



October 8, 2021

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

Dear Foreperson,

Please find enclosed the *Narrative Summary of Required/Requested Responses to Grand Jury Findings*, and three response forms for the Grand Jury Report entitled, *Homelessness in Mendocino County is a Community Concern*. These responses are from the City Council, City Manager, and Interim Police Chief.

These responses have been emailed to the Presiding Judge and to the Foreperson for the Grand Jury. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the responses, please contact me at 707-463-6217 or klawler@cityofukiah.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristine Lawler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kristine Lawler
Ukiah City Clerk/CMC

Mendocino County Grand Jury Report:
Homelessness in Mendocino County is a Community Concern
August 16, 2021

City of Ukiah Responses

Narrative Summary of Required/Requested Responses to Grand Jury Findings:

F1. *The Mendocino County COC website is outdated and there is no single point of contact, such as an 800 number, for those in need of homeless services. (Requested response by Ukiah City Manager.)*

Partially Disagree. The City of Ukiah does not maintain the COC website and cannot speak to how often it is updated or whether the contact information listed on the site is effective.

F2. *The COC is limited to coordinating funds to locally available services which can result in service gaps for the homeless. (Requested response by Ukiah City Manager.)*

Partially Disagree. The City of Ukiah has no opinion or knowledge of the funding limitations of the COC.

F3. *The breadth of locally available services does not have or require written policies and procedures to monitor the level of service being provided for the homeless which results in service outcomes for the homeless not being measured. (Requested response by Ukiah City Manager, Ukiah Police Department.)*

Partially Disagree. The City of Ukiah has no firsthand knowledge of this and does not administer contracts with homeless service providers.

F4. *Gaps in the Homeless Services System of Care, such as coordinated, collaborative response teams of service providers and law enforcement, are filled by law enforcement agencies that are resource-limited and have unfilled liaison positions for effective Community Policing. (Requested response by Ukiah City Manager, Ukiah Police Department.)*

Partially Disagree. The City of Ukiah agrees that there are gaps in the system of care that often fall on law enforcement. It is also true that the City of Ukiah is resource-limited and has unfilled positions. However, recent partnerships with HHSA and other County partners have resulted in the development of a part-time homeless outreach team and the prospect of resources for mental health outreach.

F5. *The COC has a quantitative rating system to grade service provider applicants. The rating tool does not evaluate prior objectives of an applicant to determine a history of successful outcomes. There is no rating system for similar services funded separately through*

County Health and Human Services. (Requested response by Ukiah City Manager, Ukiah Police Department.)

Disagree. The City of Ukiah Staff is aware of an objective rating system used to evaluate funding applications, but not one that is used to “grade” service providers.

F6. Law Enforcement agencies are represented on the COC by the UPD. With the absence of Federal guidance on how to coordinate police with program services, there is a collaboration gap between providers and government agencies that requires creative local solutions to establish protocols, and define clear roles for service providers and agencies, to foster working relationships. (Required response by Ukiah City Council. Requested response by Ukiah City Manager, Ukiah Police Department.)

Partially Disagree. It is true that UPD represents law enforcement on the COC Board and we agree that there is often a collaboration gap between providers and government agencies that requires creative local solutions. We disagree that this gap is entirely due to an absence of Federal guidance.

F7. The majority of members on the COC are employees of other agencies and struggle to address the level of service needed locally without policy guidance from the Board of Supervisors, City elected officials, or other assigned staff. (Required response by Ukiah City Council. Requested response by Ukiah City Manager, Ukiah Police Department.)

Partially Disagree. The City of Ukiah has no jurisdiction over the other agencies and/or homeless service providers, and cannot speak on their behalf.

Narrative Summary of Required/Requested Responses to Grand Jury Recommendations:

R1. The COC update its website, expand information dissemination, and develop a toll-free number to address homeless questions and issues by January 3, 2022. (Requested response by Ukiah City Manager.)

The recommendation will not be implemented by the City of Ukiah, which has no jurisdiction or control over the COC website and the Staff who administer it.

R2. The COC develop clarity of responsibility for the issuance of funds and a process to evaluate the qualitative merits of a grant application by January 3, 2022. (Requested response by Ukiah City Manager.)

