

Probation chief updates board on status of juvenile hall

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Del Norte Chief Probation Officer Lonnie Reyman updated the Board of Supervisors on the closing of juvenile hall. Due to contractual issues with the union, the closure of the hall will be delayed until August.

Reyman announced there are three minors in Humboldt County. There were three bookings in April and four in May, all week-end commitments. There are several youths with week-end detention orders.

The reentry transition update: Del Norte continues to arrest offending juveniles. The hall is currently operating as a special purpose facility. Job descriptions and pay structure have been finalized. Meetings now begin with the SEIU labor union. August 4 is the amended target date for implementation.

Concerning facilities, the chief probation officer will modify juvenile intake/holding to better meet needs. There will be modification to doors for access and egress. There will be updates on decor for spaces for programs and activities. Reyman stated the facility is planning for a higher level of traffic.

Reentry transition in programs and operations: Eligibility for Youth Opportunity Center programs, referral and intake process with partners, business rules for operations and requirements, developing schedule for the

first quarter of operations.

Reentry transition was also announced.

- Closed and open enrollment programs will begin upon completion of transition.
- Probation and outside program providers will be included.
- Meetings ongoing with partners and future partners including the following: Gateway Education, Del Norte County Office of Education, College of the Redwoods, Behavioral Health Public Health, wraparound services, participation of Yurok and Tolowa tribes, The Family Resource Center, CFC gardening and military recruiters.

Here's what the public can expect:

- Establishing reentry positions.
- Redundant custody contracts with Humboldt and Shasta counties.
- Elimination of juvenile hall division.
- Go-Live of Youth Opportunity Center.

Reyman intends to address the board with at least one more update prior to implementation.