



## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

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**TO:** Public Safety Committee

**DATE:** November 19, 2025

**DEPARTMENT:** Police Department

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**AGENDA TITLE:** Grand Jury Report-Care Response Unit Statistics

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### RECOMMENDATION

Provide feedback on the suggested data and information to be included in the report to the City Council on Care Response Unit statistics as requested by the Mendocino County Grand Jury.

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### BACKGROUND

On April 17, 2025, the Mendocino County Civil Grand Jury issued a report titled Homelessness: A County-Wide Issue. The report provided an in-depth review of homeless programs in Mendocino County and included a recommendation that the Fort Bragg Police Department present *"verified results from the Care Response Unit program, both positive and negative, to be reported to the City Council of Fort Bragg by December 2025."*

### DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Care Response Unit (CRU) has been working for the past two months on identifying what data and information should be included in the Grand Jury-requested report to City Council. CRU reviewed all of its applicable programs, began a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis, and reached out to other similar programs in the county to request what data or benchmarks of success those programs used.

Presenting data related to CRU remains a complicated process, as much of the data is qualitative in nature and CRU routinely tailors its approach to the presented problem as opposed to having a generalized approach to services. Additionally, the CRU program encompasses several sub-programs, including Project Right Now (PRN), Proposition 47, Extreme Weather Shelter, and Homeward Bound. Each of these programs tracks different data, either due to funding requirements or services provided.

After a comprehensive review staff recommends that, at a minimum, the following 22  
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presented in place of the recommended dataset. points of data be presented to City Council:

#### Care Response Unit

1. Referrals to mental health services
2. Referrals to outpatient substance use disorder (SUD) treatment
3. Individuals screened for services
4. Arrest statistics related to homelessness
5. Statistics related to individuals obtaining inpatient SUD treatment

#### Proposition 47

1. Statistics related to transitional housing assignments
2. Data related to client employment
3. Number of referrals received for Mendocino County organizations (out-of-jurisdiction clients)
4. Number of unique individuals served
5. Client recidivism data

#### Project Right Now (Fentanyl Task Force)

1. Number of doses of Narcan distributed
2. Number of individuals trained in Narcan use
3. Number of client referrals for PRN services
4. Outreach data
5. Number of clients who have received PRN services

#### Extreme Weather Shelter

1. Number of unique individuals who have used the program
2. Number of bed nights provided

#### Homeward Bound

1. Number of uses

## 2. Dispositions

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE**

Requests for additional data or research can have a diverse impact on staff resources based on the information requested.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

No environmental impact identified.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN/COUNCIL PRIORITIES/GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY**

This research project aligns with City of Fort Bragg Strategic Plan Goal 5A.

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

The CRU Team has held two public stakeholder meetings in 2025 related to receiving public feedback and suggestions related to the program.

The CRU Team has held two public meetings in the last six months of the Proposition 47 Local Advisory Committee where public comment and feedback is allowed.

The CRU Team routinely takes and fulfills information requests from members of the public and both government and non-profit organizations.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The purpose of this staff report is to identify alternative data options that may be presented in place of the recommended datasets.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Grand Jury Report: Homelessness: A County-Wide Issue

### **NOTIFICATION:**

None identified.