're with us by phone, please press \*6. We allow one minute for each person.

Go ahead and come up.

Up in that to the desk, introduce yourself, and as soon as you start speaking, we'll start in one minute.

Go ahead. You can address him right there.

Go ahead and start just right there is fine, OK.

OK.

Hi, my name is Marcella Rosen.

I'm here with the Justice LA coalition. I want to start off by thanking Supervisor Han for putting this motion forward and really trying to push forward the mission of closing Men's Central Jail as quickly as possible without a replacement.

It is frustrating to listen to some of the same things be repeated.

That we've been hearing for over a year when there are people suffering inside, men Central jail right now, the first time the Justice LA Coalition met with CCTV, we asked for timelines, foreclosure progress and why had they changed the name without consulting any of the people, including the.

Board and the community members who had chosen that name. We're in contact with people inside MCJ right now. They're living in horrible conditions.

Unclean water rats sewage in their housing areas and they face abuse and retaliation from the deputies if they talk about it.

But they still talk about it.

They still reach out to us.

They reach out to ACLU because their lives are on the line. The people that are in there with lives are on the line and I don't feel that that's reflected in the urgency

from CCT when we just get eventually, we'll have a timeline.

We need a timeline to have a timeline which thank you for your comments.

Your time has expired.

Thank you.

Hi, my name is Vanessa Perez.

I'm the mother of Joseph Perez, who is currently incarcerated in MCJ. This team was created with one goal.

That was to close men Central Jose as quickly as possible.

With a replacement, the dress itself coalition supports this mission and anything that will help this team succeed in achieving this goal, including the motion from Supervisor Hans.

It's frustrating to listen that this repeats the same thing over and over again. Right now. We have inmates with rats, size of little miniature kittens running through their toilets, running through their water.

There's red hair inside the water that these inmates are drinking. That my son is drinking because they're forced to.

What else are they supposed to drink?

Not only is there rats, there's rats, feces in the all over the jail.

No one is talking about an exterminator.

No one is talking about a plumber.

All I hear is the sheriff and Hochman asking for money, but nothing to help alleviate some of the living conditions that these imits are living in right now. Thank you.

Hi, my name is Janet Desante.

I'm currently leading the justice.

And we thank Supervisor Hank for putting forth this motion and I think it reflects an urgency from the Community and reflects the consequences of what happens when. Your team is not moving effectively and efficiently.

This motion that created JC was created out of millions of voters coming forward to support Measure J. Millions of people who said we want alternatives to incarceration.

I'm showing you these pictures of everything that we have to go through starting from 2017, jail beds in the streets. This is what the board looked like.

These are all orange justice elite shirts.

Cisa did not come to us prior to the name change.

They told us that the name change was happening and so we think that the name reflects what their mission is and why they were created in the first place.

And there are people who are dead and gone, who fought for this team to exist, and they deserve to have a champion dog in the ring, sees it is making compromises before they even come to the table and really fight for what is needed.

We don't see that from Hawkman.

We don't see that from Luna.

They come in teeth there and we have a sleeping dog in the ring and that's what the community deserves.

Someone who actually champions things and pushes the envelope and cuts through the red tape. This body was created.

Hi my name is Grace.

I'm a researcher at UCLA and I'm also a member of the Justice LA Coalition.

I'm here to support the JC motions and all of the efforts that are being taken to close MCJ without a replacement. Renaming C sit to J Sid is an assertion of the aims of this group, which is to close that central jail.

I'm also very much in support of implementing timelines for first steps towards decarceration. I think this is a good starting place, but we still need from you an assertion of when Med Central jail will be closed for good. We've been asking for timelines for this action since J.

Put together and I don't think it's unreasonable to be asking for a temporal accountability from Jason and the board when we're facing a crisis of death in the jails. We have 10 deaths so far this year alone. That's staggering.

I think also the suggestion that they should give updates every 30 days in this cluster is disgusting. What we want to see is strong leadership and prioritization of jail closure from Jason and from the board. And we know that it's possible to close MCJ. And we know that it's incredibly urgent that we close MCJ.

Of people in the jail right now are suffering from horrible, horrible living conditions.

Thank you for your comments. Your time has expired.

Ali Rubin, please unmute yourself and begin.

Your time will begin once you start speaking.

**RA** **Rubinfeld, Ali** 21:17

Hi, good morning.

My name is Ali Rubinfeld and I'm with the Loyola Anti Racism Center, Czech the sheriff, and the Justice LA coalition.

Thank you to Supervisor Han's office for authoring this motion that takes essential

steps to build transparency and implement the long overdue closure of MCJ without a replacement setting. Timeline creates concrete benchmarks to ensure progress is being made not only on closing the building itself, but on EMP.

The alternative systems that are necessary to depopulate our cultural system and connect people with the supports that they need.

Community advocates have been asking for timelines since JC was created.

Delaying the closure of MCJ has deadly consequences.

Ten people have died in our custody facilities in the 1st 49 days of 2026. People inside MCJ report harrowing and inhumane conditions, including vermin, unclean water and retaliation for reporting these conditions.

This board adopted the care first jails last alternative to incarceration plan in 2020 as the blueprint to support the closure of MCJ nearly six years later, timelines and transparency into the closure process are the bare minimum, please.

Keep Jason's name aligned with its final mission to close at MCJ once and for all.

Thank you.

**PC** **Public Safety Cluster** 22:23

Anthony Robles, please unmute yourself.

Your time will begin once you start speaking.

**AR** **Anthony Robles** 22:30

Whatever. I'm Anthony Robbins with the thinking empower now. And Justice Alley coalition and the Carefree California coalition. And I'm here to say that.

