THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

DEPT: Sheriff

BOARD AGENDA: 5.B.12
AGENDA DATE: November 3, 2026

SUBJECT:
Approval to Amend the Salary and Position Allocation Resolution to Support the Sheriff's Office with California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal Providing Access and Transforming Health Justice-Involved Round Three Grant Objectives and Related Budget Actions

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS: **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-0583**

On motion of Supervisor Grewal **Seconded by Supervisor** C. Condit
and approved by the following vote,
Ayes: Supervisors: B. Condit, Withrow, Grewal, C. Condit, and Chairman Chiesa
Noes: Supervisors: None
Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None
Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X **Approved as recommended**
2) _____ **Denied**
3) _____ **Approved as amended**
4) _____ **Other:**

MOTION:

ATTEST: MARY E. HARTSFIELD, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

File No.

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CONSENT: ☑

CEO CONCURRENCE: YES

4/5 Vote Required: YES

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Amend the Salary and Position Allocation Resolution to reflect the recommended changes outlined in the Staffing Impact section of this report, effective the first full pay period following the Board of Supervisors' approval, to support the Sheriff's Office in meeting the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal Providing Access and Transforming Health Justice-Involved Grant objectives.
2. Direct the Auditor-Controller to increase appropriations and estimated revenue by $85,861 in both the Public Defender budget and the Sheriff's Detention budget, as detailed in the attached budget journal.

DISCUSSION:

California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) is a multiyear initiative to transform California's Medi-Cal program and better integrate it with other social services. CalAIM aims to improve outcomes for the millions of Californians covered by Medi-Cal, with many reforms focused on individuals with complex needs, including those transitioning from jail or prison back into the community who have complex physical or behavioral health needs.

Providing Access and Transforming Health (PATH) is a five-year initiative designed to build the capacity and infrastructure necessary to participate in the Medi-Cal delivery system as California implements Enhanced Care Management (ECM), Community Supports, and Justice-Involved services under CalAIM. Building on the successes and lessons learned from the Whole Person Care and Health Homes Pilots, PATH funding addresses gaps in local organizational capacity and infrastructure statewide, enabling the County and its partners to expand services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. PATH-funded resources, including additional staff, billing systems, and data exchange capabilities, help community partners contract with managed care organizations and bring their expertise in addressing community needs into the Medi-Cal delivery system.

On October 3, 2023, the County accepted a $5,000,000 award for the Sheriff's Office PATH Justice-Involved (JI) Round 3 program through Board Resolution 2023-0499. The

funding supports the planning and implementation of targeted pre-release Medi-Cal services for eligible individuals in county jails and youth correctional facilities, consistent with the eligibility criteria outlined in the CalAIM Section 1115 Demonstration approval. The funding also supports county behavioral health agencies in implementing behavioral health linkages as required by Assembly Bill 133 (AB 133). PATH funds may be used to support personnel, capacity, and information technology systems needed for collaborative planning and implementation of pre-release services.

On May 12, 2026, the Board of Supervisors approved, through Board Resolution 2026-0226, positions within the Sheriff's Office to provide pre-release Medi-Cal services at the adult detention facilities. The following positions were added for the initial implementation of the program:

- Seven (7) Senior Community Health Worker positions to provide pre-release care coordination for justice-involved individuals eligible for California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) services at the detention facilities, ensuring a smooth transition to community-based care, Medi-Cal enrollment, and continuity of services upon release.
- One (1) Public Health Nurse III to oversee the clinical aspects of 90-day pre-release services and behavioral health link requirements.
- One (1) Staff Services Analyst to provide program compliance, financial oversight, and operational monitoring of the CalAIM Justice-Involved program.

On October 20, 2026, the Board of Supervisors (Board Resolution 2026-0570) approved the deletion of filled positions within the Public Defender's Office as of November 30, 2026, due to the Edward Byrne Justice Assistant Grant (JAG) Program grant period ending. A Social Worker IV position was included in the item for deletion. Since that item, the Sheriff and Public Defender identified that the Social Worker IV has ties to the detention facilities that make the work and position eligible to be funded by CalAIM funding. The Sheriff's Office and Public Defender are requesting one Social Worker IV position be allocated to the Public Defender's Office to support pre-release care services by conducting interviews and performing clinical assessments, and complex case management. The Social Worker IV will utilize assessments and diagnostic tools to determine clients' emotional, behavioral, and social needs to assist in creating effective case plans in the adult detention facilities.

The Public Defender position as well as all of the related positions will be supported with the Sheriff's Office PATH JI Round 3 grant funds and future fiscal impacts will be based on Medi-Cal reimbursements for services provided. Projections for Medi-Cal reimbursement funding show that there will be sufficient revenue collected to fully offset the cost of the position post CalAIM program end. However, services and staffing will be commensurate with available funding after the CalAIM grant ends.

