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The Honorable Steven T. Kroyer
Presiding Judge
County of Napa, Superior Court
825 Brown Street
Napa, CA 94559

SUBJECT: Response to the Grand Jury 2009-2010 Final Reports on: Napa County Criminal Justice Facilities: Juvenile Justice Center/Juvenile Hall; Napa Special Investigations Bureau and Napa County Criminal Justice Facilities: Napa County Department of Corrections/County Jail.

Dear Judge Kroyer:

The Board of Supervisors has reviewed the findings in the Grand Jury 2009-2010 Final Reports on: Napa County Criminal Justice Facilities: Juvenile Justice Center/Juvenile Hall; Napa Special Investigations Bureau and Napa County Criminal Justice Facilities: Napa County Department of Corrections/County Jail. As requested, and pursuant to Penal Code section 933(c), enclosed are responses to specified findings and revised responses to certain recommendations.

Grand Jury activity takes place over the course of a number of months. As such, their findings and recommendations often address issues that county departments have already identified as problems and to which solutions are in the process of being developed.

The Board acknowledges the members of the 2010-2011 Grand Jury for the time they have devoted.

Sincerely,

Bill Dodd, Chairman
Napa County Board of Supervisors

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Responses to the 2009-2010 Grand Jury Report
On Napa County Criminal Justice Facilities: Napa County Department of
Corrections/County Jail Response

Finding #5. Inmates with mental health issues are a serious safety concern for NCDC staff.

Response, Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.

Finding #6. Inmate recidivism is neither tracked nor documented in Napa County.

Response, Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors disagrees partially with this finding and incorporates by reference the August 10, 2010 response and explanation of the Director of Corrections.

Recommendation #3. Napa County, in cooperation with NCDC, the District Attorney's office, and the Adult Probation Department develop methods to track recidivism and measure the effectiveness of evidence-based programming.

Response, Board of Supervisors. The recommendation has been partially implemented, and will be fully implemented in the future. The Criminal Justice Information Management System (CJIMS) has recidivism data; the challenge has been in developing a system to extract and report the data. The Criminal Justice Committee, which includes representatives from the District Attorney, Probation and Corrections Departments has been working with the County Executive Office and the Information Technology Services Division to develop a standard definition and a way to extract recidivism data from the CJIMS system. The Criminal Justice Committee has agreed that the County's definition of recidivism will include new felony and misdemeanor and sustained probation violations measured in 6 month, one year, two year and three year increments and reported for all offenders and for just those offenders that participated in or completed specific programs. The County has been without a Criminal Justice Analyst since April 2010; that position has been filled effective February 22, 2011. While the original goal was to complete the project by October 2010, the project has been extended and should be complete by June 30, 2011.

With regard to measuring the effectiveness of evidence-based practices, the Criminal Justice Committee continues to work on ways to measure programs. It is important to note that evidence-based practices and a reduction in recidivism are not always related. Evidence-based practices are those that are research tested and proven to achieve an intended goal. The goal may be a reduction in recidivism but it may also be an increase in employment or a change in life circumstances. Regardless, Quality Assurance is very important to the Criminal Justice Committee and measuring the effectiveness of all evidence-based programs continues to be a priority.