

Last 18 mos.

SOLUTIONS TRACK: Santa Maria Statistics as of 1/20/20*

The total number of homeless individuals referred over to SM3 for review on the Solutions Track calendar since its inception has been 75. Right out of the gate, 9 of those individuals, when released from custody, absconded and never made contact with the Americorp case navigator (Clarissa Ornelas) who assists the Solutions Track participants with housing.

The following is an accounting of the 66 individuals that did work with Ms. Ornelas:

27 participants have been placed into permanent housing

29 participants have been placed into temporary/transitional housing

58 out of the 66 were placed into one of the treatment courts

- 14 of these participants have completed treatment (10 of which will graduate on 1/28/20, with another 4 having previously graduated)

While it is impossible to compute the exact financial savings from the Solutions Track program, the following statistics give an idea:

Average actual custody days served by defendants with less than 1 year maximum exposure averaged 14 days (253 days /18 defendants); if one assumes that a terminal disposition in cases for these individuals would be 30 actual days (i.e. a 60 day sentence), then there are 288 custody days saved.

Average actual custody days served by defendants with 1 – 2 year maximum exposure averaged 34 days (886 days /26 defendants); if one assumes that a terminal disposition in cases for these individuals would be 90 actual days (i.e. a 180 day sentence), then there are 1,456 custody days saved.

Average actual custody days served by defendants with cases having > 2 year maximum exposure averaged 102 days (1739 days /17 defendants); if one assumes that a terminal disposition in cases for these individuals would

be 180 days – 240 actual days (i.e. a 1 year – 16 month sentence), then there are 1,326 – 2,346 custody days saved.

Therefore, the estimated custody days saved for the individuals represented above (in the Solutions Track program) range from 3,070 days – 4,090 days. At a cost of \$141 per day to house an inmate in the county jail (this figure was given to the Public Defender's Office by a county source), the savings in jail-housing costs ranges from \$432,870 to \$576,690.

* The statistics cited herein were provided by Amanda Paison, another Americorp representative who is working at the Public Defender's Office. When not grouping the individuals in this population by range of sentence, but rather looking at each defendant's maximum exposure individually, and consulting with the attorneys at her office regarding probable terminal sentences for those defendants, Ms. Paison estimated that 6,059 custody days were saved, representing a financial saving of \$854,319.
