



**February 2021
El Dorado Public Defender**

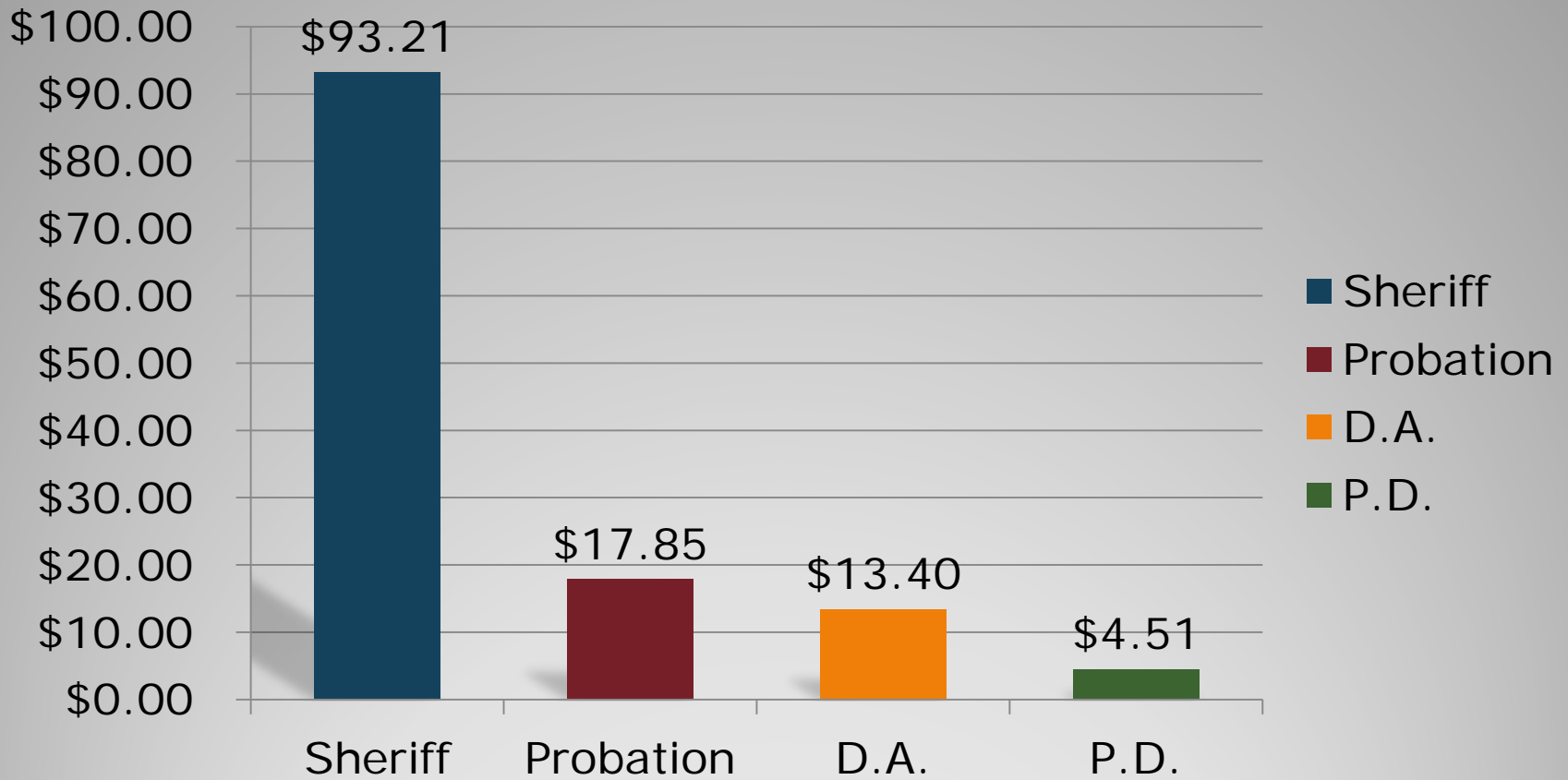


Mandated Services

The United States and California Constitutions mandate that government provide legal services to the indigent accused.

