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June 11, 2001

Citizens of the County of Lake

On July 13, 2000 a group of 19 citizens of this county was impaneled by the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court and charged with the responsibility of delving into government and other public agencies to determine whether the people are being served effectively. In the past year these 19 citizens have met regularly, in committees and in full session, to act in your behalf. This panel has now concluded their duties.

All items in this final report are brought before the full panel and must be approved by at least 12 members.

One required function of each grand jury in California is the inspection of all detention facilities within the county. In Lake County there are three facilities, the County Detention Facility at Hill Road, the Juvenile Home and a temporary holding facility at Clearlake. The Grand Jury would like to thank The Sheriff, Jail Commander and staff, Chief Probation Officer, Juvenile Home Supervisor and staff and Chief of the Clearlake Police Department and staff, who made these inspections interesting and informative. We would especially like to thank the staff at the Mendocino County Juvenile Home for a very informative tour through their facility to compare and make recommendations which we believe will improve the Lake County Juvenile Home when funds are available. If some of the Juveniles can be prevented from entering the adult system this will be money well spent.

We would like to thank the staff of Department One and Department Three of the Superior Court and the County Administrative Officer and his staff for all their support during our term in office.

The members of the Grand Jury are not lawyers and have little expertise in legal matters. To facilitate such matters the grand jury has at its service, the County Counsel, the District Attorney and their staffs whenever a legal opinion is required. The response has been immediate and professional. We thank you and all of the other people of Lake County for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Acting for the Lake County Grand Jury

Richard Cook, Foreman



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Members of the 2000-2001 Lake County Grand Jury

Edward Bocca (H) Lower Lake	Tonia Brown (N,R) Kelseyville
Lewis Cirillo (H) Upper Lake	Richard Cook, Foreman (H) Clearlake Oaks
Crispian Cufflin (N) Lakeport	Dorothy DeLope (N) Kelseyville
Bonnie Dimauro (H) Lakeport	Ann Edison (A) Clearlake Oaks
Robert Foder (N) Lucerne	Mary Hein (N) Lakeport
Patricia Kane (A) Clearlake	Judith Lanfranco (N) Lakeport
George Metter (H) Kelseyville	Patricia Ness (N) Clearlake
Ralph Norton (N) Lakeport	Walter Patti (A) Kelseyville
Joann Phillips (N,R) Lower Lake	Richard Savage, Secretary (H) Clearlake
Patricia Sylva (N) Lakeport	William Tett (N) Clearlake Oaks
Richard Todd (H) Kelseyville	Bruce Windhorst (N,R) Middletown

A - Added during term
N - New in July 1999

H - Holdover from 1998-99 GJ
R - Resigned during term



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Committee Activity:

The Grand Jury traditionally divides itself into six standing committees, and one ad hoc committee. The standing committees are:

1. Public Safety Committee
2. Public Services Committee
3. Health & Social Services Committee
4. Planning and Public Works Committee
5. Government Services Committee
6. Financial Services Committee

The ad hoc committee is called the Edit and Review Committee, which meets when necessary to review the work of the standing committees. The Foreperson is an ex-officio member of all these committees. All materials prepared for inclusion in this final report are reviewed by this committee and put into proper format for presentation to the full Grand Jury.

Committee Assignments for 1999-2000 Lake County Grand Jury

Financial Services

Met 1st and 3rd Wed: 9:00AM

Chair: Olha

Members: Gilbert

Ledoux

Dimauro

Metteer

Government Services

Met 1st & 3rd Wed: 11:00 AM

Chair: Ledoux

Members: Cook

Pipari

Sage

Metteer

Planning and Public Works

Met 1st and 3rd Tues: 11:00 AM

Chair: Goebel

Members: Bocca

Buffa

Cook

Racine

Shaw

Public Services

Meets 1st and 3rd Thur: 11:00 AM

Chair: Racine

Members: Cirillo

Donnelson

Shaw

Smoley

Dimaure

Public Safety

Met 1st and 3rd Thur: 9:00 AM

Chair: Donnelson

Members: Bocca

Cirillo

Goebel

Todd

Smoley

Health & Social Services

Meets 1st and 3rd Tues : 9:00 AM

Chair: Sage

Members: Buffa

Gilbert

Olha

Pipari

Todd



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Committee Assignments for 1999-2000 Lake County Grand Jury

Public Safety

Lewis Cirillo - Chair
Richard Todd
Edward Bocca
Robert Foder
Patricia Kane
Patricia Sylva

Health & Social Services

Dorothy DeLope - Chair
Patricia Ness
Walter Patti
Mary Hein
Ann Edison
Patricia Sylva

Public Services

Patricia Ness - Chair
Bonnie Dimauro
Mary Hein
Patricia Kane
Richard Todd
Walter Patti

Planning & Public Works

Cris Cufflin - Chair
William Tett
Judith Lanfranco
Edward Bocca
Lewis Cirillo

Government Services

William Tett - Chair
Bonnie Dimauro
Judith Lanfranco
George Metteer
Ralph Norton
Dorothy DeLope

Financial Services

George Metteer - Chair
Ann Edison
Ralph Norton
Cris Cufflin
Robert Foder



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GRAND JURY SITTING IN FULL SESSION

SUMMARY:

The Grand Jury was convened for the purpose of investigating the South Lake County Fire District.

PURPOSE:

To review the circumstances of violations of the Brown Act by the Board of Directors of the South Lake Fire Protection District.

