

AGENDA ITEM III (f)
Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) Assessment

On July 27, 2021 , the Board of Supervisors directed the" JJRBG, Youth Justice Transition Advisory Group, YDD, JCHS, and DMH to develop a plan and report back to the Board, in writing in 60 days, on how youth who are temporarily placed at any temporary SYTFs, will be placed with expediency in an identified permanent SYTF upon a robust, comprehensive, evidence-based, trauma-informed assessment and evaluation by medical and mental health staff, aligning with YJR values and JJRBG's recommendations, that will be sensitive to the needs of the youth."

Senate Bill 823 outlines the legal requirements and assessment information to be included in the recommendation for Secure Youth Track Facility (SYTF) disposition program, that is utilized to develop the Individualized Rehabilitation Plan (IRP). Prior to realignment of the Division of Juvenile Justice which began on July 1, 2021, the Department, informed by guidance from Delinquency Court, established the IRP template in alignment with the legislative requirements; however, the post Rehabilitation Plan Approval Hearing multi-disciplinary team process, and specific trauma-informed assessment and evaluation by medical and mental health staff, have not been formalized as recommended in the YJR report; however, the values of collaboration and inclusion of community-based organizations have been realized.

Motion:

Create an SYTF Assessment ad hoc sub-committee to participate on a workgroup with YDD, JCHS, DMH and Probation, and liaison with the YJAG, to further refine the robust, comprehensive, evidence-based, trauma-informed assessment process on behalf of the JJRBG.