Timelines are definitely needed. Like what?

Bubba said.

Is that we don't want fake timelines, but I think there are actual tangible steps we can take to start closing down MTJ there's several.

There's several ways we can do this. People right now, as mentioned already in in previous comments that before.

Buffering.

Their their grass with roaches, people aren't getting shower time.

People aren't getting yard time to get out.

Get in the sun.

People are suffering in there.

Most people are in their pretrial haven't been convicted of anything and are suffering

where MTJ should be closed down by the deadliest jail in in the country, one of the largest jails in the world.

And he said has has been tasked with closing this down.

There's things we can do.

We should be investing in diversion.

We should be investing in all the different ways that we can get people from the front end, not in there in the first place.

People are in there for reasons that they shouldn't be in there at all.

And there's no.

PC

**Public Safety Cluster** 23:38

Thank you, Anthony.

Thank you Anthony, James T.

Please unmute yourself.

Your time will begin once you start speaking.

JT

**James T** 23:48

Hi my name is James Takamatsu.

I'm with dignity power now.

I'm the Justice LA coalition.

Thank Supervisor Hans Office for putting forth this motion.

You know, I just got to say that the way Jason speaks about the community and kind of disregards our demands and our on our \*\*\*, it's pretty disrespectful.

They kind of move like they know better than us, which is not the case.

We've been fighting for the jail closer four years. We know full and well the realities of getting to jail closed when the community was part of the closed workgroup.

We work with the same county bodies that you're working with and we're able to come up with a step by step plan in less than a year. This body has been around for over five years and it current iteration over a year, and yet you're not anywhere near.

Where the community wasn't getting this jail closed like others said, you need to move with urgency.

You need to move with passion to get this jail closed and start listening to the community, not just speaking at us.

Thank you.

**PC** **Public Safety Cluster** 24:48

Thank you. Anthony Arenas, please unmute yourself and your time will begin once you start speaking.

**AA** **Anthony Arenas** 24:56

Hi, my name is Anthony Ademas from supervisorial District three with the dignity and power now as well as Justice LA Coalition.

I appreciate the board offices, especially from the Office of District 4, for taking jail closure more seriously and asking tougher questions of Seaton. This team was created with one goal, and that's to close the jail meant central jail it quickly as possible without a replacement.

And the Justice LE Coalition, as said before.

Supports this mission and anything that will help this team succeed in achieving that goal, including this motion from Supervisor Han.

But I'm just concerned so far with Cifa's work, since has yet to put forth a robust budget recommendation.

And that's exactly how we ended up with \$10 million of care for funding going to jail expansion in pitches because, he said has not put a robust budget recommendation. And it would.

**PC** **Public Safety Cluster** 25:55

Thank you, Ed. Thank you, Anthony.

Sahara, please unmute yourself.

Your time will begin once you start speaking.

**S** **Saharra** 26:07

Hi, can you hear me?

**PC** **Public Safety Cluster** 26:10

Yes.

**S** **Saharra** 26:11

Hi, my name is Sahara.

I'm with dignity and power now.

And justice LA.

I'm also a family member.

I lost my loved 1 Quentin Thomas inside of Twin Towers Correctional Facility on March 9th of 2018 and I just want to thank you Hans for putting forth this motion. Just like a lot of what other people have echoed here today. Like the jail conditions are inside.

Of MCJ are inhumane.

For a year, this community has been saying no new jail, closed MCJ and implement the ATI.

Jason gets paid thousands of dollars a year, but they continue to drag out the timeline.

So at this point, I feel like we're just losing trust with them because you keep telling us that you're gonna do something and you don't. When the community has been waiting on the timeline. To be honest with you since 2021, when we have voted to close.

It down the jail. People are literally like these aren't just.

A number like, they're not just a Macy's, our fathers, uncles, brothers, sons, cousins living with dirty water that they can't drink.

Little rat infestation. Violence. Like when you gonna care about the people?

**PC** **Public Safety Cluster** 27:17

Thank you.

Thank you, Sahara. Your time is expired.

Hilda Eck, please unmute yourself.

Your time will begin once you start speaking.

Hilda Eck, are you with us?

Berkeley. Donovan, please unmute yourself.

Your time will begin once you start.

**HE** **Hilda Eke (s)** 27:43

Hello, can you hear me? Hello.

**PC** **Public Safety Cluster** 27:47

Go ahead, Hilda.

**HE** **Hilda Eke (s)** 27:47

Yes, OK.

Good morning, everyone.

This is Hilda.

I came from dignity and power now, and Justice LA coalition.

You know what?

I want to speak directly with CSEC.

It's deeply sad and troubling that, years after the board of Supervisor unanimously voted to close the Mencentra jail, CEM still cannot provide a clear timeline for when that closure will happen.

Mencentric jail was deemed unsafe and inhumane.

That's why the county voted to close it in 2020. Yet without a timeline, that decision is being slowly undone through delay. Since that vote, more than 260 people have died in the sheriff custody every month without a plan, and a deadline means moreham plan.

Without a timeline is not leadership. I have to say that process without accountability is not progress.

And delay in this case cost life.

It is sad because communities have done that part.

We are asking what we are asking now is not radical.

Is basic responsibility.

CSET must name a public binding timeline.

Foreclosure. close the main central jail without replacement.

Thank you.

**PC** **Public Safety Cluster** 28:56

Thank you, Hilda Berkley Donovan.

Please unmute yourself.

Your time will begin once you start speaking.

**BD** **Berklee Donovan** 29:02

Good morning.

My name is Berkley Donovan.

I'm with ACLU Socal and the Justice LA coalition.

