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July 26, 2005

Board of Supervisors
Marin County Civic Center
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SUBJECT: Response to 2004 - 2005 Grand Jury Report "Marin General Hospital: Moving Beyond the Impasse." (May 2, 2005)

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION: Concur in and adopt the attached proposed response to the 2004-2005 Grand Jury report on Marin General Hospital and authorize the Board President to forward the response to the Presiding Judge of the Marin County Superior Court.

SUMMARY: The 2004-2005 Civil Grand Jury published a report on May 2, 2005, entitled "Marin General Hospital: Moving Beyond the Impasse." The report included a request for response from your Board. 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.

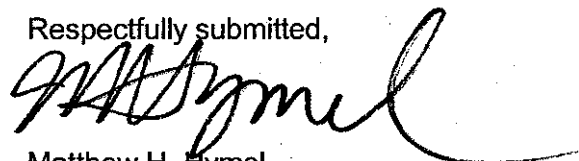
FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ALTERNATIVE: The Board may amend any suggested response.

REVIEWED BY:

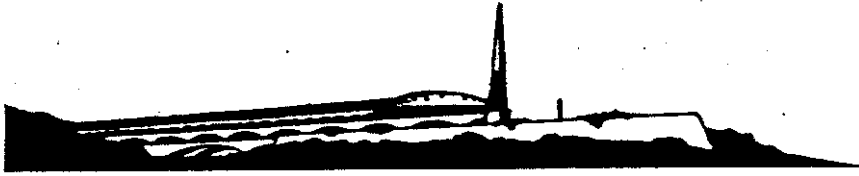
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Respectfully submitted,



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cc: County Counsel



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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIN COUNTY

July 26, 2005

Honorable Terrence R. 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 2004-05 Grand Jury Report "*Marin General Hospital: Moving Beyond the Impasse.*" The Board of Supervisors' response addresses all Findings and Recommendations for which a response was requested from the Board of Supervisors.

Respectfully submitted,

Hal Brown
President, Board of Supervisors

cc: Civil Grand Jury

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RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM

Report Title: *Marin General Hospital: Moving Beyond the Impasse*

Report Date: May 2, 2005

Response by: Marin County Board of Supervisors

FINDINGS

- We agree with the findings numbered: F4
- We disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: F1 and F7

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendation numbered R4 will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable.

(Explanations attached.)

Date: _____ Signed: _____

Number of pages attached: One (1).

MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Response to Findings and Recommendations from Grand Jury Report
Marin General Hospital: Moving Beyond the Impasse, May 2, 2005

FINDINGS

- F1** MGHC/Sutter issued Sutter's Ultimatum in January 2005, giving MHD less than four weeks to respond. MGHC/Sutter was under a cloud with respect to quality of care. The continuing failure to meet the standards required for Medicare reimbursement and the two staff deaths from drug overdose were extraordinary black eyes at that time.

Response: Disagree wholly or partially. This finding does not address an issue that is within the scope of authority of the Board of Supervisors.

- F4.** Every member of the Marin Board of Supervisors agrees that MGH is of paramount importance to the people of Marin County.

Response: Agree.

- F7.** The Marin County Board of Supervisors has taken steps to make both consulting and financial assistance available to the MHD Board.

Response: Disagree. The Board of Supervisors, acting as a body, has not taken steps to make both consulting and financial assistance available to the MHD Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- R4.** That the Board of Supervisors proactively assist the members of the MHD Board to successfully complete recommendations R1 to R3, including making available both expertise and money if needed by the MHD Board.

Response: Will not be implemented because it is not reasonable. While the County has attempted to positively impact relations among the organizations involved in healthcare in the county and will continue to do so, the Board of Supervisors does not have authority over the MHD Board. If the MHD Board requests assistance from the County Board of Supervisors, the Board will consider the request.