The Honorable Allan Hardcastle  
Board of Supervisors Response to the 2003-2004 Grand Jury Report  

the Department of Health Services will keep the Board of Supervisors apprised of the outcomes of the various processes that have been implemented.

Mental Health Services Division Release Procedures

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R1. The Department of Health Services (HS) and MHS should review and report on the benefits and concerns regarding the adoption and implementation of Laura’s Law in Sonoma County. This report and its conclusions should be sent to the Board of Supervisors.

Response: This recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted.

As indicated by the Department, current and projected levels of mental health funding have not allowed Sonoma County, or any other county in California, to implement Laura’s Law, based on the legislative requirements for services.

PRMD Compliance Review

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Some of the agreed to recommendations from the 2000-2001 report not fully implemented were:

• R3. PRMD must have a formal written policy for ongoing training and cross-training.

• R4. Each Unit within PRMD must develop formal written procedures to implement and monitor PRMD policy for both training and cross-training.

• R9. The various parts of the permit process must be integrated. Steps must be taken to ensure that a citizen gets complete and accurate information as to all procedures and permits that will be required before starting a project.

The agreed to recommendation from the 2001-2002 report not fully implemented was:

• R6. PRMD must continue to make progress in implementing the recommendations of the Zucker Report. The Board of Supervisors should closely monitor this progress to assure that future milestones are achieved.

Response: The Board of Supervisors agree in part with the finding.

While the Board agrees with the statement that recommendations R3 and R4 from the 2000-01 Grand Jury Report have not been fully implemented by the Permit and Resource Planning Department (PRMD), we disagree that recommendation R9 from the 2000-01 Grand Jury Report and recommendation R6 from 2001-02 Grand Jury Reports have not been fully implemented. The PRMD permit process is, in fact, an integrated process. However, departmental policies and procedures must continually be scrutinized and altered to meet changing regulations and requirements. PRMD has made significant progress on implementation of the key recommendations from the Zucker Report, and the PRMD Director has been diligent in keeping the Board apprised of the department’s progress. The Board continues to be