



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: County Executive Office
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: July 15, 2008
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Tme: 15 minutes
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Michael F. Brown, County Executive Officer
Director
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SUBJECT: Consider Response to the Grand Jury Report on 'Inpatient Psychiatric Treatment
16 BedsAnd Deeper in Debt'

Recommended Actions: That the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Adopt the responses in Attachment (1) as the Board of Supervisors' responses to the 2007-08 Grand Jury Report entitled 'Inpatient Psychiatric Treatment 16 BedsAnd Deeper in Debt', and
- b. Authorize the Chair to sign the letter included in Attachment (1) forwarding the responses to the Presiding Judge.

Summary Text:

On May 27, 2008, the Civil Grand Jury released a report entitled 'Inpatient Psychiatric Treatment 16 BedsAnd Deeper in Debt'. This report reviews inpatient psychiatric treatment and fiscal issues within the Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services Department. The report includes seven findings and seven recommendations. The Board of Supervisors, Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services and Auditor Controller are requested to respond to the findings and recommendations.

The County Executive Office utilized the Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services and Auditor Controller responses to work together on the Board of Supervisors responses. It is recommended that the Board adopt these responses to the Grand Jury Report contained in the attached letter to the Presiding Judge.

Background:

Per California Penal Code Section 933 (c), the governing body of the agency, the Board of Supervisors, must respond within 90 days after the issuance of the Grand Jury Report. Therefore, the Board of Supervisors' response must be finalized and transmitted to the Courts and the Grand Jury no later than August 25, 2008.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: There are no fiscal or facilities impacts from the proposed recommendations.

Special Instructions:

The response of the Board of Supervisors must be transmitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court no later than Monday, August 25, 2008. The Clerk of the Board is requested to return the signed letter to Brenda Castillo, County Executive Office, for distribution to the Superior Court. The signed letter, written responses and a 3 ½" computer disc with the response in a Microsoft Word file must be forwarded to the Grand Jury.

Attachments: *

1. Letter to the Superior Court Judge with Board of Supervisors Responses
2. Grand Jury Report entitled "Affordable Housing In Santa Barbara County – Myth or Reality?"
3. Letter to the Superior Court Judge with ADMHS' Responses
4. Letter to the Superior Court Judge with Auditor Controller Responses

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