

## **American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) related Projects at the Main Jail and Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center (RCCC)**

During the August Human Services Coordinating Council Meeting, a question arose about what Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) related projects had been completed at the Main Jail or Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center (RCCC) since the Mays Consent Decree came into effect.

Until January of 2021, the priorities for the Mays Consent Decree were funding staffing for the Sheriff and Correctional Health and supporting the project then-known as the Correctional Health and Mental Health Services Facility. There were some preliminary studies completed such as Package Options and Costs, and a Jail Accessibility Update and Plan.

In 2021, the County allocated \$1.7 million for architectural design and engineering services consisting of construction documents, bid assistance, and construction support services. At the end of August 2023, the County received 95% construction documents for packages one and two for ADA cells, laundry and kitchen restrooms, and holding cells. The County is in the process of getting an updated cost estimate based on the construction documents and will allocate funding to start the ADA improvements in the Main Jail in Fiscal Year 2024-25.

The First Monitoring Report on ADA Compliance Practices in the Sacramento County Jails from March 2021 references that class members reported being denied a functional shower chair, grab bars (for shower, toilets, and beds), and other accessible features.

General Services will work with the Sheriff's Office, Correctional Health, and consultant(s) to identify areas in the Main Jail where individuals with wheelchairs or walkers are housed and evaluate whether grab bars can be installed.

Main Jail and/or RCCC completed ADA and HIPAA Projects to date:

- Main Jail - Installed ADA counter at 2 East Nurse Station, also designed to prevent viewing Patient Health Information (PHI) from computer screens
- Main Jail and RCCC - Installed protective screens on computers to prevent viewing PHI
- Main Jail - Cleared hallways of supplies for open access
- Main Jail - Added soundboard in Intake area for privacy

- Revised Request for Information forms and Policy & Procedure to ensure HIPAA Compliance
- RCCC - Remodel supply room to organize Durable Medical Equipment (DME) for easy access
- Main Jail - Added storage at 711 G St. for excess supplies and DMEs
- Main Jail -Installed/Replaced cabinets with locks for improved security
- RCCC - Installed temporary trailer for Intake at RCCC, which brings the intake in HIPAA compliance and is being outfitted currently for ADA compliance
- RCCC - Created storage space for Dental Clinics to allow for remove of dental supplies to clear tight spaces

Main Jail and/or RCCC: ADA and HIPAA Projects in progress:

- Main Jail - Remodel 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Medical Nurse's station to add ADA counter and reposition computer away from doors and windows to protect PHI
- RCCC - Remodel Nurse's station at Medical Housing Unit to separate Custody workstation from Nurse's workstation to protect PHI
- Main Jail and RCCC - Repair damaged floors in medical units
- RCCC - Secure permanent Intake station (Currently using temporary trailer until a permanent solution is identified)
- Main Jail and RCCC - Remodel Dental Clinics to widen tight space
- RCCC - Replace/install cabinets with locks to secure PHI