I appreciate this motion and the push towards the name change as well as more accountability, including timelines.

But what I find particularly troubling about jail closure currently is that while this work is happening simultaneously, Sheriff Luna and Da Hochman are going around campaigning for their care campus quote UN quote. I don't.

I don't want to use care in the same sentence as a jail.

And they're making big budget requests, including.

Just yesterday, 1.2 million for exploring a new jail facility, and so I'm hoping that this motion will bolster jsut see, sit to, you know, to make some likewise moves to, you know, ask for what they are really wanting, which is the closure of essential jail with. No replacement. Thank you.

**PC Public Safety Cluster 30:02**

Like includes your performance.

We'll move on now to the last motion on today's agenda, which should also come Supervisor Hanson.

Accountability significantly increased delay. Thank you.

So we ended last year with at least 4045 people who died in custody.

And we're in February.

Just two months in the new Year and we're at #10.

When this motion goes before the board on March 3rd.

I sincerely fear what that number will increase to.

We have a serious problem inside our jails as we continue to see increasing deaths inside our jails despite our low jail population.

And the.

Board's priority of care first jails last.

This motion before you is a follow up motion to one that supervisor Hahn did last May to address increasing number of in custody deaths. And I said we can't allow.

For these S to occur and chalk it up to the conditions of being incarcerated.

The reports and monitors are stating that there's progress, and I know that there have been some, however.

We have to do better.

And we have to do more.

We have to think outside the box.

We have to think outside of just efficiency as a reason to do things or compliance.

We have to think about how we maintain the dignity of those who enter into our jails and provide the care that it's needed.

In the drafting of this motion, we reviewed recommendations that the department provided, per our may motion last year, including those from the auditor controller and CEO risk management.

We also reviewed an audit that the county's auditor controller conducted in August of Correctional health services in response to the motion.

And we found some of the initial findings concerning the audit, identified 12 findings. Some of them were accessibility to and confidentiality on the use of health service request forms.

So these are forms that incarcerated people can use to request medical attention and care.

Delayed initial medical and mental health evaluations.

Just health appointments, not establishing key performance indicators to measure CHS's performance on the timeliness and the delivery of health and mental health care.

We also had conversations with impacted stakeholders, including families whose loved ones died in the jails, many of whom are here today.

Thank you for your continued advocacy and your presence.

We know this is difficult every time you have to come to a board meeting every time you have to come to a cluster meeting every time you come to any sort of Community meeting to talk about the deaths of your loved ones.

And we know that you're going to be doing that today and we know the difficulty that lies with that.

I also want to show.

The postcards that my boss received over Thanksgiving last week.

We have photos of family members who have passed away inside our jails.

And I'm sure some of these stories will be reflected today.

The directors of the motion before you are, yes, expansive.

And they're substantive as we need to move with urgency and implement actionable next steps with appropriate oversight if we want to stop setting records for the number of in custody deaths.

It's not a record that we want to continue to reach.

There are five sets of directors, four of which are for the Sheriff's Department, Correctional Health services, medical examiner and the auditor controller and risk

management.

I won't read all of them, but some of the ones that we should be on top of are making sure that automated external defibrillators in the jails work for emergencies.

Monitoring facility cameras and increasing supervisor walks of the facilities, improving Title 15 checks for signs of life.

Expediting and tracking compassionate releases.

Making sure that the stock of Narcan is refilled, available and accessible.

The same effort to combat the ingress of drugs is applied to both people who are incarcerated and staff and civilians.

Working with the courts so that staff is notified when someone receives.

News related to their sentencing as a suicide prevention measure.

And ensuring there's adequate funding that meets the needs of medication assisted treatment in the jails.

As folks in public comment have shared, each death is not a number.

There's somebody's family member.

These families and impacted loved ones aren't just providing comments because they're mourning and seeking justice.

They're also hoping that by lending their voice to this devastation, other families do not have to suffer the way that they are suffering.

I urge those in the room.

To listen to what these impacted individuals and family members have had to take a day off from work to come here to provide their comments in person, what they have to say.

Our office assured we received postcards.

We've also had many meetings with.

Impacted stakeholders about how we have to do better.

And with that, I will answer any questions that my colleagues might have on this.

Thank you.

One second.

Thank you for that, Esther.

I guess I just wanna understand a little bit about.

Your engagement with the departments on this, I'm kinda curious if you have any feedback initially from them.

'Cause it does.

Like you said, it is expensive.

But I appreciate the urgency and the level of detail.

So I think the question is like do we know do we have any initial thoughts from from the departments?

Yeah, we do have the initial thoughts from our May motion, right?

We ask for report back.

We also ask for a public presentation both in cluster and in board meetings.

The report backs contain recommendations.

And some of those recommendations are included in the directives, along with those from auditor controller and risk management.

But it wasn't.

But there weren't any separate thoughts that.

These directives.

Yeah, not yet. Not yet. OK, cool.

And I guess, oh, and we also got feedback about this motion and the may motion from our impacted stakeholders and families. OK, great.

And then.

For the for some of the directives I know, since it's budget season, I'm curious if you were, if you had any sense initially of whether there were budget impacts and how those would be integrated into our current budget rounds?

This is high time for that, so I'm just curious if you have any thoughts about that as well.

I think that's a great question.

In fact, we also got that question from our other colleague from SD One and we do plan on including a directive.

So thank you for that.

Including a directed in there about the the budget cost choosing these directives.

Kind of like the for the department, for the departments to explain, right?

So there are some directives that they.

Believe will require additional costs, require additional staffing, for example, to include that in the report back. So we also have a sense of what looks like and then.

I did have one other question.

Which was for the.

Or about the medical examiner.

