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RE: Response to the 2014-2015 Grand Jury Final Report
Valley of the Moon Children's Home (pages 1 - 3)
County of Sonoma, Human Services Department

Dear Judge Gross,

Please accept this response to the findings by the 2014 - 2015 Grand Jury regarding the Valley of the Moon Children's Home.

Findings (page 3)

I accept findings F1 and F3 of the Grand Jury regarding the Valley of the Moon Children's Home

We disagree partially with these following two findings:

F2 (page 3): Although some minors' rights had been occasionally violated, the scope, severity and frequency of these violations were not critical and the Home quickly and appropriately corrected these violations.

The Department does not agree that "some minors' rights had been occasionally violated." There were instead instances of non-compliance with State regulations that were corrected when directed to do so by Community Care Licensing. The Department agrees that "the scope, severity and frequency of these" issues "were not critical and the Home quickly and appropriately corrected" them.

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F4 (page 3): Administrative staff of the Sonoma County Department of Human Services and the Home are cooperative with and receptive to being evaluated by outside agencies.

The initial printed release of the Grand Jury Report incorrectly refers to the Department as the "Health Department". This has been corrected in the on-line version to the "Human Services Department". The Department agrees that Administrative staff of the Home are cooperative with and receptive to being evaluated by outside agencies.

RECOMMENDATIONS: There were no recommendations.

If you have questions or need additional information, please do hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jerry Dunn
Director

cc: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors
Veronica Ferguson, County Administrator
William Rousseau, County Clerk