



MENDOCINO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTOR AND MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT ACT CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES' RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT TITLED:

MEASURE B: RE-EXAMINED

Pursuant to the request of the Grand Jury, the Director and Committee are responding to the following:

- F3. There has been no direct funding for SUDT as recommended in the Measure B Ordinance and the Kemper Report. The GJ determined this to be a serious oversight.

The respondents agree with the finding.

- F7. The GJ and service providers are concerned that SUDT programs will not receive adequate attention and funding under Measure B.

The respondents agree with the finding. The committee agrees that the grand jury and service providers have expressed concern for this matter; this matter is on the agenda for a future Measure B meeting.

- F8. The GJ is concerned that the high costs to construct the PFH facility may reduce funds available for other proposed services and programs.

The respondents agree with the finding. The committee notes that construction of the PHF is in process and staff and committee are closely monitoring expenses. In addition, the PHF is in the original language of Measure B.

Response to Recommendations:

- R2. The BOS fund SUDT programs as required by Measure B Ordinance No. 4387. (F3, F7)

This recommendation requires further analysis. The Measure B oversight committee will provide additional explanation within the next 3 months regarding the future agenda discussions on this matter.

- R4. The BOS give direction to staff to identify and pursue additional funding to supplement the Measure B one-eighth cent sales tax by applying for grants and State funding. (F4, F8)

The recommendation has been implemented and will continue to be implemented. The Committee recommended and Board of Supervisors have already directed staff to identify and pursue grants and additional funding. An example of this would be the grant Behavioral Health applied for and received to augment and expand dual response (mobile crisis) with law enforcement. Behavioral Health is researching and reviewing grants on a regular basis.