Yes. And I know that.

Historic. What's the right way to say this?

Historically, there has been a misconception or perception that the medical examiner is more involved in what LASD does or doesn't do, and I think the medical examiner has tried to debunk that.

Yes, and sort of say independent of the Sheriff's Department and the other folks who investigate jail deaths.

Sort of within the jails, do you see this impacting that or do you still?

Sort of expect the medical examiner to be separate, apart from the evaluations that are happening inside the jail, they have a role in deaths in custody right there.

You know, when we have deaths in custody a lot of times they are performing the autopsies.

We're waiting for toxicology reports because you know, substance use related deaths are #2 called the deaths inside there.

So the medical examiner does have a have a role.

I appreciate you bringing up the misconceptions between the relationship between medical examiner and the Sheriff's Department, which is why there's also a directive in here about security holds that there are policies in there, and I believe last year the medical examiner pushed against a security hold that L.

Tried to impose on a non, you know, custody death.

However, security holds and the relationship between medical examiner and the Sheriff's Department is still something that I think the the medical examiner is working to clarify. But I think that is separate from I guess the continued efforts to.

Lend transparency and more information about what that relationship between medical and law enforcement and just really in the county looks like that is separate from this because in medical examiner do have a role in death reviews, not only in terms of what happens in the review panel that.

Is created by the sheriff.

CHS and and other stakeholders, but also even the ones that they do for us, 'cause so much of why someone dies or how someone dies is dependent on the outcomes that are in autopsy for autopsies.

I hear that.

So I guess I guess what I'm trying to understand is whether you see that changing because my understanding right now is that the Medical Center doesn't participate directly in the death reviews that happen inside the jail.

Those are CHS and LASD and and their information does right if the medical examiner reports back, we suspect XY or Z or they're preliminary evaluation or

whatever that goes to those folks.

But they're not in the room right now.

Do you anticipate that changing or do you still kind of see that?

I'm actually wanna poke a little bit more at your question, cause are you asking that they do?

No, I well for me, I, in my view, their independence is pretty important.

I see this process, so I I think there's a Mm-hmm qualitative value right in that separate.

So I just wanted to make sure that that is not likely to change based on no, because we agree with you in terms of the separation.

But we also wanna make sure and I know and I believe that it is, that the information that they are finding.

Whether it's an autopsies or toxicology reports, or any other reports that they might be doing is included in the death reviews.

Got it again, I believe, OK, RDR got it.

Thank you.

No, that's helpful.

I think that's it for me. Any other questions?

On a similar wavelength to so many directors, yes, that's fair.

But on Directive I on another multiple director side.

Yes, I know that you.

I believe it's one that we have in collaboration with the yes.

I think kind of similar wavelength of.

Our colleagues see here, I think that.

Five and I know we talked about it, but five kind of throws me off because the medical examiners seems to be like this, this it's in collaboration, but it's the medical government, I think that.

Things should be combined with the risk management.

Auditor controller. Just because I think they're the ones that are doing the audits on what's being represented here, like the KP is.

So I think maybe five and seven being combined in some type of way.

Just, you know recommending that. And then my other question is for for sake.

It says review CHS staff meetings to include daily walkthroughs, which in agreement with just wondering if there do we anticipate any labor?

Issues with that, so it might change there.

So my understanding is that the supervisors as opposed to to three walks per shift, OK. And so one, ensuring that that actually happens, OK.

So it's part of their duties.

It's just, it's part of their. It's part of their duties and we don't if it's being done consistent, got it. OK, cool so.

You you said Ch.

SCHS supervisors, just to clarify.

No, this is LASD.

This is right.

It's directed fixed and for for the Sheriff department. If it's teaching assistant. Sorry.

That's why it's. Oh, yeah, it is. OK.

It's after the first set of nine.

Can I help on Santa?

I I think you're talking about the CHS one.

I I think, oh, that daily walkthrough.

Yeah, I think I can help clear by.

Yeah, after you're correct in that the they are custody supervisors, Sergeant, to go through who who do those collections currently. OK, healthcare staff do not have the task of required walk through to pick up HSR. So there would be.

Some labor impact there.

We would need to look at either changes of duties or additional staffing to do that in every.

In, you know, in every housing unit that's currently done by a Sergeant, and we would also then need in some or many custody component to it because there are access issues for our healthcare staff at times for certain housing units, OK.

So Doctor Veleovich on that right.

Currently you have nursing staff that are on the module to deliver.

For uh, pill call pill call is typically done 3 \* 3 \* A a day right? 'cause some people have morning after OK.

Yes, pill call happens three times a day, right?

And so during the pill call walkthrough or during pill call.

Do they engage with people who are incarcerated without any immediate medical needs?

For example, if you have a patient who is needing a pill and they also are expressing that they have shortness of breath.

For example, if they observe a medical emergency, they'll they will respond to that. But if an individual wants to discuss something or talk to them, they do not have the time at their pill call to do that.

They will.

They will alert custody.

Who will assist them with getting ahsr?

Or to maybe even pull them out to bring them to a clinic.

They wouldn't. The the pill call is staffed in such a way that it is a labor issue. As the number of individuals.

Who received pills per nurse?

And that's how we we staff it just solely for that duty.

So it would be a new duty assigned to them.

But that's not to say they notice something, or if they're alerted to something they they will stop, pill call and react to an emergency.

I do have questions, but for Sheriff's Department actually. So in the the first like a set of directives I think for through seven we have a couple of directives that have to do with Title 15 checks being done at random intervals.

So my first question is.

Is that already happening within your department?

Do you do random data check?

Yes, it it actually it's it's part of our policy.

