

NAPA COUNTY
RESPONSE TO THE GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT ON
JUVENILE HALL REVIEW

August 14, 2018

Finding 1: A multi-county consolidation of juvenile detention facilities is not optimal for serving Napa County Youth.

Response, Board of Supervisors: The Board of Supervisors agrees with the finding.

Finding 2: Present and future state initiatives may increase the utilization of the NCJH facilities.

Response, Board of Supervisors: The Board of Supervisors agrees with the finding. Staff continues to monitor these efforts to ensure any increased utilization is consistent with the legal restrictions for use of a juvenile facility, enhances the rehabilitation programs for youth, and does not result in the County providing services for the state or other jurisdictions without an appropriate funding mechanism.

Finding 3: With the September 2018 implementation of CJNet in the Napa County Juvenile Hall, juvenile justice information technology will be fully integrated with the county's criminal justice system.

Response, Board of Supervisors: The Board of Supervisors agrees with the finding.

Finding 4: NCJH programming aligns with the current juvenile justice philosophy of rehabilitation as opposed to incarceration.

Response, Board of Supervisors: The Board of Supervisors agrees with the finding.

Recommendations

Recommendation 1: No later than December 31, 2018, the BOS to commission a study to determine whether excess Juvenile Hall physical capacity and staffing above near-term projected needs can be put to an alternate use. The results of the study should be published.

Response, Board of Supervisors: The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted. See Finding 2 above. The Chief Probation Officer has continued to review the best usage of the facility and staffing for the rehabilitation of youth and young adults so no further study is necessary.