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Santa Barbara  
Grand Jury

Mr. Fletcher Phillips, Foreperson  
Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury  
Grand Jury Room  
County Courthouse  
Santa Barbara, California 93101

Dear Mr. Phillips:

Thank you for the opportunity to update the 2009-2010 Grand Jury on the status of implementation regarding consulting Prison Health Services and Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services when appropriate before releasing an inmate. Attached please find our response to your inquiry as it relates to Recommendation #3 of the 2006-2007 Grand Jury's Report.

If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

**BILL BROWN**  
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c: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RESPONSE  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY'S 2006-2007 REPORT  
"HEALTH CARE WITHIN DETENTION FACILITIES"

UPDATE ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF PROGRESS

October, 2009

**Recommendation 3:** *Staff should consult with Prison Health Services and Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services when appropriate before releasing an inmate.*

**Response to Recommendation 3:** The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented by December 15, 2007. Planned inmate release is the best solution for this issue and this occurs on a case specific basis. Medical and mental health personnel who are aware of inmates with issues will seek to provide continued care as available. Currently the Sheriff's Department is working with the courts, attorneys and other service providers to enhance coordinated planned releases for inmates with special medical and mental health needs. The courts must approve the Planned Release Court Order form and this is expected by July 15, 2007. The key to planned releases is a system of continuing care after release; however, this will require greater community resources.

**Update on the Current Status of Progress to Recommendation 3:** To that end, Jail staff worked with the Santa Barbara County Courts to develop the **Release to Treatment Program** form. This form is available for use by the Courts to, when necessary, order specific release instructions identifying the date and time of release, and release to identified agencies or individuals. The form was developed in September of 2007 and after approval by the courts, this process was implemented on December 15, 2007.

Although this process was implemented in 2007, the Sheriff's Department continues to develop resources and programs to facilitate inmate release. In July of 2009, the Sheriff's Department contracted with Prison Health Services Inc, (PHS) to provide Mental Health Services for inmates at the County Jail. PHS has been providing the Medical Services since 1995. Included in this contract is a discharge planning component that includes coordinating information and services with Santa Barbara County Alcohol Drug and Mental Health Services.

We are also currently working, with John Buttny the Executive Director of Bringing our Community Home, to establish additional discharge planning services.

While we are working diligently towards providing these services, it must be recognized that community resources are an important component towards establishing a successful program. We must also recognize an inmate's right to refuse these services.