POLICY ISSUE:

Section 3.12.010(B) of the Stanislaus County Code authorizes the Board of Supervisors to establish new classifications; divide, combine, alter, or abolish existing class functions; allocate new positions to appropriate class functions; and reallocate or reclassify existing positions to other classifications.

Additionally, Government Code Section 29125 provides that transfers and revisions to

adopted appropriations may be made by action formally adopted by the Board of Supervisors at a regular or special meeting by a four-fifths vote.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total allocation under the PATH JI Round 3 Grant for the Sheriff's Office is $5 million. The County has expended $407,255 through June 30, 2026, and has budgeted $2.3 million for use in Fiscal Year 2027 leaving an estimated $2.3 million of grant funding available by the end of Fiscal Year 2027.

Due to delays in hiring for the program and the jail medical request for proposals (RFP) process, the Department is working with the State to formally extend the grant expenditure deadline from the originally approved date of March 31, 2027, to December 31, 2027.

Staff are recommending an increase in appropriations and estimated revenue of $85,861 in the Public Defender's budget unit to support salaries and benefits of the Social Worker IV position in this item for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2027. The Sheriff's Office will reimburse the Public Defender for the actual cost of the position's salaries and benefits through operating transfers. An increase in appropriations of $85,861 in Operating Transfers Out and estimated revenue in the Sheriff's Detention budget unit, as described in the attached budget journal, is recommended to support this process.

The CalAIM-related positions will initially be supported by PATH JI Round 3 grant funds, with Medi-Cal billing revenue intended to support the positions after the grant funds are fully expended. Medi-Cal reimbursement is based on predefined billable activities, each with a maximum allowable billing amount, grouped into five categories: Health Risk Assessment, Care Coordination, Care Manager Warm Handoff, Reentry Care Plan, and Post-Transition Support.

Because certain CalAIM-related medical services are not currently covered under a contract with a jail medical provider, the Department has implemented portions of the program using existing staff and began submitting Medi-Cal claims in-house. This interim approach will continue until an agreement is in place, allowing the full program to be implemented.

Based on actuarial studies, the estimated Medi-Cal reimbursement revenue for Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028 is as follows:

Medi-Cal Reimbursement	SO	PROB	Total
FY 2027 (Oct Go Live)	$ 3,443,237	$ 208,175	**$ 3,651,412**
FY 2028	$ 4,727,787	$ 283,064	**$ 5,010,851**

The remaining grant funds will be budgeted in future budget cycles. The grant does not require a local match and will not impact the County General Fund.

Because Medi-Cal revenue is generated through federally defined services, the Department will work with the Auditor-Controller's Office (ACO) to establish a new Special Revenue Legal Budget Unit (LBU). This will ensure that the funds are restricted to CalAIM-related program activities and are not treated as discretionary revenue or comingled with general fund resources.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:

Approval of this item supports the Board of Supervisors' priorities of *Supporting a Strong and Safe Community*, *Supporting a Healthy Community*, and *Delivering Efficient Public Services* by ensuring continued coordination among County departments to implement CalAIM.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Approval of this item will amend the Salary and Position Allocation Resolution to add one Social Worker IV position to the Public Defender's Legal Budget Unit to perform the functions described in this agenda item. The position will become effective during the first full pay period following approval by the Board of Supervisors.

If Medi-Cal billing revenue generated by the Sheriff's Office is insufficient to sustain the position over time, the Department will return to the Board of Supervisors to request approval to delete the position and make any necessary budget adjustments in accordance with applicable ordinances, resolutions, or memorandums of understanding.

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ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Budget Journal

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Budget Adjustment Template

Budget Entry Identifier (For department tracking only)		SO BF 11/03/26 JV 2627-05

*SC_FUND[..] (4 char)	*SC_COST CENTER[..] (7 char)	*SC_ACCOUNT[..] (5 char)	*SC_PROJECT[..] (7 char)	*SC_LOCATION[..] (6 char)	*SC_MISC[..] (6 char)	*SC_INTERFUND[..] (4 char)	*SC_FUTURE[..] (5 char)	Increase to Expense, Decrease to Revenue	Decrease to Expense, Increase to Revenue	Net Increase/(Decrease)	Comment
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0100	0027010	46600	0000000	000000	000000	0000	00000		85,681	85,681	PD - Increase Operating transfers in PATH Round 3
0100	0028346	85850	0000000	000000	000000	0000	00000	85,681		85,681	SO - Increase Operating transfers out PATH Round 3
0100	0028346	25000	0000000	000000	000000	0000	00000		85,681	85,681	SO - Increase State Other PATH Round 3
Total								171,362	171,362	3542,724	

Explanation: Establish estimated FY 2027 budget for CalAIM PATH Round 3 position for Public Defenders Office for pre-release services as approved by the Board of Supervisors on November 3, 2026

Requesting Department	CEO	Auditor-Controller's Office
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Prepared by	Approved By	Approved By
10/21/2026	10/23/2026	10/22/2026
Date	Date	Date