

**Grand Jury Report
RESPONSE FORM**

Grand Jury Report Title: : Service to Youth-At-Risk, A Priority

Report Dated: June 3, 2010

Response Form Submitted By:

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Response MUST be submitted, per Penal Code §933.05, no later than: August 4, 2010

I have reviewed the report and submit my responses to the FINDINGS portion of the report as follows:

- I (we) agree with the Findings numbered:
30, 31, 32, 33
- I (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.

I have reviewed the report and submit my responses to the RECOMMENDATIONS portion of the report as follows:

- The following Recommendation(s) have been implemented and attached, as required, is a summary describing the implemented actions:
1, 3, 4
- 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:

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)

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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I have completed the above responses, and have attached, as required the following number of pages to this response form:

Number of Pages attached: 2

I 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.

I understand that I 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
- The County's Executive Office: ceo@co.mendocino.ca.us

Second Step: Mail all originals to:

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

Printed Name: Jim O. Brown

Title: Chief Probation officer

Signed: Jim O. Brown

Date: 7.9.10

Memorandum

To: Kristi Furman, Deputy Executive Officer
From: Jim Brown, Interim Chief Probation Officer
Date: June 23, 2010
RE: Grand Jury Report – Juvenile Probation

Findings:

30) Juvenile Drug Court was suspended for lack of funding.

Response: Respondent agrees with this finding.

31) Probation Department includes partnership programs with PACE, Clean & Sober, River School, and Juvenile Hall.

Response: Respondent agrees with this finding.

32) Youth in Juvenile Hall are not eligible for Medi-CAL services while incarcerated, previous services are terminated while youth are incarcerated.

Response: Respondent agrees with this finding

33) Mendocino County Youth Project provides mental health services to youth and families as well as services while youth are at Juvenile hall.

Response: Respondent agrees with this finding.

Recommendations:

1) Health and Human Services Agency continue to maximize programs to serve youth and maintain partnerships with non-profit agencies. (Findings 1-2, 11, 14-19, 22-23, 28-30, 33)

Response: This recommendation has been implemented, Probation continues to support partnerships with HHSA and non-profit agencies to maximize programs.

- 3) Support be given to HHSA, Children Systems of Care and in-county programs that diagnose and treat youth with mental health issues. (Findings 4-5, 11, 14-16, 19, 22-24, 31)

Response: This recommendation has been implemented; Probation continues to participate in Children Systems of Care and support in-county programs providing mental health services for youth.

- 4) HHSA continue to pursue funding for alcohol and drug treatment programs for youth and contract with non-profits for counseling. (Findings 18-19, 22-24, 26-27, 30-31, 33)

Response: Probation continues to support HHSA in pursuing funding for alcohol and drug treatment programs for youth and contracting with non-profits for counseling.

- 5) The Probation Department/Courts reinstate Juvenile Drug Court and find funding for Teen Court, (VORP). (Findings 3, 18-19, 24, 26-29, 30-31)

Response: The recommendation has not been implemented due to budget constraints. The Probation Department plans to reinstate the Juvenile Drug Court and assist in locating funding for Teen Peer Court, (VORP) when budgeting allows.