

## RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

**Report Title:** Jails & Facilities

**Report Date:** June 20, 2018

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

### FINDINGS

1. I (we) agree with the findings numbered: F5
2. I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: N/A  
*(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons.)*

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Recommendations numbered N/A have been implemented.  
*(Attach a summary describing the implementation actions.)*
2. Recommendations numbered R3 will not be implemented, because similar efforts are already under way.  
*(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)*
3. Recommendations numbered N/A 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 N/A will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.  
*(Attach an explanation.)*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of pages attached: 1

## RECOMMENDATION

R3. The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends a coordinated plan be developed between the Director of Mental Health Services and the Humboldt County Sheriff to facilitate aftercare for inmates with mental health concerns when they are released from the Humboldt County Correctional Facility. This plan should be in place by December 25, 2018.

***Response: This recommendation will not be implemented, because similar efforts are already underway.***

The California Forensic Medical Group (CFMG) has been asked to submit a proposal to begin providing MH Services at the jail. It should be noted, however, that even if the county contracts with an entity like CFMG it does not guarantee that it could secure staff. Currently there are staff in place who are responsible for discharge planning. Jail MH staff are in the process of shifting to community-based case management to improve engagement/outreach linkage to services and are looking at adding peer coaches to work alongside case managers in the community. New efforts are being made to improve continuity of care for inmates upon release, including partnering with Open Door Community Health Centers. Jail Case Managers can use the Offender Management System (OMS) through Humboldt County Correctional Facility (HCCF) to identify all inmates eligible for release within 30 days and meet with each inmate to help them apply for or re-establish benefits, identify appointment/services needed upon release and help them schedule said appointment. Jail MH policies and procedure are being reviewed and revised to support the above outlined continuity of MH services for inmates upon release from jail.