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Response to Grand Jury Reports

Report Title: "What Methamphetamine is Costing You"

(please fill in all information relating to this report)

Report Date: Not Dated – from Mendocino County Grand Jury 2005-6

Response by: Leslie Dahlhoff Title: Mayor, City of Point Arena

FINDINGS

X I (we) agree with findings numbered:

1 through 19

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

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

X Recommendations numbered 1,7,10
have been implemented. (Attach a summary describing the implemented actions)

X Recommendations numbered 2,8,9
have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(attach a time frame for the implementation)

X Recommendations numbered 3,4,5
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 or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)

X Recommendations numbered 6 is not applicable to Point Arena
will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not
reasonable. (Attach an explanation)

Date: July 24, 2006

Signed: Leslie Dahlhoff

Number of pages attached: 1

The Grand Jury recommends that:

1. The Board of Supervisors and City Councils from the four incorporated cities cooperate in taking the lead in the war on methamphetamine in Mendocino County. *Point Arena representatives are ready to meet with representatives from the other jurisdictions and work cooperatively, however we do not agree to use the "war" metaphor.*
2. The Board of Supervisors and City Councils from the four incorporated cities increase controls on the sale of ingredients used in the manufacture of methamphetamine. *Point Arena City Council will consider an ordinance similar to the one that the Board of Supervisor's passed regarding display of products containing pseudoephedrine within the next 2 months.*
3. The Board of Supervisors and City Councils establish a process to rigorously evaluate both the costs to and the impact on the County and the incorporated cities of the methamphetamine epidemic. *The jurisdictions should work together to establish this process within 6 months.*
4. The Board of Supervisors and City Councils continue to aggressively pursue grant funding to address the methamphetamine problem in Mendocino County. *The jurisdictions should coordinate their efforts toward pursuing funds.*
5. The Board of Supervisor and City Councils allocate money from their general funds to address the methamphetamine problem. *When a plan to address the methamphetamine problem is developed in coordination with the other jurisdictions and county law enforcement, the City will pursue allocation of money from general funds as needed.*
6. The District Attorney examine the consequences of current sentencing practices for drug-related crimes. *This is not applicable to the City.*
7. The Board of Supervisors and City Councils require departments and agencies to freely share information and statistics regarding methamphetamine in order to coordinate programs and maximize resources. *City staff will share information freely.*
8. Education of the public be the primary weapon to counter the methamphetamine epidemic. The Grand Jury strongly urges that both the County and local communities use all their resources (including school programs, town hall meetings, and media) to further educate and engage the residents of Mendocino County in efforts to combat methamphetamine. *The City will work with the other jurisdictions to accomplish this within the next 6 months.*
9. Community members assist law enforcement in uncovering methamphetamine labs by reporting suspicious odors, trash, and unusual traffic flow in their neighborhoods, through neighborhood watch programs, homeowners associations, and other local action groups. *While some community members have come forward, others feel that they are too vulnerable. This issue should be discussed among the jurisdictions with an eye towards maximizing public participation.*
10. All government agencies and non-governmental organizations encourage and cooperate with citizens' methamphetamine suppression efforts. *The City of Point Arena already does this to the extent possible.*