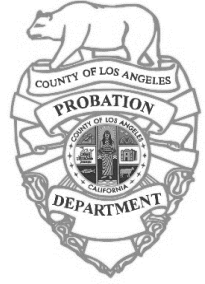




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Chief Probation Officer

SUBJECT: **ELIMINATION OF THE USE OF OLEORESIN CAPSICUM SPRAY: STAFF TRAINING ROLL OUT (SET ITEM NO. 1, AGENDA OF JUNE 25, 2019) ELEVENTH QUARTERLY REPORT**

At the June 25, 2019, Board of Supervisors (Board) meeting, following the Probation Department's report on Elimination of the Use of Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray, the Board took various actions, including instructing the Chief Probation Officer to provide quarterly updates on the roll out of staff training; and on conducting exit interviews with staff after the training sessions to determine if the provided training was sufficient. This is our eleventh quarterly report.

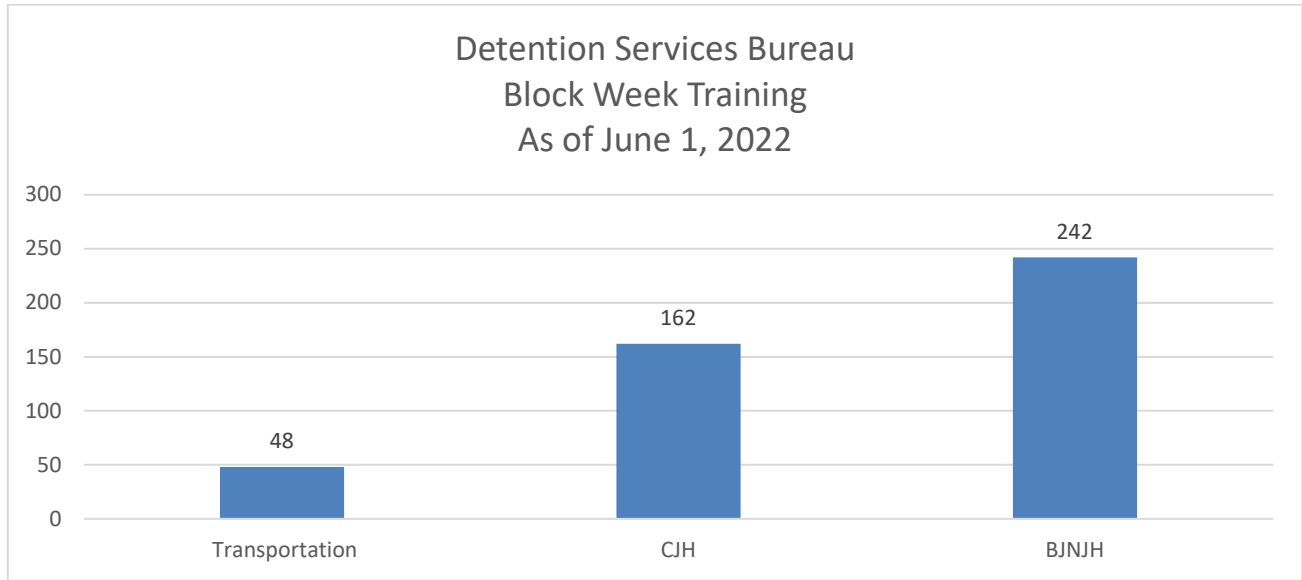
TRAINING PLAN

As indicated in our tenth report, the Probation Department resumed in-person cohort training for the Detention Services Bureau (DSB) staff. The training is designed for staff to gain a better understanding of the youth in our care; the secondary trauma that staff may experience; to help staff with practical skills in de-escalation and to create a trauma-informed environment with care in both juvenile halls.

As of June 1, 2022, we had 452 staff report to training. The Department is currently training Cohort 23. Some of the staff reported to training did not participate in the Physical Intervention curriculum, due to current work restrictions. These staff will be trained in the Physical Intervention curriculum when they are released from light duty work restrictions. In addition, Block week training has been temporarily suspended beginning June 6, 2022, to ensure mandated annual Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) training

compliance is completed by June 30, 2022. The Block week training is scheduled to resume on July 11, 2022.

