

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
SANTA CLARA COUNTY
JUVENILE COURT DIVISION
STANDING ORDER

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Superior Court of CA County of Santa Clara
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**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PROBATION
DEPARTMENT TO ACCESS AND SHARE JUVENILE CASE FILES WITH THE
SANTA CLARA VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER**

The Santa Clara Valley Medical Center's ("VMC") mission is to provide quality healthcare to all Santa Clara County residents. While detained youth and formerly detained youth have healthcare needs that are similar to their non-juvenile justice system involved counterparts, studies have shown that youth who are or have been detained experience certain health issues at higher rates than non-detained youth. In response to this health disparity, and in service of its mission, VMC would like to improve healthcare access for youth who have been detained in the County of Santa Clara's ("County") juvenile detention facilities, Juvenile Hall and William F. James Ranch, by gaining a better understand of these youth's access to healthcare and factors that promote healthcare access.

VMC seeks to study data maintained by the County's Probation Department to track youth access to healthcare during and after their detention in the County's juvenile detention facilities. By understanding how youth who are or have been detained interact with the healthcare system, VMC aims to inform and improve programming, practices, and policies relating to care coordination, insurance enrollment, and supports for transition to primary care that impact detained youth. Because the Probation Department is requesting to access and provide juvenile case file information to VMC to facilitate its research related to healthcare access on a particular juvenile justice population, Welfare and Institutions Code section 827.12 authorizes the Juvenile Court to permit the Probation Department to access and share its juvenile case files with VMC if the Juvenile Court makes required findings regarding confidentiality protections and redisclosure safeguards.

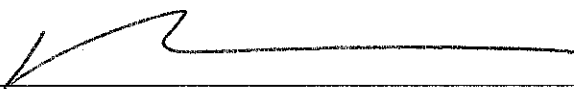
After reviewing the attached memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Probation Department and VMC (a true and correct executed copy of which is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein), the Juvenile Court finds that VMC's study will include:

- (1) a sound methodology for protecting the confidentiality of juvenile case files that will be accessed; and
- (2) procedures to prevent the redisclosure of personally identifying information from the files.

Therefore, pursuant to its authority under Section 827.12 of the Welfare and Institutions Code and based on its findings regarding confidentiality and redisclosure, the Juvenile Court authorizes the Probation Department to access and disclose juvenile case files of the youth identified by VMC. VMC's access is contingent upon compliance with all terms of the MOU between VMC and the Probation Department.

During the course of this study, all personally identifying information with respect to any youth whose records are disclosed pursuant to this Standing Order shall be fully and appropriately redacted prior to any public discussion or presentations in accordance with all applicable laws. All data collected from the County pursuant to this Standing Order shall be destroyed no later than six years after the date the study is completed, which is the minimum period of retention required by the Institutional Review Board approval.

SO ORDERED:



The Honorable Katherine Lucero
Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Division
Supervising Judge of the Juvenile Justice Division

Dated: 6/9/2021