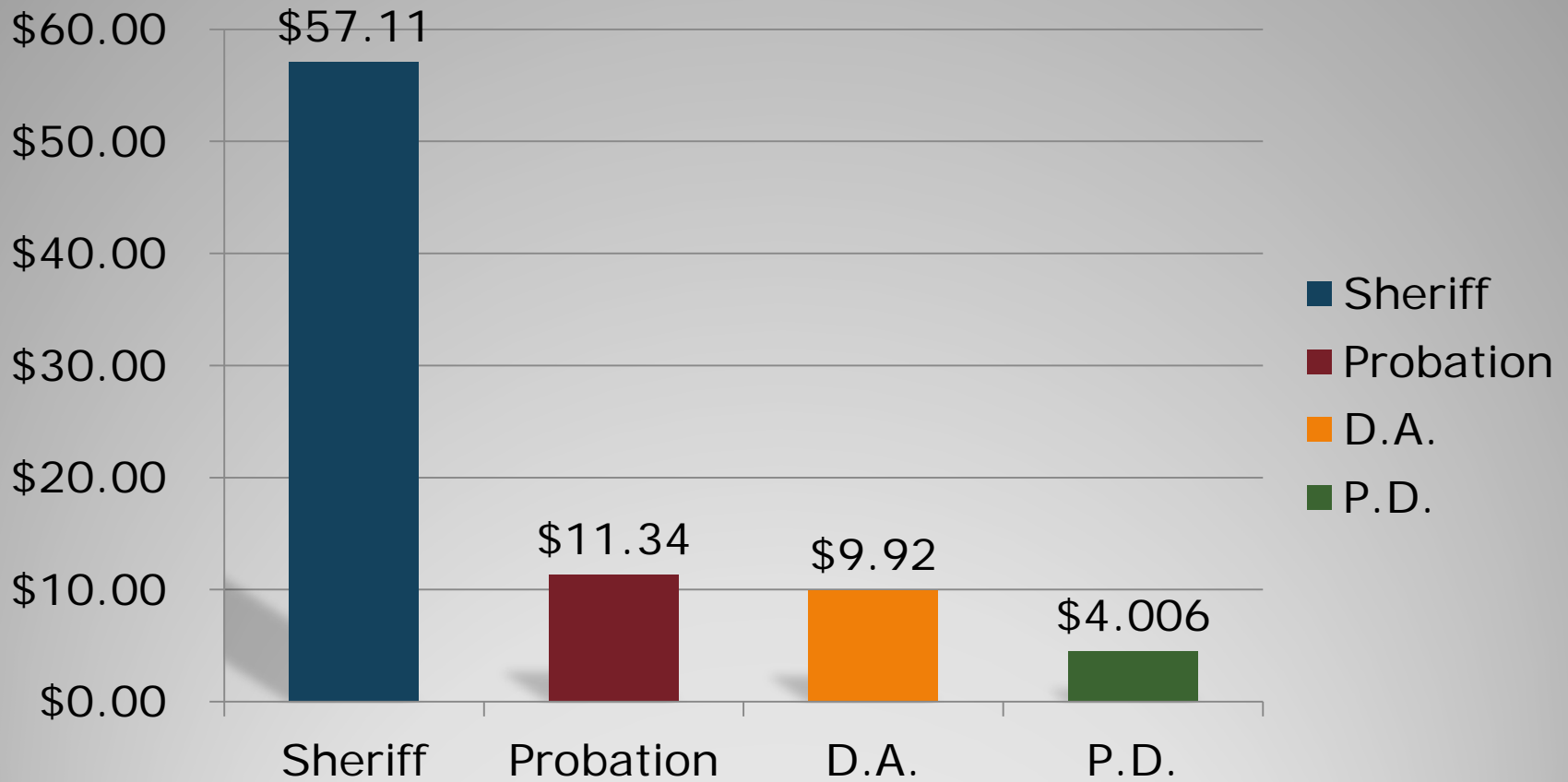
We are appointed by the El Dorado County Superior Court and have no choice in what cases we are assigned.

We provide legal services to indigent adults or any juvenile accused of a criminal offense; conservatees (mental health or probate); diversion clients; specialty court clients; contempt case clients; PHF hearings.

