



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Manager



Date: July 23, 2014
Board Meeting Date: September 9, 2014
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager

Subject: 2013-14 Grand Jury Response – “San Mateo County Detention Facilities:
An Overview”

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Board of Supervisors’ response to the Grand Jury Report titled; “San Mateo County Detention Facilities: An Overview.”

BACKGROUND:

On June 17, 2014, the Grand Jury filed a report entitled: “San Mateo County Detention Facilities: An Overview.” The Board of Supervisors is required to submit comments on the findings and recommendations pertaining to matters under Control of the San Mateo County within 90 days. The County’s response to the report is due to the Grand Jury no later than September 15, 2014.

Acceptance of this report contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Collaborative Community by ensuring that all Grand Jury findings and recommendations are thoroughly reviewed by the appropriate County departments and that, when appropriate, process improvements are made to improve the quality and efficiency of services provided to the public and other agencies.

DISCUSSION: 2013-14 Grand Jury Response – San Mateo County Detention Facilities: An Overview.

Findings:

Grand Jury Finding Number 1. The Sheriff’s Department and a multi-disciplinary team have developed a Jail-Based Services and Reentry Programming Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP).

Response: Agree.

Grand Jury Finding Number 2. Notwithstanding the development of the SIP, data reflecting the effectiveness of services and programs designed to reduce *adult* inmate recidivism are not being collected in an effective and cohesive manner.

Response: Agree.

Grand Jury Finding Number 3. Data reflecting the effectiveness of the services and programs designed to reduce *juvenile* recidivism are not being collected in an effective and cohesive manner.

Response: Agree.

Recommendations:

The Grand Jury recommends to the Board of Supervisors to direct the Probation Department to do the following:

R3. Document performance results reflecting the effectiveness of the juvenile programs and services provided in all juvenile facilities.

Response: The Board of Supervisors believes documentation of the effectiveness of juvenile programs and services at the juvenile facilities are a prudent practice and they will request this documentation during the Probation Department's annual report to the Board.

R4. Annually submit a report to the Board of Supervisors for public discussion concerning the performance measures for the above-referenced juvenile services and programs.

Response:

The Board of Supervisors believes this is a prudent practice and will request the Probation Department to submit a report for public discussion concerning performance measures during their annual report to the Board.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no Net County Cost associated with accepting this report.