PROBATION DEPARTMENT
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Realignment Update
Post-Release Community Supervision (PRCS)
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Introduction

Probation's monthly report to the Community Corrections Partnership will address three specific areas: CAIS analysis, PRCS/MS unit update, and PRCS arrests and revocations for new felony offenses. Please refer to the Sheriff's monthly report for the number of PRCS clients who received flash incarceration and the total number of days served in county jail as of 12/31/2011.

Correctional Assessment and Intervention System (CAIS) (n=64)

A total of 64 CAIS assessments have been completed and entered into the database as of 01/23/2012. An analysis of the CAIS data reveals important, though early, indicators of how this population will impact the community, the Department and its collaborative partners.

The CAIS tool yields important information in three specific areas: risk, classification, and needs. Each area offers data-driven information for effectively supervising clients in the community. Much attention is placed on the use of a validated risk tool since it is the basis of evidence-based supervision. However, the use of an assessment tool yields valuable information beyond risk level, the primary variable.

When looking at the distribution of clients among one or more CAIS data elements, officers and managers can:

1. Prepare for and manage clients effectively according to risk, classification, and needs level.
2. Shape case management techniques to fit the type of offender identified by classification.
3. Offer collaborative partners tangible information for coordination of services.
4. Tailor treatment plans and monitor behavior based on the evidence-based offender classification typologies.
5. Allocate internal resources more efficiently and effectively based on solid data.
6. Adjust workloads and anticipate workflow within units and across the department.
7. Make informed management and budget projections based on solid data.

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Risk Level

Compared to the general adult population, 75% of the PRCS population is either moderate or high risk (see table below); whereas 61% of the general adult population falls into these two levels. Though the number of PRCS clients is significantly smaller compared to the general adult caseload (assessed over almost 3 years), it is likely that the risk level proportion for the PRCS population will remain consistent.

The table below shows the CAIS results for 64 clients assessed to date:

	High		**Moderate**		**Low**		
CAIS Supervision Classification	*Male*	*Female*	*Male*	*Female*	*Male*	*Female*	**Total *rounding**
Casework Control (CC)	9	1	13	2	0	0	25 (39%)
Limit Setting (LS)	9	0	13	0	0	0	22 (34%)
Environmental Structure (ES)	3	0	3	0	0	0	6 (9%)
Selective Intervention -Treatment (SI-T)	1	0	4	0	1	1	7 (11%)
Selective Intervention-Situational (SI-S)	0	0	1	0	2	1	4 (6%)
Subtotals	*22*	*1*	*34*	*2*	*3*	*2*	*64*
Total	**23 (36%)**		**36 (56%)**		**5 (8%)**		**64 (100%)**

Classification

The CAIS classification breakdown is important for the CCP and its partners to understand. The CAIS classifications identify key supervision techniques for officers based on five categories of offender characteristics. Two classifications that represent very challenging clients are Casework Control (CC) and Limit Setting (LS) offenders. Clients in either of these categories present complex and challenging needs areas and behavior. Generally, the officers spend more time and effort monitoring the behavior and compliance of CC and LS clients. Caseloads disproportionately heavy in CC and LS clients draw more time and effort from officers than a caseload with a balance of CAIS classifications. Almost three-quarters (73%) of the PRCS clients are classified as CC and LS. As a result, the officers in the PRCS unit do not have caseloads in which clients are distributed across the classification spectrum and we anticipate this will impact the staff-to-client ratio of the unit. Before the enactment of AB109, we anticipated a staff-to-client ratio of 1:60; however, our experience in the first 4 months of serving this population indicates that a ratio of 1:40 is more realistic to ensure adequate supervision of AB109 clients.

Demographic Analysis

Though demographic data is the foundation of a solid analysis, the Department is challenged by the current shortcomings of its case management system. As we receive greater numbers of PRCS and 1170(h) clients, we will have to rely on our current IT capability, which limits the types of reports that we can generate and the frequency in

which we can provide them. To address this challenge, the Department has been working with the AB109 IT Data Work Group, which is composed of CCP departments and agencies, and the County Manager's Office to ensure selecting the most appropriate IT tool to collect, track, and report on the different populations created under realignment.

