



Legislation Text

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Approve the Board of Supervisors' response to the 2017/2018 Grand Jury Report of May 24, 2018 - "In-Home Support Services Program Oversight and Management"

Published Notice Required? Yes ☐ No ☒
Public Hearing Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the Board of Supervisor's response to the 2017/2018 Grand Jury Report of May 24, 2018 - "In-Home Support Services Program Oversight and Management" which is attached to this agenda item as Attachment E. Responses by the offices of the County Administrator, Auditor-Controller, District Attorney and Health and Social Services are attached as Attachment A, B, C and D.

SUMMARY / DISCUSSION:

On May 24, 2018, the Solano County Grand Jury issued a report entitled "In-Home Support Services Program Oversight and Management." The report examines the Department of Health and Social Services (H&SS) oversight and management of the County's In-Home Support Services (IHSS) program. IHSS is a statewide program providing domestic and personal care services designed to enable qualified blind, elderly and disabled persons to remain in their residences rather than cared for in an institutional setting.

According to Grand Jury report the members researched and reviewed a variety of California Department of Health and Human Services Agency forms, the California Penal Code and more than twenty (20) publications, including Grand Jury reports from neighboring municipalities, the Welfare Institution Code and Public Authority website to help inform their findings and recommendations. The Grand Jury also interviewed staff from the Solano County Department of Health and Social Services, the Public Authority, the Special Investigations Unit, the Older and Disabled Adults, the District Attorney and the Auditor-Controller.

The Grand Jury report has five (5) findings and five (5) recommendations and identified that responses were expected from the Solano County Board of Supervisors, the County Administrator's office, the County Auditor-Controller's Office, the District Attorney and the Department of Health and Social Services. These responses are attached for the Board's reference as Attachments A,B,C and D. The Board of Supervisors' proposed response is set forth in Attachment E - Response to the Grand Jury Report of May 24, 2018: In-Home Support Services Program Oversight and Management.

Copies of Grand Jury reports are available upon request from the Clerk of the Board or can be viewed on the Grand Jury's website at: <http://www.solanocourts.com/GrandJury/default.html>

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There are potential financial implications related to the recommended actions in this report. The County Administrator's office has therefore responded and is recommending that further review and evaluation is needed and additional time to do so through September 2018 has been suggested, with completion by December 2018. The costs associated with preparing the agenda item are nominal and absorbed by the

department's FY2018/19 Adopted Budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose to disagree with the recommended responses and direct staff to prepare a different or more elaborate response to the Grand Jury.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel has reviewed the attached response to the Presiding Judge for content and form.