

Grand Jury Report

RESPONSE FORM

Grand Jury Report Title: Impact of Public Safety Realignment Act of Mendocino County

Report Dated: 6/2/14

Response Form Submitted By:

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

Response MUST be submitted, per Penal Code §933.05, no later than:

8/31/14

We have reviewed the report and submit our responses to the FINDINGS portion of the report as follows:

- X We agree with the Findings numbered:
1, 2, 5 and 7
- X We disagree wholly or partially with the Findings numbered below, and have **attached, as required**, a statement specifying any portion of the Finding that are disputed with an explanation of the reasons therefore.
3, 4 and 6

We have reviewed the report and submit our responses to the RECOMMENDATIONS portion of the report as follows:

- X The following Recommendation(s) have been implemented and **attached, as required**, is a summary describing the implemented actions:
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 - The following Recommendation(s) have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, **attached, as required** is a time frame for implementation:
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- X The following Recommendation(s) require further analysis, and **attached as required**, is an explanation and the scope and parameters of the planned analysis, and a time frame for the matter to be prepared, discussed and approved by the officer and/or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed: (This time frame shall not exceed six (6) months from the date of publication of the Grand Jury Report)
1 and 2
- The following Recommendations will NOT be implemented because they are not warranted and/or are not deemed reasonable, **attached, as required** is an explanation therefore:
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We have completed the above responses, and have attached, as required the following number of pages to this response form:

Number of Pages attached: 2

We understand that responses to Grand Jury Reports are public records. They will be posted on the Grand Jury website: www.co.mendocino.ca.us/grandjury. The clerk of the responding agency is required to maintain a copy of the response.

We understand that we must submit this signed response form and any attachments as follows:

First Step: E-mail (word documents or scanned pdf file format) to:

- The Grand Jury Foreperson at: grandjury@co.mendocino.ca.us
- The Presiding Judge: grandjury@mendocino.courts.ca.gov

Second Step: Mail all originals to:

Mendocino County Grand Jury
P.O. Box 939
Ukiah, CA 95482

Printed Name: Douglas L. Losak

Title: Acting County Counsel

Signed: _____

Date: _____

**MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' RESPONSE TO GRAND
JURY REPORT TITLED:**

**IMPACT OF PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT ACT OF MENDOCINO
COUNTY**

FINDINGS:

F3 - Realignment may cause overcrowding at the current County Jail.

The Board of Supervisors disagrees in part with this Finding. Anything "may" happen. At the present time, the Sheriff's office has implemented policies and procedures to offset any increase in the number of inmates that may have resulted from Realignment.

F4 - Violent incidents have increased at the County Jail due to the inability to separate different classifications of inmates.

The Board of Supervisors disagrees in part with this Finding. The rate of serious assaults in the jail has not substantially increased since the implementation of Realignment. Any increase is attributable to a multitude of factors, including increased sophistication of the inmates.

F6 - There is a lack of available space for: inmate housing, the visitors' center, and attorney consultation rooms at the County Jail.

The Board of Supervisors disagrees in part with this Finding. While the space is tight, the jail personnel have adjusted so that there is a sufficient room for all state mandated activities.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

R1 - Mendocino County assign high priority to funding for increased housing for inmates. (F3, F4, F5, F6)

This Recommendation requires further analysis as it is unclear what additional funding the jail may need at this time. Six months should be sufficient time for the appropriate staff to analyze the situation and determine what needs are not being met within the current budget.

The adequate funding of the jail is always a high priority for the County.

R2 - Mendocino County assign high priority to funding for an expanded visitors' center and attorney consultation rooms. (F6)

This Recommendation requires further analysis as it is unclear what additional funding the jail may need at this time. Six months should be sufficient time for the appropriate staff to analyze the situation and determine what needs are not being met within the current budget.

The adequate funding of all state or federal mandate activities, including visitation with family, friends and attorneys, is always a high priority for the jail.

R3 - Mendocino County continue to use and expand current and emerging technology designed for jail management and staff safety. (F4)

This Recommendation will continue to be implemented on an on-going basis in that the County will continue to evaluate all ways to safely and more efficiently manage the jail.