

VENTURA COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT
HEALTHCARE AGENCY

MEMORANDUM



Date: August 22, 2006

To: Michael Powers, Director HCA

From: Linda Shulman *LS*

RE: BH RESPONSE TO THE VENTURA COUNTY 2005-2006 GRAND JURY
REPORT TITLED, ADMINISTRATION OF PROPOSITION 36 IN
VENTURA COUNTY: A REVIEW

Attached is the department's response to the Grand Jury Report 2005/06.

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PROPOSITION 36 IN VENTURA COUNTY: A REVIEW

The Health Care Agency would like to thank the Grand Jury for its report on the Administration of Proposition 36 in Ventura County. We have been asked to respond to the two recommendations contained within this report.

Recommendation #1: *The Grand Jury requests feedback on progress towards completing the recommendations from prior reports that are still underway.*

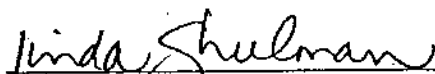
As Probation is the Lead Agency, BHD will continue to work cooperatively with them in completing the remaining tasks. It is our understanding that Probation and the CEO's office will ensure that the Grand Jury is informed of these updates throughout the coming year.

Recommendation #2: *Probation and BHD/ADP should jointly ensure that appropriate psychological and psychiatric treatments are available to Prop 36 clients.*

BHD concurs with this recommendation. We will continue to provide access to mental health services through our clinics and access to Psychiatry services as well. Additionally, we are currently negotiating a contract for Dual Diagnosis services for the Prop 36 clients which will enhance the services available to Prop 36 clients who are in need of mental health treatment.

We continue to look forward to working in collaboration with all of our partners in this program and to ensure that we provide the best clinical treatment services we can to the clients of Proposition 36.

Sincerely,



Linda Shulman, MFT
Behavioral Health Director