

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESPONSE TO
CIVIL GRAND JURY REPORT NO. 1002: REPORT ON THE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL DETENTION
FACILITIES INSPECTION**

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Finding:** West County Detention Facility has an inoperable Central Communication Intercom System.

Response: The respondent partially disagrees with the finding. At the time of inspection, the Central Communications Intercom System was outdated and inoperable. At the time of the report, the system had been replaced and was fully functional.

Recommendation: The Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department shall repair or replace the system.

Response: The recommendation has been implemented. The central communications system was replaced. The West County Detention Facility currently has an upgraded, modern, functioning central communications intercom system.

2. **Finding:** Marsh Creek Detention Facility has vocational programs to assist detainees with resocialization and transition upon release to productive community living.

Response: The respondent agrees with the finding.

Recommendation: None

3. **Finding:** Chris Adams Girls' Center was permanently closed effective September 30, 2009.

Response: The respondent agrees with the finding.

Recommendation: The Board of Supervisors shall direct a study to determine how female juvenile offenders in need of intensive therapeutic treatment can be served.

Response: The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted. In response to the closure of the Chris Adams Girls' Center, the Probation Department re-allocated its resources to provide intensive rehabilitative treatment to girls who are committed to Juvenile Hall. Conceptualized in November 2009, the Girls' In Motion Program accepted its first girls in January 2010. Probation staff has received intensive gender-specific training, enabling it to provide programming including Girl's Circle, Aggression Replacement Training, and Life Skills to girls, and collaborates with community partners to provide trauma-based treatment groups. Probation is also seeking grant funding to increase mental health support services to girls in the program. In addition, girls who are ordered into placement that do not require the structure of a secure program are placed in out-of-county residential homes.

4. **Finding:** Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitation Center demonstrated improvements from findings in last year's Grand Jury Inspection Report Number 0905. However, CSA standards related to hygiene were not met. Showers and drains are in need of deep cleaning, mold removal and leak repair.

Response: The respondent disagrees with the finding. The facility has always met CSA standards. Mold has never been detected in any area of the facility. Due to the high volume of use, showers and drains in both dormitories are deep-cleaned on a regular basis and any leaks are immediately corrected by the County's General Services Department.

Recommendation: The Board of Supervisors shall direct that appropriate cleaning and repairs are implemented.

Response: *The recommendation has been implemented.*

5. **Finding:** Richmond Police Department had an overflowing biohazard container.

Response: *N/A.*

Recommendation: The Richmond Police Department shall train responsible personnel in proper handling of biohazard material.

Response: *N/A.*

6. **Finding:** Martinez Detention Facility, West County Detention Facility and Marsh Creek Detention Facility provide meals that meet nutritional requirements for only \$3.30 a day per inmate.

Response: *The respondent agrees with the finding.*

Recommendation: None

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT: