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The Honorable Francisca Tisher
The Honorable Raymond A. Guadagni
Presiding Judges 2007/2008
Superior Court of the State of California
825 Brown Street
Napa, CA 94559

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Clerk of the Napa Superior Court
By: C. Brennan
Deputy

Dear Judges Tisher and Guadagni:

The City of Napa has received and reviewed the Findings and Recommendations of the 2007-2008 Grand Jury Final Report on Alcohol and Drug Prevention and Treatment Programs for Napa County Youth. This correspondence represents the collective response from the required respondents as called out in the Grand Jury Report. The City Council unanimously approved the responses, as included herein, in open public session on August 5, 2008.

The City's staff and Council wish to recognize the effort put into the report by the Grand Jury members. We took the Grand Jury's recommendations seriously and dedicated many staff hours in order to formulate responses. We hope that the Grand Jury will find this information helpful and that they will consider contacting us if they need clarifications regarding the attached response.

Respectfully submitted:

Mike Parness
City Manager

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**CITY OF NAPA CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

Consent Calendar
Agenda Item No. 4G
Date: August 5, 2008

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Chief Rich Melton, Police Department 

Prepared by: Commander Andy Lewis, Police Department, 257-9571

Subject: Response to Napa County Grand Jury Final Report on Alcohol and Drug Prevention Programs for Napa County Youth

ISSUE STATEMENT:

Approve the City response to the 2007-2008 Napa Grand Jury Report

DISCUSSION:

The following is the Napa County Grand Jury findings and recommendations concerning Alcohol and Drug Prevention and Treatment Programs for Napa County Youth. The response contained in this report is provided as required and in accordance with section 933c of the California Penal Code.

Grand Jury Findings:

Finding 1: Napa County youth are more likely than other California youth, as a whole, to be underage users of alcohol (59.4 VS. 45.9%).

City Response to Finding 1: The City agrees with this finding.

Finding 2: Drug use by youth in Napa County mirrors the statewide experience.

City Response to Finding 2: The City agrees with this finding.

Finding 3: There are numerous prevention programs throughout the County, which are not uniformly coordinated and which until recently have not been evidence-based.

Response to Finding 3 The City agrees with this finding.

Finding 4: NCHHS, NCOE, NVUSD and other governmental agencies have reviewed available local statistics regarding youth AOD use and have recently developed a plan for reducing substance use which incorporates evidence-based programs.

City Response to Finding 4: The City agrees with this finding.

Finding 5: NCHHS and the Wolfe Center have recently implemented a strategic plan to address the challenges of providing quality substance abuse treatment for all Napa County youth.

City Response to Finding 5: The City agrees with this finding.

Finding 6: The only outpatient treatment program in Napa County is contracted through the Wolfe Center.

City Response to Finding 6: The City agrees with this finding.

Finding 7: NCHHS, NCOE, NVUSD and other governmental agencies have recognized the valuable work being done by charitable organizations and agencies and is including them in the development and implementation of prevention programs.

City Response to Finding 7: The City agrees with this finding.

Finding 8: The true cost of publicly funded youth AOD prevention and treatment in Napa County could not be ascertained from the County and school district budgets reviewed.

City Response to Finding 8: The City agrees with this finding.

Grand Jury Recommendations:

Recommendation 1: The County of Napa, through NCHHS, NCOE, NVUSD and other agencies and programs involved in developing the strategic plans commit to cooperate in fully implementing these plans.

City Response to Recommendation 1: The recommendation has been implemented. During the 2007-2008 school year, the Napa Police Department worked closely with NVUSD to evaluate the existing AOD prevention curriculum as well as other alternative prevention programs. As a result, the Drug Abuse Resistance and Education Program (D.A.R.E.) curriculum was revised and beginning at the start of the 2008-2009 academic school year, NVUSD shall require the D.A.R.E. program in grade five (5) in all NVUSD elementary schools with eight (8) lessons minimally and/or implementation of Second Step Curriculum in grades K-5 at schools not offering the D.A.R.E. program. The D.A.R.E. program will be delivered by active, uniformed Napa Police Officers and/or qualified retired police officers.

In addition, the Napa Police Department in partnership with NVUSD provides three (3) School Resource Officers who serve students and staff at Napa, Vintage, New Tech, Valley Oak Continuation High Schools and Redwood, Silverado and Harvest Middle Schools. Among their duties, SRO's deliver AOD prevention presentations, manage juvenile diversion cases and provide youth referrals to AOD treatment programs and services.

The Napa Police Department also administers the Napa Community Youth Services Diversion Program. The program employs a full-time licensed Master Social Worker and a part-time Diversion Worker. Among its goals, the Diversion Program identifies and refers youth AOD cases to the Wolfe Center for appropriate treatment programs and services.

Recommendation 2: Local governmental agencies and other relevant districts commit to assure sufficient funding is available to fully implement the strategic plans for prevention programs.

City Response to Recommendation 2: The recommendation has been implemented. The Police Department budget for FY 2008/2009 includes funding for D.A.R.E. (\$56,000), Diversion Program (\$89,015) and School Resource Officers (\$245,250).

Recommendation 3: All publicly funded youth AOD prevention and treatment expenditures be separately itemized in each local government's budget by each category, youth AOD prevention and youth AOD treatment, so it is clear how much is being spent by each agency for each category.

City Response to Recommendation 3: The recommendation has not been implemented and requires further analysis for consideration. Currently, the police department AOD prevention efforts (D.A.R.E., Diversion and SRO's) are categorized separately under the 'Youth Services/Crime Prevention' budget. The police department does not provide AOD treatment services, but rather makes referrals to existing treatment program(s). The police department is scheduled to transition to a new city-wide accounting system in October, 2008. At that time the police department will explore available options to separately itemize AOD Prevention programs.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS:

None

CEQA:

The City Manager has determined that the recommended action described in this report is not subject to CEQA, pursuant to CEQA guidelines

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

None – A copy of the Grand Jury Report is available at the City Clerks office for public review.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

City staff recommends that the City Council move, second and approve each of the actions set forth below, in the form of the following motion stated as:

Move to approve the City's response to the 2007-2008 Grand Jury Report finding and recommendation (as outlined above, and incorporating any changes made to the responses by the City Council during the meeting), and direct the City Manager to submit the response on behalf of the City Council, the City Manager and other City officials as required, to the presiding judge of the Superior Court.

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