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## RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: Inspections of Custody and Corrections Facilities in Humboldt County

Report Date: July 21, 2020

Response by: Probation Department

### FINDINGS

1. Probation agrees with the findings numbered F9.
2. Probation partially agrees with the findings numbered F4.
3. Probation disagrees with the findings numbered \_\_\_\_\_.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Recommendation numbered R9 has been implemented.
2. Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ will be implemented.
3. Recommendation numbered \_\_\_\_\_ is in the process of being implemented.
4. Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ require analysis.
5. Recommendation numbered R4 will not be implemented.

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

Number of pages attached: \_\_\_\_\_

(F4) Increasing the training and certification of substance use disorder counselors in Juvenile Hall should increase the effectiveness of treatment of juvenile detainees. **Disagree**

(R4) The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends Humboldt County Probation Department provide trained and certified substance use disorder counselor to increase effectiveness of treatment for detainees in Juvenile Hall, effective January 1, 2021. **Disagree**

**Response:** The Humboldt County Probation Department partially disagrees with the finding. The County hires substance abuse counselors in the initial job classifications of either Substance Abuse Counselor Trainee or Substance Abuse Counselor I. The trainee classification is for persons who have a college substance use disorder treatment degree but do not have their licensure certificate. To obtain certification, the counselor needs two years of supervised counseling under a certified counselor and pass the state exam. Humboldt County personnel enter the profession as a trainee and then advance to Substance Abuse Counselor I upon obtaining their certificate. As of the writing of this response, 11 of the 12 substance use counselors employed by the Department of Health and Human Services have their state license.

(F9) Opportunity for self-improvement of youths housed in the Humboldt County Juvenile Hall would improve if volunteer-community organizations were able to provide additional learning programs. **Agree**

(R9) The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends Humboldt County Probation Department proactively seek volunteer-community organizations that can provide learning opportunities to the youth housed in the Humboldt County Juvenile Hall. **Agree**

**Response:** The recommendation has been implemented. The Humboldt County Probation Department utilizes a multitude of community-based organizations to deliver relevant learning programs to youth in Juvenile Hall. Those programs include but are not limited to the following:

- Narcotics Anonymous / Alcoholics Anonymous – Provided by Hospitals and Institutions (H&I)
- Humboldt State University Mentorship program (Y.E.S)
- Recreation activities and general support
- Ink People project
  - Origami
  - Poetry
  - Music
  - Painting
- Humboldt State Internship program
- Two Feathers Native Programs
- Girls Group
- Religious Services
- Residents Rising drumming program

In addition to the above-mentioned programs, the Humboldt County Probation Department continues to seek out and interview volunteers who could potentially bring relevant programming into Juvenile Hall. The geographic location and size of the County present challenges when trying to identify and secure new community-based programs in Juvenile Hall; however, new volunteers in our community will continue to be sought that can effectively work with the youth detained in Juvenile Hall.

