

RESPONSE PROCEDURE TO GRAND JURY REPORTS

The governance of responses to Grand Jury Final Report is contained in Penal Code § 933 and § 933.05. Responses must be submitted within 60 or 90 days. Elected officials must respond within sixty (60) days. Governing bodies (for example: the Board of Supervisors) must respond within ninety (90) days. Please submit all responses in writing and digital format to the Presiding Judge, the Grand jury Foreperson and the CEO's office.

Report Title: Mendocino County Juvenile Hall

Report Date: May 8, 2018

Response by: Izen Locatelli

Title: Chief Probation Officer

Findings

X I (we) agree with the findings numbered:

F1, F2, F3, F6, F7, F9, F10, F11, F12

X I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Findings numbered:

F4, F5, F8

(attach a statement specifying any portions of the Findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefore.)

Recommendations

Recommendations numbered: _____ have been implemented. (attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)

Recommendations numbered: _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. (attach a time frame for implementation)

X Recommendations numbered: R1 require further analysis. (attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a time frame for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer and/or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed; including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This time frame shall not exceed six (6) months from the date of publication of the Grand Jury Report)

Recommendations numbered: _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted and/or are not reasonable. (attach an explanation.)

Date: 5/14/18 Signed: Izen Locatelli CPO

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Response to 2018 Grand Jury Report

For

Mendocino County Juvenile Hall

Regarding Finding F4:

Partially disagree with this finding as it does not necessarily treat youth as commodities. The closing of Juvenile Hall and contracting out youth does not take into account the intangible cost or impossible to calculate cost of not keeping youth with their families and hometown community.

Regarding Finding F5:

Partially disagree with this finding as it requires a multi-department response. It is unknown to the Probation Department what is in the plan or needs for the Information Technology reserve funds. Therefore, Probation would be unable to make a judgement as to the adequacy of the Information Technology reserve as a funding source for Juvenile Hall to remain open. Also it does not appear to be a sustainable source of funding.

Regarding Finding F8:

Partially disagree with this finding as it requires a multi-agency response. It is unknown to Probation Department what will be the other law enforcement agencies staffing levels and coverage plans. Therefore, Probation is unable to determine impacts to patrol officers.

Regarding Recommendation R1:

This recommendation requires further analysis as it involves a number of county entities. The Probation Department continues to have discussions with the County Executive Office regarding the closure of Juvenile Hall. Ultimately, the Board of Supervisors will make a final decision as to implementation or non-implementation of this recommendation. Further, information regarding this recommendation will be given to the Board of Supervisors at their June 5 and 6, 2018 Budget Hearing and a resolution of this recommendation should be known at that time.