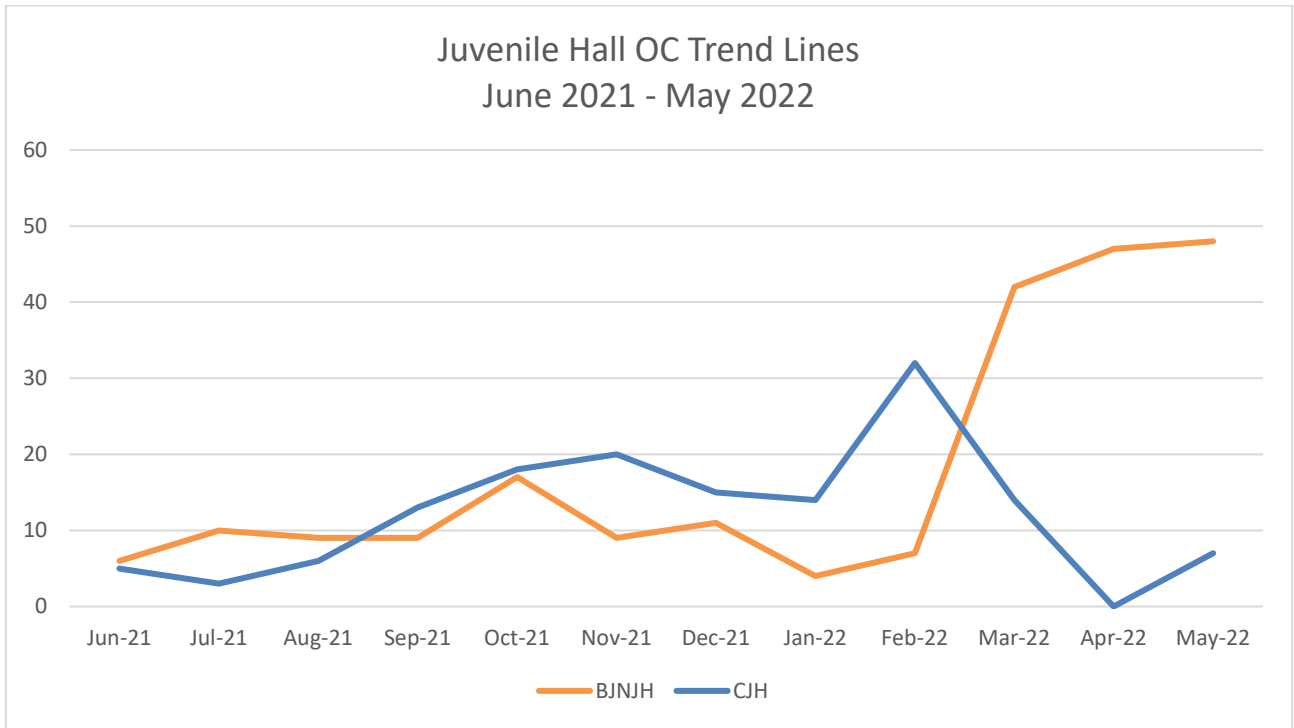
As previously indicated, as of June 1, 2022, we had 452 staff report to training. The chart below illustrates the total number of DSB staff that have reported to block week training, by facility.