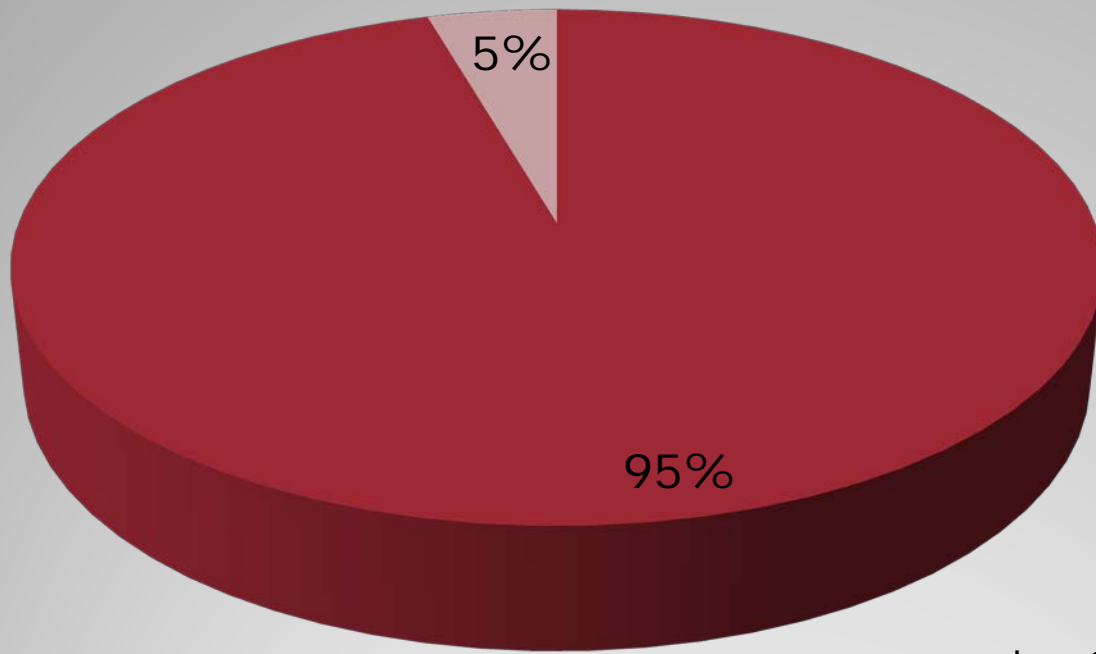


Basic Budget Info

Law & Justice FY 20/21 TOTALS



Net County Cost (NCC) per Law & Justice Departments



■ Law&Justice

■ Public Defender

Net County Cost (NCC)- Law & Justice FY 20/21

Healthy Communities

- Implement mandated, new Diversion opportunities (mental health, veterans, and general misdemeanors)
- Specialty courts (veterans, BHC/MHC)
- Maintained all mandated services, despite COVID limitations and challenges.

Good Governance

- New Case Management System for cross-department communication and ultimately greater efficiencies
- New application for Grant Funding through BSCC, which will be used to improve services for clients (e.g., Arraignment Court Intervention)
- Established first Fee Schedule, for appointed clients with funds
- Promoted “paperless” office environment, with new Case Management System

Public Safety

- Partnered with the District Attorney’s Office and the courts to form and staff a new Mental Health Diversion Court, in addition to Veteran’s Court and Behavioral Health Court.
- Expanded legal services for post-conviction petitions (Prop 47 and AB 1950).
- Expanded legal services to represent clients who are facing contempt charges from Family Court orders.
- Kept up with array of criminal justice “reform” (juveniles, adults, and probationers)

Strategic Goals & Successes

Not just this guy...

But also this guy...



"I think the first duty of society is justice." Alexander Hamilton (1755-1804)

Service Providers to:

- Adults
- Juveniles
- Developmentally delayed clients
- Mentally ill conservatees
- Probate conservatees
- Clients in specialty courts
 - Veteran's Court
 - Behavioral Health Court
 - Mental Health Court
 - Misdemeanor Diversion
- Participation in standing committees
 - Community Corrections Partnership
 - Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission
 - Crisis Intervention Team

