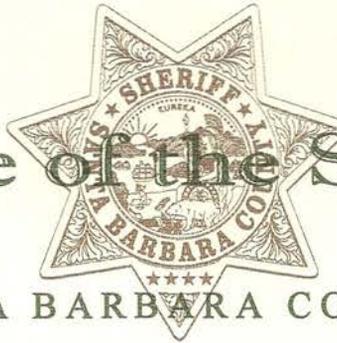


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RE: Response to 2011-12 Grand Jury Report Entitled "*Cares Crisis Residential North – An Underutilized Mental Health Asset*"

Dear Mr. Sten:

Enclosed please find the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office response to the 2011-2012 Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury Report entitled "*Cares Crisis Residential North – An Underutilized Mental Health Asset*".

Should you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me at 681-4290 or Chief Deputy Don Patterson at 681-4245.

Sincerely,

BILL BROWN
Sheriff – Coroner

Enclosure

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GRAND JURY 2011-2012 REPORT
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FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Finding 3: CARES Crisis Residential North is a safe environment for patients discharged from a locked facility to transition back into society.

Response to Finding 3: The Sheriff's Office agrees with the finding.

Recommendation 3: That CARES Crisis Residential North coordinate with the Santa Barbara County Main Jail/City Jails and the Santa Barbara County Psychiatric Health Facility on the capacity of CARES Crisis Residential North for possible placement of their appropriate patients upon release.

Response to Recommendation 3: This recommendation has been implemented.

The Sheriff's Office continuously works towards transitioning individuals with mental illness from the jail to appropriate community treatment facilities, including CARES Crisis Residential North services.

In complex cases, the Sheriff's Office has established a practice of calling for a multidisciplinary team meeting to help coordinate placement in residential programs of persons upon release from jail. The stakeholders at these meetings routinely include; the local Mental Health Authority, Courts, Corizon (who provides mental health services in the jail), and the Public Defender's Office (or private attorney who represents the client).

One of the early examples of the success of this practice was in February, 2012, where the Sheriff's Office worked collaboratively with ADMHS staff, PHF staff, and the Public Defender's office to coordinate the pending time served release of a county jail inmate in need of continued services and treatment. Upon his release, this individual was accepted into CARES Crisis Residential North Program. He has not returned to custody and continues to receive ongoing support and monitoring services from ADMHS. The Sheriff's Office and stakeholders continue to work towards improving this process by evaluating cases in quarterly meetings.