



Ventura County  
Behavioral Health Department

Alcohol & Drug Programs  
Mental Health Services

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Honorable Bruce A. Clark  
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Ventura County Hall of Justice  
800 S. Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

The Behavioral Health Department's Response to the Grand Jury Report, *Lack of Facilities and Programs for Juvenile 601 Offenders* is as follows:

**Findings:**

- F1: Unable to comment.
- F2: Unable to comment
- F3: Unable to comment.
- F4: Concur
- F5: Unable to comment
- F6: Unable to comment.
- F7: Unable to comment
- F8: Unable to comment.
- F9: Unable to comment
- F10: Unable to comment

The Department is unable to comment on these findings not because they are not accurate or because the Department does not agree, but rather because they cover areas of fact finding unrelated to the Behavioral Health Department's own scope of fact verification.

**Recommendations:**

- R3: The Behavioral Health Department and the Probation Agency must cooperate to solve the mental health aspects for at-risk youth.

The Behavioral Health Department concurs with this recommendation and believes that this cooperation has begun and continues to grow. The Acting Director for Behavioral Health is attending the JJCC, and the Inter-Agency Policy

Council, is also working together to discuss and make policy decisions regarding System of Care Youth.

Additionally, Probation and Behavioral Health are working in partnership on a \$1,000,000 SAMSHA Grant to increase available to services to the youth in the Juvenile Justice system.

Probation recently assisted in the interview process and selection of a new Behavioral Health Supervisor for Juvenile Justice Mental Health Services, as well.

If you require any additional information from myself, please contact me at (805) 652-6737.

Sincerely,

  
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