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**Board of Supervisors Response to  
"Up Against the Wall: Sonoma County Detention Facilities"  
Report**

**FINDINGS**

**F1. Realignment continues to pose challenges to adult detention facilities.**

The Board agrees with this finding.

**F2. Mandatory overtime is an increasing burden for correctional personnel.**

The Board agrees with this finding.

**F3. Inmates with medical and mental health issues make significant demands on the MADF staff and facilities.**

The Board agrees with this finding.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**R1. The Sheriff's Office continue to improve the expansion and safety of adult detention facilities.**

**Response: Recommendation has been implemented.**

The Board of Supervisors approves the Capital Project Plan every year, and allocates \$3.9 million/year of General Fund plus other special revenue funds to the projects identified as the highest priority in the Capital Projects Plan. In FY 14/15, approximately \$5 million has been appropriated to the detention facilities. Staff is also working to update the Criminal Justice Master Plan, with the intent to use this to support future grant applications for facilities construction funding from the State of California, if the need is demonstrated.

**R2. The Sheriff's Office keep up its efforts to hire new personnel to deal with the growing inmate population.**

**Response: Recommendation has been implemented.**

The Board of Supervisors has appropriated additional funds since FY 12/13 to support the intensive hiring effort underway at the Sheriff's Office. Based on projections from the Sheriff's office, the funding through December 31, 2014 will total \$3.4 million.

**R3. The Sheriff's Office continue treating inmates with mental and physical health issues to improve their chances for successful adjustment to independence upon release.**

**Response: Recommendation has been implemented.**

During FY 13/14, the Board of Supervisors approved additional General Fund support for mental health programs within the jail by \$785K, which increased staffing by 3.85 full time employees. In addition, during FY 13/14, the Board approved a new contract for inmate medical services, based on the results of the Request for Proposals issued by the Sheriff's Office.

In addition to treatment services, the Sheriff's Office provides programs to support the health of inmates while in custody, using Realignment funding to the extent it is available and appropriate.

Partners from Health Services, Human Services and other private providers within the County have worked with the Sheriff's Office and Probation Department to increasing enrollment in the Affordable Care Act, to support inmates upon their release, as well as those who are placed into community supervision.