



Trinity County Probation Department
Ruby Fierro, Chief Probation Officer



BOS UPDATE for August 20, 2024

<u>AREA OF OPERATION</u>	<u>UPDATES</u>
Adult	<p><i>Adult is Overseen by Assistant Chief (Deputy Chief) Lance Floerke</i></p> <p>On August 15, 2024, AB 2882 - <i>California Community Corrections Performance Incentives</i> was held in the committee and will not proceed to the floor for votes. The Chief Probation Officer is Chair of the CCP and has been active in opposing this bill as it creates barriers to focusing on the core work needing to be done by the Trinity County Corrections Partnership (CCP) members and adds significant data collection and reporting requirements. Specific to our county, it was argued that we are a small rural community with a limited work force. Even if funds were increased to better support these changes, it would not likely be enough to hire and maintain additional staff and it would be yet another process and set of requirements to add to the existing work force. There is no problem that exists in Trinity County that AB 2882 is responsive to. The Trinity County Board of Supervisors was supportive in this effort and signed letters of opposition throughout this legislative process. While the combined voices and concerns were heard this session, it is expected that reiterations of the bill will be seen in the future. The Probation Department is thankful for the Board's support in this area.</p>
Juvenile	<p><i>Juvenile is overseen by Deputy Chief Tim Dobbs</i></p> <p>On August 15, 2024, SB 1057 - <i>Juvenile justice coordinating council (JJCC)</i> was held in the committee and will not proceed to the floor for votes. This bill dramatically changes the makeup and meeting requirements of the JJCC. The Chief Probation Officer is Chair of the JJCC and has been active in opposing this bill as it creates barriers to focusing on the core work needing to be done. It has been advised in our opposition that in Trinity County, there are few service providers or non-government community-based organizations to refer people to. The Probation Department has consistently been proactive in providing evidenced based programs and promising practices for youth and their caregivers. Instability of the funding that supports these programs is of the utmost concern. Additionally, it is not clear what problem this bill seeks to address – existing law and practices already reflect multi-agency and stakeholder collaboration and transparent reporting to the state. The Trinity County Board of Supervisors was supportive in this effort and signed letters of opposition throughout this legislative process. While the combined voices and concerns were heard this session, it is expected that reiterations of the bill will be seen in the future. The Probation Department is thankful for the Board's continued support in this area to maintain funding.</p>
OTHER	<p>The Probation Department applied to be an Enhance Case Manager (ECM) provider for Partnership Health. Probation already does ECM billable activities with individuals under our supervision to connect them to resources to improve their success and reduce recidivism (reduce crime). Probation's application was approved, we are finalizing the provider status and will come before the board soon for contract purposes. For Probation, this process began in 2021 through CalAIM and is currently coming into fruition. We are working closely with support of Behavioral Health and Health and Human Services and coordination with the Sheriff. Probation is new to medical billing and terminology and support is necessary and has been offered. You will likely hear of many "JI" Initiatives. "JI" is "Justice Involved" and is the population Probation works with exclusively. Like many initiatives, how it can best be utilized for our community is truly a county orchestrated effort and Probation is grateful for the collaboration between agencies to best serve our community.</p>

