



Santa Cruz County Commission on Justice and Gender

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Minutes - Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

Release and Reentry Subcommittee

Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024
Time: 12:00pm – 1:30pm
Location: Monarch Services
550 Water Street
Suite J3

1. Roll Call – 12:03
 - 1.1. Present
 - Esmerelda Torres, Stacey Palau, Polly Schulze Elser, Jessie Silva, Kristie Clemens, Katie Anaya, Alicia Gaytan, Susan Greene, Kelly Joyce, Jody Biehl
2. Agenda Review
3. Announcements
 - 3.1. Jail population – 27 women in custody, 15 in Main and 12 in Blaine Street (6 enrolled in WRRP Women’s Recovery and Reentry Program).
 - 3.2. Safe Release – 7 women for 23 nights April – May
 - 3.3. MAT grant funds being withheld from BSCC because of State budget.
 - 3.4. Proposed VOCA cuts will significantly impact Monarch if proposed budget passes.
 - 3.5. Contact visits update (from budget hearings) – SCSO proposed to start once a month in fall (September) at T Unit at Rountree and Blaine Street
4. Public Comment – No public comment

Any person may address the Commission for a period not to exceed 3 minutes on matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

5. Approval of Minutes

6. Discussion: Release and Reentry

6.1. Women releasable to program – 4. Charges: Bench warrant 13; Probation violation 2; Warrant of arrest 2; OR revocation 1; PRCS violation 1; fresh charges 8.

Discussion about addressing/reducing bench warrants.

6.2. Probation piloting pretrial cell phone system to remind people of court dates.

6.3. WRRP participant graduating after Blaine, Janus and transition to SLE - encouraging!

6.4. On accessing community resources pre and post release – what is working and missing?

7. Adjournment – 1:30 pm

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