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March 23, 2011

Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Riverside
Robert T. Andersen Administrative Center
4080 Lemon Street, 5th Floor
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Subject: Sheriff's Intent to Perform a Title 15 Inspection and Staffing Analysis

Board Members:

This Form 11 from the Sheriff is a request that the Board take notice that he will be seeking a Title 15 inspection and staffing analysis of health services within the jail system. However, some additional context is in order.

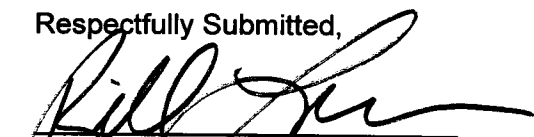
This inspection is subsequent to a review of the jail system by State of California Corrections Standards Authority. It will be provided by a private non-profit organization, reported as recommended by the Corrections Standards Authority.

The inspection and staffing analysis, seeks to provide information to the Sheriff, so that in his words, "necessary quality improvements to the health services can be undertaken, including policy and budgetary decisions necessary to provide, or to contract for, adequate basic and emergency jail health services."

Medical, dental, and mental health care for inmates in the jail system is presently provided by RCRMC –Detention Health and Department of Mental Health-Detention Mental Health. The FY 10/11 combined NCC budget for these programs is approximately \$17.7M down from \$23.9M in FY 08/09. The FY 11/12 NCC is further reduced to \$14.2M, based on current reduction formulas. These budget units have been reduced in the same proportions as other non public safety general fund departments over the last few years, in the accumulated range of 41%.

No new appropriations are requested by the Sheriff to conduct the inspection study. However, the Sheriff's budget proposal for FY 2011/2012 includes a new line item request in the Corrections budget for Professional Services of \$20M for "Detention Health Services." That budget adjustment is not yet recommended, and will be adjusted out of the budget request to be considered as a policy item for the Board during budget hearings. The results of the Title 15 report, and any observations and comments by RCRMC and the Department of Mental Health, will also be returned to the Board at the appropriate time, for policy review and decision.

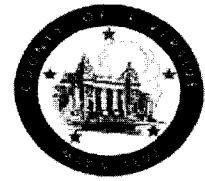
Respectfully Submitted,


BILL LUNA
County Executive Officer

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**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Stanley L. Sniff Jr., Sheriff-Coroner-PA

SUBMITTAL DATE:
03/14/11

SUBJECT: Notice of the Sheriff's Intent to Perform a Title 15 Inspection and Staffing Analysis of Basic and Emergency Health Services within the Jails

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Supervisors receive and file information that the Sheriff will be obtaining consulting services from the Institute for Medical Quality (IMQ) to perform a detailed Title 15 inspection and staffing analysis of basic and emergency health services within the Riverside County jail system.

BACKGROUND: The Sheriff is responsible for ensuring that jail operations [including health services] meet the regulations set forth by California Code of Regulations, Title 15. Adequate health services contribute to the efficiency of jail facility functions, and the protection of inmates, jail staff, and the community. Adequate health services also prevent the spread of diseases within the jails and community. Inmates incarcerated in the county's jails have a constitutional right to receive adequate medical, dental, and mental health care in a timely manner. This constitutional right has been well established throughout the state and federal judicial system.

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Stan Sniff, Sheriff

Departmental Concurrence

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$14,820	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$14,820	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	FY 2010-11

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Department Budget BR 11-066	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: See attached letter from the County Executive Officer.

Robert Tremaine

County Executive Office Signature

- Policy
- Policy
- Consent
- Consent

Dept's Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: | **District:** All | **Agenda Number:**

Medical, dental, and mental health care for inmates incarcerated in the county's jails is funded by the county's general fund and provided by Riverside County Regional Medical Center—Detention Health Services and Riverside County Department of Mental Health—Detention Mental Health Services. Both of these county departments have sustained significant budget cuts over the last three fiscal years. As a result, health services staffing levels in the Sheriff's jails have been severely reduced, which has negatively impacted jail operations throughout the Sheriff's Department.

The State of California—Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) has recommended the Sheriff's Department receive a Title 15 health service inspection and staffing analysis from the Institute for Medical Quality (IMQ) after a preliminary review of its own on January 4th-6th, 2011.

The IMQ, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, is a subsidiary of the California Medical Association with technical expertise in jail health care standards specific to California Code of Regulations, Title 15. The IMQ is used and recommended by the CSA as technical experts in Title 15 health services and staffing.

The IMQ's independent inspection and staffing analysis will provide essential information to the Sheriff from which necessary quality improvements to the health services can be undertaken, including policy and budgetary decisions necessary to provide, or to contract for, adequate basic and emergency jail health services.

No new appropriations are requested; the costs of the consulting services will be covered from existing corrections division appropriations. The IMQ has quoted the Sheriff's Department the cost of \$14,820 for its services in performing the inspection, staffing analysis, and formal recommendations to Riverside County.