PRCS/MS Unit

As of 12/29/2011, approximately 102 individuals are supervised in the PRCS unit. This figure includes clients who have ICE holds, pending transfers, holds, and/or those who have been deported. Officers in the PRCS unit are responsible for managing all accepted cases even if the clients have not physically reported to Probation.

Two additional officers have been assigned to the unit. First, a Senior Deputy Probation Officer (SR. DPO) has been assigned to the unit, which follows standard probation staffing practices. The purpose of assigning a Sr. DPO to the unit is for the Sr. to take over the operation of the unit in the absence of the manager. When the manager is present, the Sr. DPO assists the manager in training officers in the unit, acting as a back up to the manager in day-to-day managerial tasks, reviewing and troubleshooting CDCR files and PRCS case files, and acts as a go-to person for staff in the unit. Second, the unit recently assigned an officer who will be dedicated exclusively to the 1170(h) mandatory supervision clients. The officer will work with the re-entry officer to gain access to offenders while they are still in the county jail.

In the first four months of realignment, it has become clear that the initial staff-to-client ratio of 1:60 may have been too high. With four months of CAIS data to analyze and the experience of officers and management, it is likely that the standard supervision ratio of 1:60 is too high given the impact that PRCS case management requires of officers. Analysis of operations in the past four months supports a staff-to-client ratio of 1:40. We will continue to access the incoming CAIS data and client casework experience to inform the most effective ratio for the unit.

Arrests and Revocations

As of 12/31/2011, 4 PRCS clients have been arrested on new charges. Of the four clients arrested, revocation petitions have been filed on two of them alleging new felony crimes.

AB-109 Monthly--December 2011

PC 1170(h): 14 inmates

	Current Month (Dec 2011)	Prior Month (Nov 2011)	Total since Oct 2011
Number of sentenced cases	**14**	**14**	**45**
Total days to be served	**3,175**	**3,734**	**9,344**
Non-PC1170 total days to be served	**4,877**	**6,015**	**17,023**
Percent increase in sentenced days due to PC1170	**65%**	**62%**	**55%**

14 inmates (11 men, 3 women) were sentenced to the County jail under PC 1170(h) during December. The average sentence imposed was 609 days or about 20 months. After credits, these inmates are expected to serve a total of **3,175** days, or on average 227 days each. 7 of these inmates have split sentences.

For comparison, 91 persons (78 men, 13 women) were sentenced to terms in the San Mateo County jail exclusive of the PC 1170(h) cases. The average sentence imposed was 135 days or about 4 months. After credits, these inmates are expected to serve a total of 4,877 days, or on average 54 days each.

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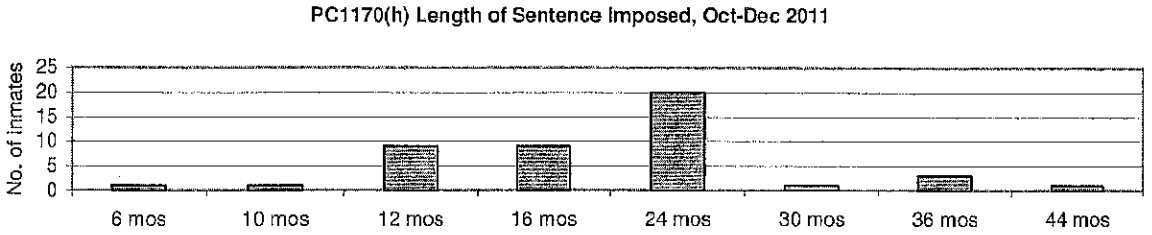

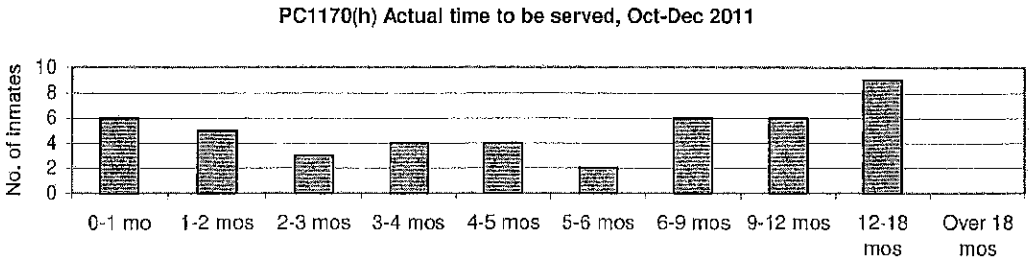

Post-Release Community Supervision: 11 inmates

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Parole Revocation: 32 inmates

There were **32** parole revocation cases resolved in December. These inmates are expected to serve a total of **1,269** revocation days in custody, or on average 40 days each.