The City of Ukiah believes the second part of this recommendation has been implemented by the COC; however, the lack of clarity may be resolved by Recommendation #1, the update and expansion of the COC website.

R3. The COC develop clarity of responsibility for the grant applicants that require the agencies to identify specific goals and objectives for the grant funding period by November 30, 2021. These submittals will provide a baseline rating system for the COC to determine if the

applicant can provide the identified goals and objectives prior to the issuance of funds in the next grant cycle. (Requested response by Ukiah City Manager.)

The recommendation will not be implemented by the City of Ukiah, which has no firsthand knowledge of this matter, nor does it administer funds or contracts related to the COC.

R4. The COC, through local partnerships, place a high priority on addressing the hygiene needs of the homeless within 90 days of the release of this report. (Requested response by Ukiah City Manager.)

The recommendation will not be implemented by the City of Ukiah, which does not administer funds or contracts related to the COC. The City of Ukiah agrees that addressing hygiene needs is a quality of life issue, and will continue to work collaboratively with the County and its service providers to the extent that we have jurisdiction. This collaboration is regularly occurring and ongoing.

R5. The COC work with local elected officials to identify and develop a Homeless Housing element by July 1, 2022. (Requested response by Ukiah City Manager.)

The recommendation will not be implemented by the City of Ukiah. We have no knowledge of a “Homeless Housing Element” or what it would include, nor do we believe that an additional document that is not required by HCD or HUD would be beneficial. Homelessness is addressed in the City of Ukiah’s Housing Element of its General Plan. Additionally, housing is addressed in the COC’s Strategic Plan.

R6. City of Ukiah’s City Council and the COC evaluate standards for partnership with HHSA and Law Enforcement within 180 days of the release of this report. (Required response by Ukiah City Council. Requested response by Ukiah City Manager, Ukiah Police Department.)

The recommendation has been implemented. City of Ukiah regularly collaborates with HHSA to facilitate homeless-related efforts, and welcomes additional opportunities engage and evaluate standards.

R7. County and local elected officials prioritize the development of specific objectives that meet the homeless issues identified in the Strategic Plan within 180 days of the release of this report. (Required response by Ukiah City Council. Requested response by Ukiah City Manager.)

The recommendation has been implemented. City of Ukiah Staff currently serves on the COC’s Strategic Planning Committee, which meets regularly to priority strategic plan objectives and to match them with funding sources.

REQUIRED RESPONSE FORM

Grand Jury Report Title : *Homelessness in Mendocino County is a Community Concern*

Report Dated : August 16, 2021

Response Form Submitted By:

Ukiah City Council
City of Ukiah
300 Seminary Avenue
Ukiah, CA 95482

Response MUST be submitted, per Penal Code §933.05, no later than: November 16, 2021

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:

I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Findings numbered below, and have *attached* a statement specifying any portion of the Finding that are disputed with an explanation of the reasons therefore.

F6, F7

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:

R6, R7

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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- 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)
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- 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: 3

I understand that responses to Grand Jury Reports are public records. They will be posted on the Grand Jury website: www.mendocinocounty.org/government/grand-jury. 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 in pdf file format to:

- The Grand Jury Foreperson at: grandjury@mendocinocounty.org
- 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: Juan Orozco

Title: Mayor

Signed:  Date: 10/6/21

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Grand Jury Report Title : *Homelessness in Mendocino County is a Community Concern*

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Response Form Submitted By:

Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager
City of Ukiah
300 Seminary Avenue
Ukiah, CA 95482

Response MUST be submitted, per Penal Code §933.05, no later than: November 16, 2021

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F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6, F7

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R2, R6, R7

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Printed Name: Sage Sangiacomo

Title: City Manager

Signed: 

Date: 10/6/21

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Noble Waidelich, Interim Police Chief
City of Ukiah
300 Seminary Avenue
Ukiah, CA 95482

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F3, F4, F5, F6, F7

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R6

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Printed Name: Noble Waidelich

Title: Interim Police Chief

Signed: 
Noble Waidelich (Oct 8, 2021 08:44 PDT)

Date: 10/6/21