

# MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &  
Community Services

DATE: February 8, 2022

TO: Parks & Community Services Board

FROM: Brad Nonaka, Probation Manager  
Parks & Community Services

SUBJECT: Probation Services Presentation  
For information and discussion – no action required

The Parks and Community Services Department takes on a holistic philosophy where there is a continuum of services that supports the whole person and community. As an extension to that philosophy, Probation subscribes to the ideal that every resident has a place, providing interventions to our community members at what is often a low point in their lives. Probation is a team of 12 dedicated professionals whose goal is to meet clients where they are and guide them through their time on supervision.

The Bellevue Probation Division supervises over 1000 adult misdemeanor cases annually with services that range from misdemeanor probation supervision to client programs and jail alternatives. Our division has served the City of Bellevue for over 40 years. The Probation Division is committed to its mission of monitoring adult misdemeanor offenders and providing programs and services that enhance community safety.

In addition to monitoring adult misdemeanor clients to ensure completion of court ordered sanctions, the probation division also provides robust programming in an accessible format to all referred clients. Our probation officers and program coordinators are up to date with modern approaches to supervision which includes trauma informed care, harm reduction strategies and medication assisted therapies, and motivational interviewing. Staff have participated in and have received training on Courageous Conversations and are scheduled to complete training on suicide prevention. We aim to provide services in a culturally competent manner while addressing inequities that our clients face.

Probation plays a vital role in the criminal justice system and serves as an alternative to help clients defer, avoid, or shorten jail sentences under conditional supervision so that they can engage in targeted interventions that address risks/needs that have contributed to their underlying offense. Some interventions may include behavioral therapies, substance use disorder treatment and informational classes. Additionally, clients may be provided opportunity to pay restitution in the form of community service and work crew or complete jail requirements through the work crew or home detention programs.

The Probation Division is focused on a spectrum of services designed to move individuals out of a place of crisis and into a place of stability and safety. I look forward to meeting with the Parks and Community Services Board to share with you all the work that this division is doing to enhance our community.