In summary adding 3,175 jail bed day incurred for 1170(h), plus 99 days for PRCS, plus 1,269 days for 3056 revocations equals a total of **4,543 jail days** that would normally by charged to CDCR and will now be housed in our correctional facilities until release.

Service Connect:

A project of the San Mateo County Human Services Agency and Health System

Reporting Period – October 1 – January 13, 2012 **

San Mateo County Human Services Agency actor	Number	Note
Total "Post Release Client"/Parolees seen to date	**64**	
Immediate Need		
Temporary housing (Hotel/Motel) Referrals	27	135 total number of days of hotel
Long Term Housing Solution		
Requesting long term housing assistance	25	
Referrals to Shelter Network/Maple St.	5	2 beds currently occupied, 3 exited shelter
At a Treatment Center	4	
Transportation Assistance (Bus Pass or One-Way Ticket)	46	17 with one way tickets, totaling 76 tickets
$20 Savers Clothing Voucher	30	
$25 Safeway Gift Card	64	
$10 Phone Card	11	
$25 Gas Card	5	Will provide at a future appointment
Eligibility Services		
Economic Self Sufficiency Program Appointments	52	

Emergency Food Stamps									
Pending	1	Approved	30	Denied	7			Not Requesting and/or N/A	15

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General Assistance									
Pending	9	Approved	17	Denied	9	Disc'd	1	Not Requesting and/or N/A	17

Medi-Cal									
Pending	2	Approved	3	Denied	28	ACE/MCE Referral	34	ACE/MCE Approved	15

CalWORKs									
Pending	0	Approved	1	Denied	0			Not Requesting and/or N/A	43

SSI – Working with DSA							
Pending	4	Approved	2	Denied		Applied by them self	3

Case Planning Long Term Supportive Services Interest		
Economic Self Sufficiency Program Assistance		
GED Educational Services	9	
Vocational Training Services	15	
Employment Job placement services	26	
Career Interest Assessment	3	
Educational Assessment	2	
Community Mentor	32	
Support Groups	18	
Supportive Services (Miscellaneous financial assistance)	12	
Additional $25 Safeway Gift Card	11	
Additional Month(s) of Bus Pass	22	
Additional Savers	3	
Child Support Services Repayment Plan (Referrals)	3	
Other Characteristics		
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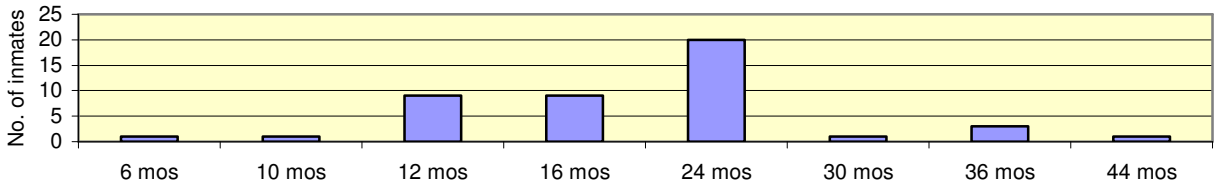

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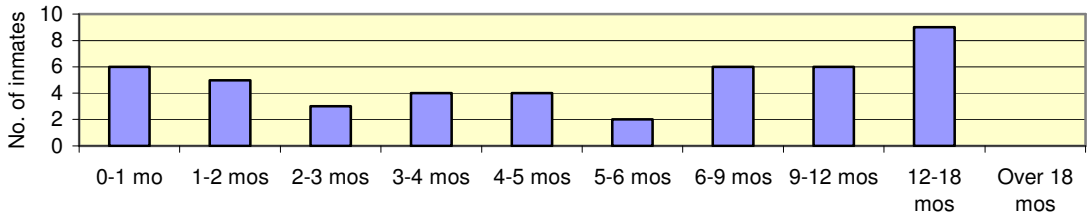

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