And in addition to the random checks they have, they're pretty much staggered as indicated in the DOJ provisions.

And so while a title 15 check has to be conducted within that 15 or 30 minute interval, they need to be staggered.

So they'll they'll not.

Those checks are not necessarily conducted on the hour or within that title.

15 that 15 minute check.

Sometimes they might be 12 minutes, sometimes they might be 13 minutes.

But I think we all can agree that it's, you know, in order to accommodate that that provision as well as the title 15 check, there's only so much that you can stagger without having additional personnel on site to to conduct those checks.

Is that something that is consistently applied in every facility?

Because I know sometimes there's been concerns about like policies not being uniformly implemented.

It is across the division and I think that's maybe the misconception.

About about that directive. It's not just inclusive of twin towers. It's exclusive to the entire custody division.

And then the following directive regarding evaluation of use of other classifications such as the CAS.

Is that something the department had, you know, ever looked at? We did.

And it in actually a different level.

So first and foremost, currently we do use the classification.

Of of custody assistance to supplement our our deputy sheriff while they're conducting Title 15 checks.

While it's no mystery that we have.

A deficient level of staffing for deputy sheriff.

It's it's equally the same for custody assistance, so we can't just augment all of the the title 15 checks for the custody assistance because we do have a staffing shortage with them in addition.

And we do have challenges with the MOU with the Union stats. Specifically say that there has to be the the percentage ratios and. And lastly, I'd like to touch on this in the past.

I I would like to say I might be mistaken off a year or so, but I believe it was in 2018-2019. We did do a pilot recognizing some of the deficiencies or issues that we were having with Title 15 checks and I don't know if.

You recall this doctor?

But we brought in psychics to assist with our title 15 checks in in addition to recognize behaviors that might be.

Indicative of suicides and what we found is that that was a productive either for the department or the psyche techs. We didn't show any.

Any data that revealed that the title 15 checks were done timely and adequate.

As a matter of fact, we found that the site text did not actually want or like their job assignments, and they eventually left.

In lieu of staying in, if the pilot were successful.

And then my last question is, is sort of regarding directives six and seven regarding the monitoring of the cameras with especially the CCTV, what is your policy now?

Do you have like a 24, seven like eyes on facilities?

No. Well, our CCTV cameras are working 24/7 but we don't have the staffing in place to monitor all of the cameras.

I I think I would be remiss to say that we have more than a couple of 100 cameras at each facility, which makes it not impossible.

But.

To really get into the the leads of monitoring the cameras I I can't tell you that it would be successful just because of the amount of cameras and the eye fatigue that's necessary to capture everything within those CCTV cameras we do have.

Did you?

Did you have another question?

No, it was just like what you're doing now, basically.

So so if I'd like to suggest because there are a lot of directives and there are some work, obviously that the Sheriff Department could do, if I could ask that we could work with the Board office because I think with some of them, they may be some MIS.

About what we're doing or what we're not doing and given the opportunity we have the the given.

The opportunity.

Have the ability to fine tune some of the directives that will be in line with your needs, as well as getting us into. I don't want to say substantial compliance, but, but essentially meeting the needs of the board offices.

Thank you for that. And this may be a Maggie question.

Based on, you know the directives, do you see any that may be in conflict with DOJ compliance requirements?

Or do they enhance?

We can work.

OK.

I'll just speak up. I I think that there are a few that are a little different from how the settlement agreement contemplates that some of these things are handled.

So here too, we would love an opportunity to go back and kind of.

And have that fine tuning conversation to to explain some of those specifics.

I think one thing that I do want to get across about safety checks is that this is an area where in in very rapid.

Time a lot of progress has been made on on many different fronts walking very closely hand in hand with the monitors.

So I think for example, the reference to using EU doll for safety checks that that is now kind of a backup of a backup of a backup for how the Sheriff's Department is

actually doing it.

And I think the department has made a lot of progress in both.

You know both.

We have to achieve timely staggered and quality safety.

Text and I think we're very, very close now to being timely and staggered at every single facility in every single housing type, the places where we fall short often is falling short from a very challenging 95% threshold.

We are not verified on quality at every facility yet, but that is a very active conversation that's happening with the monitors and I I think.

Which is a, you know, great conversation to be had.

And I think a few years ago, we were really failing on all of those different metrics and that was the conversation that we were having.

Now I think it is really fine tuning what is a quality safety check, and that conversation is very intensive.

Where the monitors reviewing video.

Subject matter experts in the sheriff's compliance team and on the line and in leadership are all reviewing video with them and with council.

So again, I think that opportunity to kind of refer back and give you all the latest on what's been happening and and try to tailor it to, to, to, to what's left to still do. And I think everybody would acknowledge there's plenty left to still do you know.

I think that with regard to the CHS directives and even the the directives on on the the death reviews, there is also some.

I.

I don't know.

It like some some surface area contact with the settlement agreement, right? The the settlement agreement's pretty specific about how death review should be should be covered.

And what everybody's role should be, I think that the settlement agreement also has a lot of competing things that we have to do with certain staff that again we would want to kind of make rationalize with some of the directives.

So for example, you know the monitor doesn't have a very different idea of what should be happening with grievance.

Forms or pill call then is contemplated in the motion.

And you know, I I think we've also put forward things related to Matt and to group programming that that very much touches the settlement agreement. And I think

that that chapter is currently very actively engaged with the monitor about you know how to do Matt and also.

How to do group programming for for various different populations?

And since we do have one more presentation and we're gonna move on to public comment for this motion, and if there's any more questions the deputies have to reach out to me there. The department just really quickly before we go into the, I actually will go into public.

Comment, but we can definitely since we are short on time.

