

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM

Report Title: Cut Backs In Mental Health Services Impacting Law Enforcement

Report Date: May 1, 2013

Response by: *Tom Allman* Title: *Sheriff-Coroner*

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: F4
 - (“Mendocino County Jail enlisted the help of MH staff to begin a follow-up program for released patients deemed mentally ill.”)
 - **This program is in progress. It is unclear at this time if this program will still be in contract with the new County Mental Health provider.**
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: F5
 - (“The current method of providing psychiatric services needs improvement.”)
 - **While we agree that it would be optimum having a psychiatrist onsite, it simply is unrealistic given the small number of psychiatrists in our area. The overwhelming demand for their services in our community makes this unaffordable in our current financial climate.**

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered **R4 and R5** have been implemented.

(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)

R4 — Mental Health resources have been utilized since late 2012 to perform these services.

R5 — The video conferencing system has been upgraded and has improved than during the Grand Jury site visit.

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- Recommendations numbered _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis.
(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe 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.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: September 19, 2013 Signed:



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