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County Administrative Officer Susan Mauriello announced that the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) voted on June 10, 2015 to approve award of two grants in the amount of \$950,000 and \$949,995 to fund enhanced mental health services for adult and juvenile mentally ill criminal offenders, respectfully, in Santa Cruz County under the Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction (MIOCR) Program.

The State MIOCR Adult grant will expand services for adult offenders in the community by increasing the capacity of the Maintaining Ongoing Stability through Treatment (MOST) program. Funding will provide an additional Deputy Probation Officer to supervise offenders with mental health and behavioral health needs, increase a half-time Clinician to full time, as well as increase a half-time Supervisor of the clinical team to full time. To broaden the continuum of services for mentally ill adult offenders to include prevention and diversion services, the grant funding will increase a current half-time Law Enforcement Liaison assigned to the Sheriff's Office to full time and increase a half-time Crisis Intervention Training Supervisor to full time.

The State MIOCR Juvenile grant will develop and implement enhanced home-based therapeutic interventions utilizing Therapeutic In-Home Clinicians, mental health assessments and probation supervision specifically targeting youth with mental and related behavioral health needs. The grant will fund a Deputy Probation Officer to supervise a mental health specialized caseload and in partnership with Encompass, provide Clinicians to enhance mental health treatment and intervention services utilizing an evidence based model.

Chief Probation Officer Fernando Giraldo remarked "We are very excited to expand local capacity to respond to the unique mental health needs of the justice involved population. The programs will build upon our existing successful collaborative program models which includes the adult MOST program and the juvenile wrap around alternative to out of home of placement program. By providing community based treatment that addresses co-occurring disorders, we can safely avert unnecessary incarceration and better serve our community."

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