So if any members of the public would like to address this item, please raise your hand on teams.

Or if you are with us by phone, please press \*6.

We allow one minute.

1st.

All right, if you guys can make a line right up here, you guys will each be allowed one minute and your time will start when you begin speaking.

Hi, my name is Shana Desante with the media power.

Now the dish we'd like to thank Supervisor Khan's office for championing this issue. We work with families every single day who are experiencing these in custody tasks and to hear from the sheriff and CHS that you're making great progress while we're having the highest in custody death rate in the last 20 years.

Is not progress.

Whatever you're doing, stop doing that because clearly it's the worst results we've seen in the last 20 years and we see that reflected in the experiences that families have.

We know that they are not getting access to cameras, they're told the cameras are inoperable.

They're told that cameras you know cannot be accessed, so regardless of whatever eye technique is happening, we know the deputies have been caught watching \*\*\*\*.

Maybe they're getting eye fatigue from watching the drugs being brought in from the deputies themselves.

We think that this substance in motion is a good next step.

It's actually saving lives because that's what's at stake here.

It's not about protecting the eyes of the deputies.

Maybe they can watch the blood on their hands and the people who are dying in solitary confinement.

Thank you.

Thank you.

Hi, my name is Marcella Rosen.

I wanna start off by thanking Supervisor Han and her office for creating this motion, which really recognizes the severity of deaths in custody and is the most substantive attempt to address that that we've recently seen.

I saw that there was questions from the Board office about certain parts of this motion, so I just wanna take this opportunity to really encourage the other board offices to support.

This robust attempt at decreasing deaths in custody.

The reality is that people who are inside can't protect themselves.

They can't protect themselves from the deputies.

They can't give testimony on what happens to them when they die.

We need thorough investigations after the fact.

We need camera footage.

I appreciate that this motion takes into account the experiences of families such as Stanley Wilson, Junior who's CT CCTV footage was.

Deleted when she tried to PRA it to investigate what happened to her son.

Those are the things in the specific parts of the motion that thank you for your comments.

Your time is expiring. Thank you.

Hi my name is Grace.

I'm a researcher at UCLA with the Biocritical studies lab.

I want to thank Supervisor Kon for offering this motion.

We need to implement preventative measures for oversight, and we need to do it now.

I am a researcher like I said, and I've personally read hundreds of adoptions of individuals who have passed from the LA County jails. And what I've seen from this is a systemic neglect of the needs of the people in the jails, complaints of pain or illness that are.

Ignored until it's too late.

A lack of care taken to identify signs of disability or withdrawal from substances.

And we won't accept this notion that deaths are so common because the people in the jails are sicker, more, more vulnerable than the general population, because when a person is incarcerated, when they're not free to see a doctor or take

medication without approval, it is the responsibility of.

That jail to provide the medical care and mental health care which doesn't seem to be happening the way that it should because we've had 10 deaths already in eight weeks.

I also want to say that the actions of the medical examiner are absolutely linked to the actions of OASD.

We.

You cannot say that the two are independent. When deputies are allowed to bear witness to autopsies.

Thank you for your comment. Your time has expired.

My name is Vanessa Perez.

I first want to say thank you, Esther and Hans, for giving those names to face because they deserve. They deserve that.

Thank you. And next, I want to talk about.

When the monitors go in there and when the nurses go in there for pill call, there's inmates that will complain to them and say, like my son, I have stitches in my back because they didn't.

Doctors, can you remove these stitches from my back?

And they've refused over and over again. And when I called the medical, there's nothing being done because he's over 18 years old and adult and it's unfair process.

What you guys are doing is all I got. Thank you. Thank you.

Anthony Arenas, please unmute yourself yourself. Your time will begin once you start speaking.

**AA** Anthony Arenas 1:00:44

Hi, my name is Anthony Arenas from supervisorial District 3 Dignity and power now as well as the Justice I like coalition.

Since the start of 2026, ten people have lost their life.

In short, custody and as well know this is the fastest rate of in custody death in the last 20 years.

And those are not just 10 lives. Those are 10 people, ten families, 10 friend groups, 10 neighborhoods, 10 communities that are gonna be forever impacted.

And we have already sent over 2400 letters to each of the board offices demanding an end to in custody death and not once has the Board of Supervisors asked the Sheriff's Department to account for their responsibility.

In our community Members death, I appreciate the office.

The supervisorial district for who seems to be the only one trying to meet the moment. Yesterday you heard from other departments. What truly brings care to the lives of your constituents without the need to vilify and fear monger. As we heard from Luna and Hochman, we have to.

Divest from the Sheriff's Department the probation department.

**PC** **Public Safety Cluster** 1:01:52

Expired.

Ellen Jones, please unmute yourself.

Your time will begin once you start speaking.

**HJ** **Helen Jones** 1:01:59

Can you hear me?

**PC** **Public Safety Cluster** 1:02:02

Yes.

**HJ** **Helen Jones** 1:02:03

Thank you.

I'd like to thank Supervisor Han and her team for bringing this motion.

My name is Helen Jones.

I am the mother of John Horton, who was beat to death, murdered by the 3000 Boy Deputy Sheriff Gang, March 30th, 2009.

John Def was quired as a suicide from the county corner and the Sheriff Department, which his death was overturned into undetermined because they don't want to put.

They don't want to put murder down.

So and they couldn't.

They can't put suicide back and this has my son has been gone for 17 years.

I work with dignity and power.

Now I'm a senior campaign lead and I I've talked to numerous of mothers that are still going through what I'm going, what I went through 17 years ago, the board of Supervisor knows it. The county coroner knows it.

The Sheriff Department knows it that everybody is in bed with each other.

