



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
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Item Number: 4.d

MEETING DATE: 10/06/2025

DEPARTMENT: COUNTY COUNSEL

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Ella Henson

SUBJECT:

Receive Status Report from County Counsel on Public Defender Oversight Committee Issues, including Current Issues and Actions to Date, Planned Activities to be done by County Counsel staff, and Future Items for Committee Consideration(s).

AGENDA SECTION:

REGULAR AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

- Current Issues and Actions to Date
 - Committee Bylaws
 - Committee Mission Statement
 - AB 690 – Placed on Suspense File
 - Case Management Software for Public Defender Counsel
 - Tier 3 Panel for Public Defender Services
 - Proper Court-Appointment of Private Counsel
 - Post-Conviction Resentencing Legal Services
 - Status of Current Grants and Use of Funds
 - FY25/26 Budget
- Planned Activities by County Counsel
 - Attend Justice Partners Quarterly Meetings (Next scheduled: October 3, 2025)
 - Meeting with the Presiding Judge on October 13, 2025
 - Meeting with Public Defender Counsel TBD
 - OSPD Quarterly Meetings on Indigent Defense (Next scheduled: October 15, 2025)
- Future Items for Committee Consideration

- Eligibility for Public Defender Services
- Review, Consideration, and Possible Development of a Plan for the Committee to Assess the State Public Defender's 2023 Report on Indigent Defense in San Benito County
- Creation of Billing Guidelines for Public Defender Counsel
- Community Roundtable Discussion
- Evaluation of Client Satisfaction
- Creation of Panel of Investigators
- Amending Current Contracts and Draft New Contracts to Terminate on June 30 in line with the County's Fiscal Year

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[10.6.25 PDOC STATUS REPORT SUMMARY](#)