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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FROM: AMY S. NILSEN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
SUBJECT: RESPONSES TO 2015-16 GRAND JURY REPORT THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD
DATE: SEPTEMBER 2, 2016

The 2015-16 Grand Jury has issued a report titled "The Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board," and I am recommending the Board of Supervisors issue the response below.

Recommendation No. R1: *The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that the Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board submit its past due annual reports to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, and thereafter submit, in a timely manner, its required reports.*

This recommendation will be implemented.

The Behavioral Health Board will report on activities occurring in FY 2014-15 and 2015-16. The Behavioral Health Board will develop a report preparation schedule in cooperation with the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure that timely reports are prepared. The target for the next report submittal is October 2016.

Recommendation No. R2: *The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that the Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board expand its membership, as allowed by State law, so it can more proactively serve the interests of Humboldt County.*

This recommendation will be implemented.

The Behavioral Health Board will perform outreach recruitment to underrepresented cultural, racial, and ethnic communities in the county whenever vacancies occur in order to reduce disparities in service delivery and behavioral health outcomes for the residents of Humboldt County.

Recommendation No. R4: *The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors monitor the performance of the Behavioral Health Board by requiring periodic reports throughout the year.*

This recommendation will not be implemented.

The Board of Supervisors requires annual reports to be submitted by the Behavioral Health Board. The Behavioral Health Board will be submitting reports on FYs 2014-15 and 2015-16, and will develop a report preparation schedule in cooperation with the Department of Health & Human Services to ensure timely reports are prepared. A member of the Board of Supervisors serves on the Behavioral Health Board and can provide updates to the entire Board throughout the year at their discretion.

Recommendation No. R5: *The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors support training programs to ensure that Board members are supported in meeting their responsibilities to the community and the mental health system.*

This recommendation will be implemented.

The Board of Supervisors will ensure the Department of Health and Human Services identifies and provides training opportunities to Behavioral Health Board members.

Recommendation No. R7: *The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors ensure that the Behavioral Health Board has sufficient resources and authority to fulfill their duties as required by the Bronzan-McCorquadale Act.*

This recommendation will be implemented.

The Board of Supervisors will ensure the Department of Health and Human Services provides the Behavioral Health Board the necessary resources to fulfill their duties.