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Grand Jury  
Humboldt County Superior Court  
825 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

RE: Grand Jury 2024 Report: Humboldt County Behavioral Health, Substance use, and the Streets

Dear Honorable Grand Jury Members,

Attached is my response to the 2024 Grand Jury Report Custody Humboldt County Behavioral Health, Substance use, and the Streets. I agree with the report's findings. I appreciate the Grand Jury's report. Last year the Sheriff's Office determined that we were not properly tracking the MIST personnel. Changes have been implemented to ensure that this resource is properly tracked. The MIST program ran through DHHS, is an outstanding program. The County and the Sheriff's Office enjoyed a great partnership with our MIST teams. This team effort has resulted in many success stories.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. F. Honsal".

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CC: Judge Kelly Neel

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2024 RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: Humboldt County Behavioral Health, Substance use, and the Streets

Report Date: 06/28/2024

Response by: W. Honsal, Sheriff, County of Humboldt

FINDINGS

F9: During the 2022-2023 State of California Behavioral Health Justice Intervention Service’s one-year grant, the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services and the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office did not adequately track calls for service involving law enforcement and staff from the Mobile Intervention and Services Team program. This resulted in incomplete data which could be used to improve the program.

Response: Agree

RECOMMENDATIONS

R4: The Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services and the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office develop and enact a plan to document calls for service where both the Mobile Intervention and Services Team and the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office respond. This is to be completed by no later than January 1, 2025.

Response: The recommendation has been implemented

The Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office recognized that we needed to track our MIST personnel better and to also report out how this resource was being utilized. The Sheriff’s Office is now requiring the MIST personnel to log into our Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. When they are utilized or dispatched to a Call For Service (CFS), their activity is now tracked. At any time, HCSO can determine how many CFS the MIST personnel responded to in our CAD system.

Date: 8/1/24

Signed: [Signature]

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