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Re: Consideration of recommendations regarding Assisted Outpatient Treatment

This letter is to re-affirm the unanimous recommendation of the Santa Barbara County Mental Health Commission to recommend a pilot as a first stage of implementation of AB1421.

The commission gave careful consideration to the February, 2015 report of the County Executive. The commission believes a pilot effort is a logical first step to establish this important program.

Our recommendation also included that the pilot project include a strong and independent evaluation component to measure the effectiveness of the pilot program.

The commission stands ready to collaborate with the Behavioral Wellness department in a planning effort to insure a successful AB1421 pilot.

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