

Solano County Health & Social Services Department



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Honorable E. Bradley Nelson
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Hall of Justice
600 Union Avenue
Department 4, Room 306
Fairfield, CA 94533

The Honorable Judge Nelson,

Re: Response to Grand Jury Report of July 8, 2014 – Solano County Services Outreach for Economically Disadvantaged

Pursuant to Penal Code sections 933(c) and 933.05, the Solano County Department of Health and Social Services responds to Findings 4-6 and Recommendations 4-6 contained in the 2013/2014 Grand Jury Report of July 8, 2014 – Solano County Services Outreach for Economically Disadvantaged.

Finding 4

Solano County Health & Social Services contracted with HomeBase to produce a comprehensive report on the Continuum of Care with many significant recommendations.

Response to Finding 4

Director, Health & Social Services: Solano County Health & Social Services agrees with the finding and continues to work with HomeBase, the Cap Solano JPA, the Cap Solano non-profit, the Housing First Solano Board and the full Continuum of Care to develop a unified collaborative in support of resolving homeless issues in Solano County.

Recommendation 4

Strongly focus, evaluate and implement appropriate corrective actions and recommendations as outlined in the HomeBase report of July 2013.

Response to Recommendation 4

Director, Health & Social Services: Solano County Health & Social Services agrees with this recommendation and continues to work with HomeBase to support Homeless Issues. The County has made significant progress on the recommendations in the HomeBase report of July 2013

Finding 5

The mobile dental van is often out of service due to lack of maintenance. The newly acquired medical van has not yet been put into service as of this writing.

Response to Finding 5

Director, Health & Social Services: Health and Social Services disagrees with this finding, the mobile dental van is a specialized van equipped to provide dental services to the residents of Solano County. The newly acquired medical van is operational and serves the unincorporated and hard to reach areas of Solano County.

Recommendation 5a

The mobile dental and medical vans be immediately repaired, put into service and maintained in good operational condition.

Response to Recommendation 5a

Director, Health & Social Services: Health and Social Services disagrees with this finding, because the mobile dental van and newly acquired medical van is operational and serves the unincorporated and hard to reach areas of Solano County.

Recommendation 5b

In the event dental and medical vans are not in operational condition, a nine-passenger, or similar vehicle, be available to transport individuals in need of medical and/or dental care to the existing Solano County facilities.

Response to Recommendation 5b

Director, Health & Social Services: Health and Social Services disagrees with this finding because the mobile dental van and medical van contain specialized equipment that cannot be replicated into a nine passenger van.

Finding 6

Solano County does not operate care facilities for individuals with chronic mental health issues.

Response to Finding 6

Director, Health & Social Services: Health and Social Services disagrees with this finding because the County operates a 23hour crisis center and contracts with numerous providers that operate facilities for individuals with chronic mental health issues.

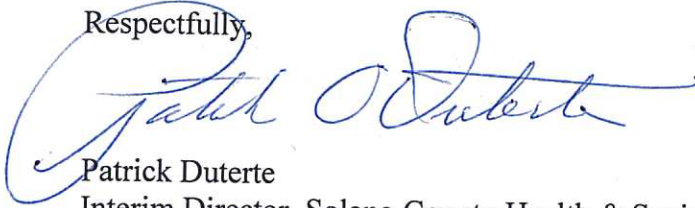
Recommendation 6

Solano County establish care facilities for individuals with chronic mental health issues.

Response to Recommendation 6

Director, Health & Social Services: Health and Social Services disagrees with this recommendation because the County contracts with numerous providers that operate facilities for individuals with chronic mental health issues.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patrick Duterte". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "D".

Patrick Duterte
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cc: Birgitta Corsello, County Administrator
Ron Grassi, Interim Assistant Director Health & Social Services
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Grand Jury Office