And we know this and we know that the inmates in there are being abused, still

being abused.

10 deaths.

10 deaths in this just February this.

**PC** **Public Safety Cluster** 1:03:09

Thank you, Helen. Your time has expired.

**HJ** **Helen Jones** 1:03:11

Thank you.

**PC** **Public Safety Cluster** 1:03:14

Ali Rubinfeld, please unmute yourself.

Your time will begin once you start speaking.

**RA** **Rubinfeld, Ali** 1:03:20

Hello, this is Ali Rubinfeld with the Loyola Anti Racism Center.

Check the sheriff in the Jose LA coalition.

Thank you to Supervisor Hans office for authoring this motion.

It is the most substantive attempt to address the in custody death crisis in Los Angeles County. This board has taken since ATI was adopted. This motion takes steps to mitigate known causes of in custody deaths by increasing screening of the deputies for contraband when they enter the jail.

Making naloxone more available in facilities, expediting and tracking compassionate releases submitted to the LA Superior Court, and improving the quality of safety of cells. It also works to crack open the black box that prevents transparency into the in custody death crisis by expanding the means and methods of.

Monitoring the jails through CCTV's increasing protocols when a death does happen by creating additional means of reporting that death.

Expanding the information Lac must disclose relating to these deaths and improving the medical examiner's death review process. This motion is responsible to what people have lost loved ones inside our jails have said have happened to them.

After they have experienced this tremendous loss.

It also implements essential oversight and mitigation memos mitigation methods that we need sooner than later to prevent the ongoing tragedy.

**PC** **Public Safety Cluster** 1:04:29

Byron Jose, please unmute yourself and your time will begin once you start speaking.

**BJ** **Byron Jose** 1:04:40

Good morning.

Cluster. Thank you to. I'm glad Supervisor Hans team is working with Justice LA and stakeholders to move some policy while we move to put our budget. In closing this jail.

It is unfortunate that there's a collective over like 20 years of service on this board by certain offices that been here that been seeing this problem. So a decade later for there not to be any movement on shutting them jail.

Is a shame.

We want to make sure we're depopulating the K6G and more importantly, we're making sure that we're centering the needs of the families of the loved ones of all everyone that's passing away in these Dales and the moment for us to truly shift from a building abst.

Care 1st is now.

Yes, there is budget process. We were like presenting with new Tel which was the first time that I heard about it and again I'm glad that we were assuming this conversation seeing cluster and that we will continue to have meetings on this board instead of just canceling meet.

Right. And making sure that we're moving forward with all the stakeholders including. Thank you.

**PC** **Public Safety Cluster** 1:05:45

Thank you, Byron.

Hilda Eck, please unmute yourself.

Your time will begin once you start speaking.

**HE** **Hilda Eke (s)** 1:05:51

Thank you.

I just want to begin by thanking supervisors and office for bringing this motion forward.

Oversight matters, and this action motion even acknowledges the serious concerns

that continue to exist inside our jail.

Transparency is not optional.

I want to be clear about that.

It's a basic necessity and I think measures like CCTV footage inside jail facilities.

Are about accountability, safety, truth.

And without retransparency, harm remains eating and families are left without answers.

I guess one of the one of the researcher who spoke earlier flagged that deputies should not have access to medical examiner or coroner's office. Any system in which a law enforcement has influence over in custody. Death investigation raises serious concerns about independence and public trust oversight must.

Be truly independent to be meaningful.

So if the county is serious about accountability.

Transparency must be built into every layer.

Of the system not treated as an afterthought.

Thank you for your time.

PC

**Public Safety Cluster** 1:06:55

Thank you, Hilda.

Berkley Donovan, please unmute yourself.

Your time will begin once you start speaking.

BD

**Berklee Donovan** 1:07:03

Hi, my name is Berkley Donovan.

I'm with ACLU SoCal and the Justice LA coalition.

I appreciate this motion for, you know, increased transparency around in custody deaths.

Specifically, I wanted to call attention to the safety checks.

I'm really happy to see that there would be assessing for signs of life last June at a public civil brain Commission meeting, the department stated that they were merely focusing on signs of distress at that point and they were moving towards being able to look for signs of.

Life and it's taken till now to get it into an actual motion.

And so I do hope that it will actually be taking place so that folks lives are not in so

much danger, but so many, so many people in custody have had to die since then. And so support this motion and appreciate it coming.

**PC Public Safety Cluster** 1:07:54

Thank you, Berkley.

That concludes our public comment. Reaching 95% compliance is one goal, but so is decreasing the number of in custody deaths and that should be the county's goal towards next.

Thank you everybody.

So we'll move on to the next item, which is the presentation from the probation department and the public Safety alignment team for the semi annual AG one next. Are you ready?

Good morning. Robert Arcos, chief deputy of probation.

I'm joined this morning by Mark Delgado, executive director of CCJCC.

We're here to provide you a briefing on the semiannual public safety realignment report. The public Safety realignment team was established by the board to coordinate AB109 implementation in the county.

And probation serves as a chair of the PSRT, and the committee is supported by CCJCC as a reminder, PSRT submits semiannual reports to update the board on AB109 focus areas and key activities of the Committee for prior board action.

These reports are placed on the board agenda, so this report will be on the March 3rd board meeting agenda.

I want to note that there is no board action requested with this report. The update is for informational purposes as part of the semiannual report schedule. Since the PSRTS last report in July.

The committee has largely focused on two areas, development of AB109 funding, recommendations for consideration and the development of goals and objectives for the year. Report summarizes that activity, starting with the funding recommendations, which Mark will cover, and then I'll come back and discuss the object.

For the year.

Thank you, mark. This is.

