



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Manager



Date: Jan. 19, 2017

Board Meeting Date: Jan. 24, 2017

Special Notice / Hearing: None

Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager

Subject: County Manager's Report # 2

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept this informational report.

BACKGROUND:

This report will provide you with updates on a variety of County initiatives focusing on Public Safety, Health and Human Services, Community Services and Performance, in addition to reports on legislation and issues that require your action. We also will keep you and the public informed about new services, upcoming events and general updates.

DISCUSSION:

Public Safety

Anti-human trafficking effort showing impact

To mark January as National Human Trafficking Awareness Month and Jan. 11 as the related day, the County's Human Trafficking Unit released a snapshot of its efforts to prevent and abolish the activities. Last year, a total of 42 human trafficking-related arrests were made in San Mateo County and nine enforcement operations were conducted. In 2016, more than 100 trainings and presentations about identifying human trafficking were also delivered to law enforcement, businesses, faith communities and the general public.

Health and Human Services

Center on Homelessness to speak at national conference

HSA's Center on Homelessness has been invited to present at the National Conference on Ending Family and Youth Homelessness in late February, hosted by the National Alliance to End Homelessness. HSA's Selina Toy-Lee, director of Collaborative Community Outcomes, will conduct a workshop entitled "Understanding Your System: Using Program and System-Level Performance Measures" that presents how the County of San Mateo assessed the performance of our Homeless System and created

plans for moving towards our goals. The invitation is quite an honor for HSA and the County.

Community Services

Housing, Library System bring books into public housing

The County Housing Authority and San Mateo County Libraries are proud to participate in the new Book Rich Environments (BRE) initiative, which launched this month in Washington, D.C. to improve access to print and digital books for the children and families served by public housing agencies. Our Housing Authority and San Mateo County Libraries have already collaborated to connect clients with literacy opportunities and BRE is another boost to the effort, which is already showing significant returns in the past year alone.

Since February 2016, the local partnership signed up and provided library cards to more than 200 households, helped families sign up for free books online, provided free books at quarterly Housing Authority meetings and hosted reading programs.

Parks busy removing hazardous trees

Over the past calendar year, the Parks Department removed or pruned close to 1,500 hazard trees — a conservative estimate at that — to protect visitors from potential dangers, especially in preparation for the winter storm season. Parks has spent approximately \$340,000 on contracts for hazard tree removal in FY 2015-2016. Rangers perform some hazardous tree removal and trimming, depending on the scope of the work and size of the trees. Every effort is made to save a tree but sometimes removal is necessary to reduce risk and liability. The extent of hazardous tree removal needs is largely an outcome of tree mortality and stress caused by the drought. For many species, it can take a number of years of drought stress before the tree is weakened enough to be susceptible to insects and disease.

Measure K

Funds relaunch alternative court pilot program for mentally ill

The Court Alternatives for the Mentally Ill (CAMI) effort began as a pilot to prevent unintentionally long incarceration detrimental to seriously mentally ill adults booked for non-violent, minor offenses. The program was launched with funding from **Measure K** as a key part of the Mental Health System of Care for adults.

The original model sought to return individuals to their established housing and mental health providers and facilitate release within 24 hours of booking. In its first six months, stakeholders learned they needed more than one day to resolve common barriers to reentry, such as homelessness, legal holds beyond any current charge and lack of engagement in mental health services.

With very few candidates able to participate in CAMI, partners agreed to suspend and redesign the program. It relaunched Nov. 1, 2016 and now uses five days of custody time to resolve legal barriers and secure housing and treatment for those deemed eligible. The County continues tracking outcomes to shape further development of the program.