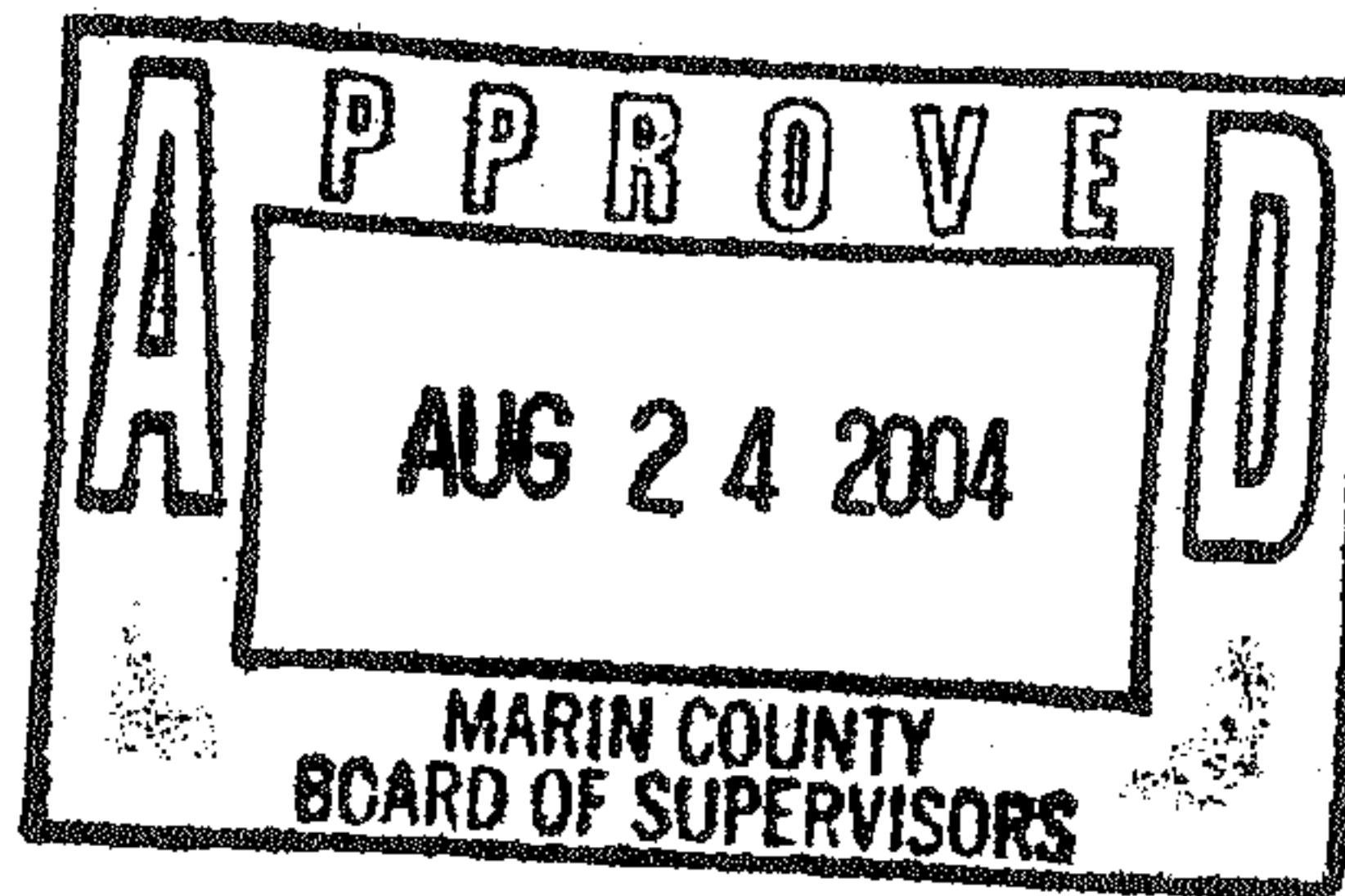


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August 24, 2004

Honorable Board of Supervisors
Marin County Civic Center
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, California 94903

SUBJECT: Response to 2003-2004 Grand Jury Report "*Marin General Hospital: Moving Beyond the Impasse*" (June 4, 2004)

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION: Concur in and adopt the attached proposed response to the 2003-2004 Grand Jury report, "*Marin General Hospital: Moving Beyond the Impasse.*" Direct the Board President to forward the response to the Presiding Judge of the Marin County Superior Court.

SUMMARY: The 2003-2004 Civil Grand Jury published a report on June 4, 2004 entitled "*Marin General Hospital: Moving Beyond the Impasse.*" The report included a request for a response from your Board to Findings 1 and 9, and Recommendation 12. Attached for your consideration, in accordance with §933 of the California Penal Code, is a proposed response. A copy of the Grand Jury report is also attached for your information.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ALTERNATIVE: The Board may amend any suggested response.

REVIEWED BY:

