

F6. Trends indicate the number of people referred to the Public Guardian and Public Administrator will increase.

Response: The Sheriff partially agrees with the findings.

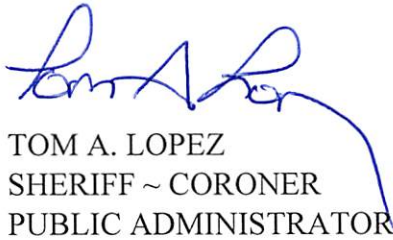
The Public Administrator statistics for 2017 were 61 cases, 2018 94 cases, 2019 60 cases, and so far in 2020 60 cases with approximately a month and a half to go to the end of the year. There does not seem to be any specific pattern, but numbers do not seem to be going down.

R1. By June 30, 2021, Yolo County should conduct an analysis to determine appropriate staffing for the Office of the Public Guardian and the Office of the Public Administrator in the immediate and longer term (three to five years).

Response: The Sheriff agrees with the finding.

The Sheriff's Office does not conduct staffing analysis, but would ask that Yolo County Human Resources conduct the analysis.

Respectfully submitted,



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RE: 2019-2020 Yolo County Grand Jury Report: Reorganization of the Public Guardian and Public Administrator: Needed Change and Continuing Challenges

Honorable Sonia Cortés:

The following is the response to the findings and recommendations in the 2019-2020 Yolo County Grand Jury Report titled, "Reorganization of the Public Guardian and Public Administrator: Needed Change and Continuing Challenges" from the Yolo County Sheriff.

F1. Reorganization of the Public Guardian / Public Administrator has improved oversight and brought these offices into compliance with best practices with respect to fiduciary matters.

Response: The Sheriff agrees with the finding.

F5. Public Administrator staffing is adequate for now

Response: The Sheriff partially agrees with the findings.

The Public Administrator section has two positions, which includes one full time Assistant Public Administrator and one full time Deputy Public Administrator. The section also contracts a consultant who provides guidance and assistance on various levels of Public Administrator Functions. Due to budgetary reductions in FY 20-21, the Deputy Public Administrator position is unfunded and will remain vacant for the entire fiscal year. Current staffing levels for the Public Administrator Section would be adequate if both positions were filled.

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R2. By July 1, 2021 the Yolo County Sheriff's Office should provide an update to the Grand Jury on the operational status of the video kiosks

R2: The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, within a year.

The Sheriff's Office's current vendor for inmate phones, Legacy, is in the process of transferring the Sheriff's Office inmate phone contract to G.T.L. The initial intent was for Legacy to provide video kiosks and video visitation as well as inmate phones. Unfortunately, Legacy is exiting the inmate telecommunications industry. The Sheriff's Office is currently waiting for the transfer of the contract to G.T.L., which requires approval by the F.C.C. Until this transfer is complete, the Sheriff's Office is unable to proceed with the implementation of video visitation.

While FCC approval is pending, the Sheriff's Office is currently in contract negotiations with G.T.L as a provider for inmate video visitation and an outward facing online citizen scheduling platform that has the capacity for friends/family to schedule both in-person and video visitation. Although the Sheriff's Office does not yet have an exact cost, \$116,000 has been allocated for the project.

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RE: 2019-2020 Yolo County Grand Jury Report: Monitoring Compliance with 2017-2018 Yolo County Grand Jury Recommendations

Honorable Sonia Cortés:

The following is the response to the findings and recommendations in the 2019-2020 Yolo County Grand Jury Report titled, "Monitoring Compliance with 2017-2018 Yolo County Grand Jury Recommendations" from the Yolo County Sheriff.

FINDINGS:

R1. By July 1, 2021 the Yolo County Sheriff's Office should provide a status update to the Grand Jury on the new Jail Management System, specifically its ability to provide online visitation scheduling.

Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator Response:

R1: The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, within a year.

The Sheriff's Office has begun implementation of the new Jail Management System with an expected go-live in March of 2021. However, this software does not include a visitation scheduling module. After further analysis it was determined the best option to offer the community the opportunity to schedule inmate visitation is to incorporate the functionality with the video visitation software. This will allow friends and family to schedule in-person and video visitation online in one solution. The Sheriff's Office will utilize the on-line visitation scheduling module included with the video visitation software provided by G.T.L. (see below).

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