

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: Humboldt - We Have a Problem, But More Special Education Is Not the Answer

Report Date: June 28, 2018

Response by: Connie Beck **Title:** Director of Health & Human Services

FINDINGS

1. I (we) agree with the findings numbered: _____
2. I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: _____
(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed: include an explanation of the reasons).

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Recommendations numbered _____ have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implementation actions).
2. Recommendations numbered R6 have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation).
3. Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis
(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of the publication of the Grand Jury report).
4. Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an explanation).

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Number of pages attached: _____

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT – FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY STATEMENT

Recommendations

R6. The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services mandate biennial attendance by all staff with direct youth contact at the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) trainings to be offered regarding special education law, ethics, purpose, and process. This initial training should be completed by December 1, 2018. **(F8)**

Response: DHHS-CWS will implement this recommendation in part. DHHS-CWS commends the Grand Jury for recognizing the importance of special education laws, ethics, and processes to child welfare and agrees that this type of training would be helpful for CWS social workers. The agency will either arrange for the biennial trainings to occur through the SELPA, or through internal trainings coordinated through our agreements with the University of California, Davis. Estimated completion date for development of training schedule and identification of training provider: December 31, 2018.