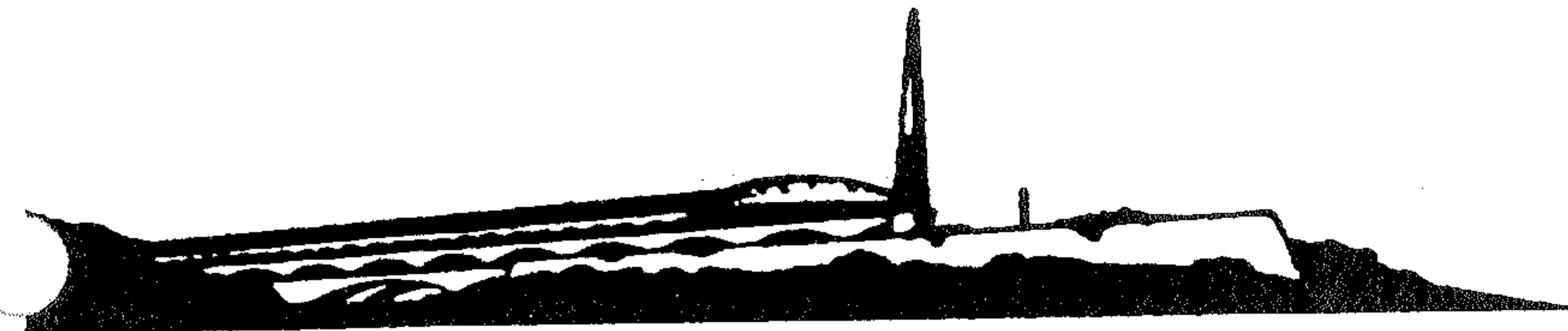
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark J. Riesenfeld".

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cc: Department of Health & Human Services
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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIN COUNTY

August 24, 2004

Honorable Terrence Boren
Presiding Judge
Marin County Superior Court
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

Dear Judge Boren:

Forwarded herewith is the Board of Supervisors' response to the 2003-2004 Grand Jury Report "*Marin General Hospital: Moving Beyond the Impasse*" (June 4, 2004). The Grand Jury requested Board responses to Findings 1 and 9, and Recommendation 12.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Kinsey
President, Board of Supervisors

cc: Civil Grand Jury

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Report Title: Marin General Hospital: Moving Beyond the Impasse

Report Date: June 4, 2004

Response by: Marin County Board of Supervisors

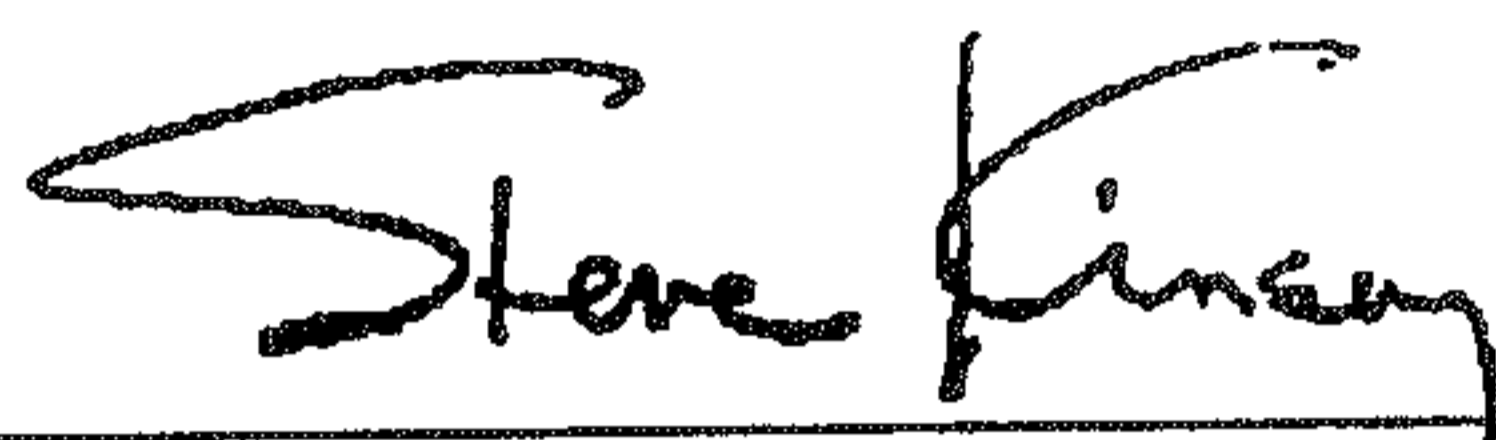
FINDINGS

- We disagree with the finding numbered: 1
- We agree with the finding numbered: 9

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendation number 12 has been implemented. However, the Board does not have direct authority on the matter.

Date: 08/24/2004

Signed: 
Steve Kinsey, President

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**Marin County Board of Supervisors
Response to Civil Grand Jury Report:
Marin General Hospital: Moving Beyond the Impasse (June 4, 2004)**

FINDINGS

Finding 1:

Appropriate healthcare planning in the county is being blocked because of poor interactions among three entities: The District Board, MGH Corporation/Sutter, and a small subset of the public that attend District Board meetings (i.e., the Public Activists).

Disagree. Appropriate healthcare planning is occurring in many venues in the County. The Health and Human Services Department, in coordination with a vast array of County, non-profit, and private organizations, is continuously planning for healthcare improvements in areas such as trauma care, emergency medical, mental health, children's health, maternity care and others. However, the County is aware that there may be issues related to the interactions referenced in Finding 1 and, although the County has no direct authority regarding the interactions, the County will look for appropriate opportunities to foster improvements in healthcare wherever possible.

Finding 9:

The BOS has broad-based responsibilities regarding the healthcare needs of the county.

Agree. Per Welfare and Institutions Code Section 17000, "Every county... shall relieve and support all incompetent, poor, indigent persons, and those incapacitated by age, disease, or accident, lawfully resident therein, when such persons are not supported and relieved by their relatives or friends, by their own means, or by state hospitals or other state or private institutions."

Given that some 92% of Marin County residents are covered by health insurance, it is worth noting that most residents do not directly interact with the County-supported system for their health care services.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 12:

Use your good offices to improve relations between the District Board and MGH Corporation/Sutter.

Recommendation number 12 has been implemented. The Marin County Board of Supervisors fully accepts the role it has in optimizing healthcare access and quality of services. The County has attempted to positively impact relations among the organizations involved in healthcare in the county and will continue to do so. However, the County does not have direct authority over the District Board and MGH Corporation/Sutter and cannot control their relationship.