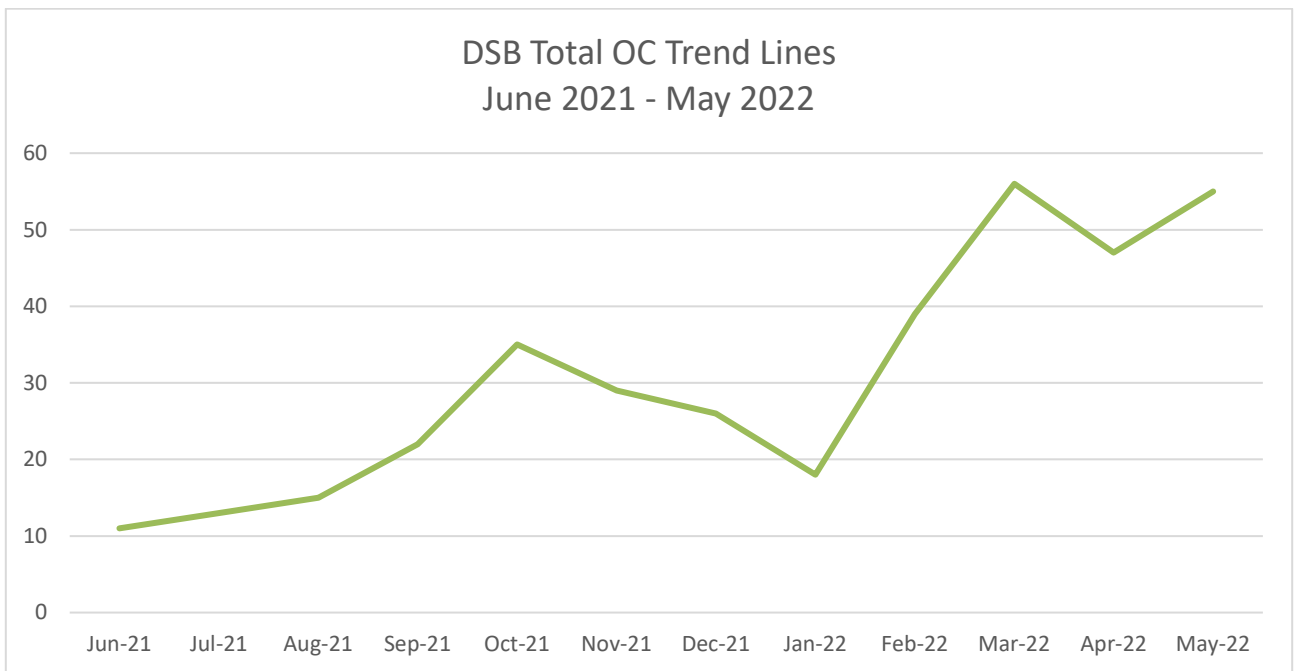
The chart below illustrates the DSB OC Spray Incident totals, by month, from June 2021 through May 2022.

DSB OC INCIDENT TOTALS JUNE 2021 - MAY 2022			
MONTH	BJNH	CJH	DSB TOTAL
Jun-21	6	5	11
Jul-21	10	3	13
Aug-21	9	6	15
Sep-21	9	13	22
Oct-21	17	18	35
Nov-21	9	20	29
Dec-21	11	15	26
Jan-22	4	14	18
Feb-22	7	32	39
Mar-22	42	14	56
Apr-22	47	0	47
May-22	48	7	55
TOTAL	219	147	366

The chart below illustrates the OC spray trend lines for both Central Juvenile Hall (CJH) and Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall (BJNJH) since June 2021.



The chart below illustrates the DSB combined total OC Spray trends for both juvenile halls since June 2021.



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As previously reported, on March 12, 2022, and March 13, 2022, youth and personnel were moved from CJH to BJNJH due to a temporary closure of the facility to address needed repairs and systematic enhancements. As a result, the use of OC spray increased significantly at BJNJH. Facility repairs to CJH were completed by mid-May 2022 and youth and personnel subsequently returned in phases between May 18 and 25, 2022.

CONCLUSION

The Probation Department continues to remain committed to partnering with our stakeholders to promote a safe culture that supports employees and youth in a secure, stable, and healthy environment. In addition, the Department will continue to provide updates that highlight the overall progress of the training cohorts and the elimination of OC spray. All cohort training is conducted with continued support for COVID-19 safety and precautions. We will continue to inform your Board of our training status and anticipate providing an update of any significant changes on a quarterly basis.

Please contact me if you have any questions, or your staff may contact Adam Bettino, Chief Deputy, Administrative Services and Operational Support, at (562) 940-3760.

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