All right.

Well, thank you, chief, and thank you all for for having us here. As the chief noted.

Report includes a couple areas that we cap 81.9 funding related activity from the past

several months.

That information is primarily included in attachments A&B, so I'll talk about those in just a moment. But as a quick reminder, PSRT does not manage the AB 199 budget or approve funding.

So this report, what is included in attachments A&B, relates to the programs that previously have been recommended for funding by PSRT.

Not necessarily. Everything that receives AB19 funding.

That's a larger budget and that remains under the purview of the CEO, who manages the county's budget.

So for today's briefing, I just really wanna note what's in those two attachments.

To attachment a summarizes those PSRT recommended programs that receive funding.

In fiscal year 2425 and the reason that information is included here, even though we're past that budget cycle is because of PSRT's specific interest in those programs and continued support for their successful implementation.

So with attachment A provides is a listing of what was included in the budget.

Pursuant to PSRT's recommendations and then a brief status update from the department on.

Those funded programs.

Attachment B is similar, but it provides a summary of the recommended programs that receive funding for fiscal year 2526, so current year.

Given the recency of that funding, though, we don't have status.

Updates are provided for that, but PSRT will start to track that so we can have similar kinds of updates moving forward.

I do think that the committee members felt really good about this process and have enjoyed and appreciate the opportunity to partake in this funding recommendation process.

In this last supplemental budget cycle, all of the recommendations that were submitted by PSRT ultimately were included in the supplemental by the CEO and then approved by the board.

And I would also note that the committee's prepared to develop new funding recommendations for 2627.

Should new be one orine funding be available?

That's typically determined after the release of the governor's may revised, but will be working with the committee in advance of that to prep the members for that

process should funding become available. And if funding is available and that process takes place, it will be informed by the.

Goals and objectives that are included in the last section of this report, and I'm gonna hand it back over to the chief to to briefly address that.

Thanks mark.

Section of the report captures the goals, objectives and outcomes and measures that were adopted for the 2026 PSRTP set of goals will guide our focus areas this year, with updates and discussions planned for our monthly agenda. And if PSRT does make 8109 funding.

Recommendations. One of the criteria it will review is how a program ties into these goals and objectives.

The goals and objectives are very similar to those that were previously established with some minor.

Refinement.

There was, however, a new goal established for this year related to pretrial operations with a \*\*\*\*\* objectives and outcome measures.

The committee is committed to supporting departments progress on these objectives and outcome measures, and we will be tracking progress on these objectives and outcome measures as we move forward through the year. Mark two closing comments and then we'll take questions.

Thank you, chief and and the only the only thing I have to add on that.

And those goals and objectives, by the way, are, as you know, not attachment.

Chief mentioned this at the outset.

There's no recommended action.

There's no request here in in this report. This is part of the the standard semiannual report. We are looking at.

Including the next week's report as part of the agenda entry description that would potentially convert these two written report backs. If your board offices would be on board with that, these are.

Essentially, you know recaps of activity that the that the committee.

That he has taken in the previous several months.

So I think given that there's no action that these reports will bring to the to, to the board, that's a consideration that we're looking at with the Executive Office and we'll, we'll wanna have a conversation with you all. But aside from that, this is scheduled for March 3rd.

Board meeting and yeah, as chief mentioned, I'm glad to take any questions you have.

Any questions for?

My one question you answered which was well new goals were included this year which you said was the last the it's the last attachment attachment C when it was the including pre trial population.

It addresses a few objectives related to pretrial operations correct.

Yeah. Annabelle. What?

I'll what I'll say to that yesterday at the budget hearings, Sheila and I had a very good conversation with Judge Armstead Jaycod on accelerating our work.

Around the pretrial services option, so we'll be having a meeting in the coming weeks.

To help accelerate that.

If there's no other questions, then thank you for your presentation and we'll be moving on for public comment for this section.

Thank you if any members of the public would like to address item three, please raise your hand on teams or if you wish, or if you're with us by phone, please press \*6 to speak.

We'll allow one minute for each person.

Then we'll move on to general public comment.

Any members of public would like to address any item. Please raise your hand on teams or if you are with us by phone, please press \*6 to speak.

We'll allow one minute for each person.

You have one.

Go ahead, Helen, unmute yourself.

Your time will begin once you start speaking.

 **Helen Jones** 1:16:24

Thank you so much.

I just want to say that there are so many mothers, so many families, that never would think once they kids walk into any county jail, that they will lose their life, that they would not see their kids again, that they have officials that posed to be watching out. And taking care of them, 'cause y'all have a business.

If anybody run a business and folks are dying.

You will shut that business down the next day. The very next day.

So we don't understand how is everybody sitting by watching death after death after death.

I watched it for 17 years.

I we just trying to understand how is this continuing?

How is this going on?

It shouldn't be happening.

No mother, no family.

Members should ever be going through this type of trauma with so many officials.

So many smart people that are allowing this to happen and we just wish this will stop.

We wish this will stop.

Thank you.

**PC** **Public Safety Cluster** 1:17:37

And I believe we have one person.

Yeah. I just want to quickly say about the industry Indians coming back to that motion that was held last year and I know me and you had a meeting, Annabelle.

I just wanted like an update on that and maybe we can meet again and get the industry Indians back on the Board of Supervisors agenda.

I think it's very serious that we get that back on there being that Joseph was beaten by four of those deputies that are confirmed industry Indians.

And then echo what Helen did say about her son and everything else.

Thank you so much.

Thank you.

That concludes our public comment.

Thank you, everybody. That concludes today.

Public safety meeting and we're gonna go into consent.

● **Denise De La Cruz** stopped transcription