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
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DATE: July 24, 2020

TO: Honorable Susan Ellenberg
Jeffrey V. Smith, County Executive

FROM: Laurie Smith, Sheriff 

SUBJECT: June 4, 2020, **Agenda Item 242:**
Resuming Jail Monitoring Programs

At the June 4, 2020 meeting, Chairperson Ellenberg requested that the Office of the Sheriff provide information relating to the date the jail monitoring programs will resume. While some monitoring programs have resumed remotely others have not resumed due to concerns over COVID-19. The following is a breakdown of the Jail Monitoring Programs and their respective or anticipated start dates.

Mental Health/Suicide Prevention: Remote monitoring began this month.

Medical/Dental: The Sheriff's Office has offered remote monitoring but our experts are unavailable due to commitment with COVID-19 expert work in the custody setting. They are not requesting to do onsite monitoring due to COVID-19.

ADA Operational: Monitor will do some limited remote monitoring related to policies and training. Tentative plan for onsite monitoring in September, which is subject to change.

ADA Construction: As construction projects are completed, monitor will attempt remote construction reviews with our staff onsite doing the measurements etc. This is a trial as it is unclear if an inspection will be satisfactory under these conditions.

Use of Force: Experts are doing remote monitoring currently and will be onsite in late August for out-of-custody monitoring efforts.

Remainder of *Chavez* Subjects: The remainder of subjects are monitored by the Prison Law Office, which is plaintiffs' counsel (e.g., classification practices, Vision/Hearing/Speech disabilities, and Cognitive Disabilities). They have not requested to do a monitoring visit and it is anticipated that monitoring will be delayed because Prison Law Office is significantly involved in managing/litigating COVID-19 practices at CDCR and other counties.