

**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: September 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: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32
- 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.
2, 18, 24, 25, 26

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, 6
- 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: 5

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

Number of Pages attached: _____

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

Joint response
from
Stacey Cryer &
Rebecca Wilson

Printed Name: Stacey Cryer

Title: MHSA Interim Director

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 8/3/10

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Responses – Health and Human Services Agency
Responders: Stacey Cryer, HHSA Interim Director
Rebecca Wilson, Deputy Director Children System of Care

Findings:

We agree with findings numbered:

1,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,20,21,22,23,27,28,29,30,31,32

We agree partially with the findings below:

#2 it is true that multiple agencies utilize programs. However, we do not agree that this makes it difficult to determine who is responsible for management and oversight. There is oversight of all programs affected.

#18 We agree that the county provides some prevention services for substance abuse services to the school district. I can not comment on where their other funding comes from.

#24 Alcohol and Drug treatment to youth was integrated into the Childrens system of Care under HHSA integration. AOD treatment services have very limited funding sources.

#25 For FY 2004/2005 Audit of Medical Costs Reports the audit exception was under 1 million. The County is still in the process of appealing that audit.

#26 We agree that youth in Mendocino County are particularly vulnerable to problems with drugs and alcohol. We can not speak to information specific to the school district.

Recommendations

The following recommendations have been implemented:

#1. The Health and Human Services Agency has historically and will continue to maximize programs for Children and Youth by establishing and maintaining partnerships with community partners such as Redwood Childrens Services, Tapestry and Mendocino County Youth Project

#3 HHSA will continue to provide support for parenting programs that lead to family reunification through Memorandums of Understanding and contractual relationships with various community partners.

#4 HHSA will continue to pursue funding for alcohol and drug treatment programs for youth such as PACE, Children System of Care Funding, etc. We will continue to contract with community partners whenever funding is available and it best serves the needs of the clients.

#6 HHSA Mental Health has and will continue to work on all areas of service delivery and administrative functions. It is critical that Mental Health continues to maximize every dollar as allocations from the State continue to shrink. Medi-Cal is always the payer of last resort.

The following recommendation will not be implemented.

#5 This has not been implemented due to budget constraints currently at the Probation Department.