FINDINGS:

1. There were several occasions when the Brown Act was ignored.
2. Board meetings were held without prior public notification.
3. There was continual dissention among the Board members at meetings causing the meetings to be disorganized and less than harmonious.
4. A considerable amount of time and money were needlessly expended on personnel matters.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. All present and future Board members should understand the provisions of the Brown Act. Members should attend educational seminars on the Brown Act.
2. All meetings of the Board must be publicly posted according to the provisions of the Brown Act.
3. Board members must act responsible, and conduct business with the best interests of the community at heart.
4. The Board should work together for the benefit of the District.

CONCLUSIONS:

Educational seminars are available through the office of the County Counsel.

Individual interviews of the District Board members were conducted by the District Attorney's Office in the presence of the Grand Jury, with the intent that the Grand Jury use these interviews in order to fully develop its findings and recommendations.



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CLEAR LAKE OAKS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

SUMMARY:

A complaint was received about Clear Lake Oaks Water District regarding the purchase of new water meters.

PURPOSE:

To investigate the ongoing irregularities within the District Administration.

FINDINGS:

1. The Board president accepted gratuities from a vendor without reporting them. He did not abstain from a matter pending before the Board concerning the Vendor Company.
2. There were violations of the Brown Act.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. All gratuities received must be reported and the member must abstain from any discussion or voting pertaining to the subject matter.
2. All Board members and the secretary must be made aware of the Brown Act so public confidence will not be undermined.

CONCLUSIONS:

After conferring with County Counsel and the District Attorney, it was agreed that the District Attorney would handle this investigation and any prospective prosecution.

Each member must be knowledgeable of the contents of the Brown Act. If questions arise, County

Counsel should be consulted instead of retaining an outside attorney.



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Public Safety Committee 2000-2001 Lake County Grand Jury

Visitation: Hill Road Detention Facility

Purpose: to comply with existing State law, and to determine the degree to which the facility is being operated within staffing and budget limitations.

Findings:

1. The booking area is arranged so that bookings do not interfere with other duties. The sally port (double doors with individual locks) leaving the intake and release area is not equipped with camera or intercom/speaker system.
2. Cellblocks and clothing are color coded, according to risk factors, for ease of identification.
3. The observation tower is centrally located, so that cell blocks can be viewed.
4. A well maintained kitchen is on site for the preparation of well balanced meals.
5. There is a wide range of facilities available for the inmates as well as all necessities.
6. There are areas that are unpainted.
7. The personal property room lacked fire extinguishers.

Recommendations:

1. The Grand Jury recommends an audio system and camera be installed in the sally port adjacent to intake and release. There is a possibility of staff being locked in there for undetermined amounts of time.
2. None.
3. None.

4. None.
5. None.
6. The Grand Jury recommends that the painting be completed.
7. The Grand Jury recommends a fire extinguisher be added to the personal property room.

Conclusion:

Members of the Grand Jury were impressed with the facility and wish to commend the staff. They are aware of the changing needs and are working to keep pace. They are diligent, dedicated and are willing to do extra to improve every aspect of their jobs. They are actively looking for a volunteer to assist in auxiliary services. The Grand Jury recommends that funding and staffing be continued to maintain this level of operation.



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Public Safety Committee

Visitation: Clearlake Police Department

The State of California requires that the Grand Jury of each county inspect all detention facilities within their counties on an annual basis.

Purpose: to comply with existing State laws, and examine facilities for efficiency and operating status.

Findings:

1. A small holding facility for temporary detainment. It was clean and in good order.
2. The dispatch area was modern and efficient. They have lap-tops in their cars for added security, and take their vehicles home for convenience and efficiency.
3. Their computer system is connected to virtually every agency in the country.
4. They are equipped with a back-up generator.

Conclusion: This department is efficient and well staffed with very little turnover.

Recommendations: None



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Public Safety Committee 2000-2001 Lake County Grand Jury

Citizen's Complaint:

SUMMARY:

A complaint was received on September 29, 2000, accusing a Sheriff's officer of harassment and dereliction of duty. This was difficult to pursue, as the complaint was on behalf of a juvenile. The complaint further stated that the officer made it a habit of driving by their home when he had no clear reason to be there.

Findings:

1. After interviewing the parents it was clear that they had reason to believe that their child was innocent of the alleged crime, and that the officer in question had already made up his mind. The parents provided names of witnesses and accounts of time that would make the crime improbable for the juvenile to have committed.
2. The juvenile was taken into custody, and later released to his parents.
3. The complainants had a history with this officer. When they were the victims, they claim, this officer refused to make a report.
4. Several of the incidents involved a second juvenile.
5. The complainant failed to file a formal report requesting an internal investigation.

Recommendations:

1. It would seem advisable for the Sheriff's Office to have checked with the available witnesses. It seems highly unlikely that charges would have been dropped if they had a case.

2. None.
3. We do not know the officer's intent since the officer has left the area.
4. None.
5. Complainant would have to make a formal inquiry for the Sheriff's Office to conduct an internal review.

Conclusion:

We were unable to speak with the officer, or see any of the reports, as he has left the area. We were also unable to see any reports concerning juveniles.



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Citizen's Complaint: A complaint was received on August 7, 2000, complaining about an obvious drug house and the Sheriff's Office' lack of attention.

Purpose: To determine if it was a drug house, there is no evidence of knowledge of this by the Sheriff's Office.

Findings: While there may be a drug house, there is no evidence to support the Sheriffs' Office knowledge of this.

1. The complainant made no report to the Sheriff's Office.
2. The Sheriff's Office would not have probable cause without a complaint.
3. The unique locations of many rural properties, puts them out of public view and difficult to even recognize patterns.

There is no evidence to investigate this further. Information about this property was shared with the Sheriff's Office.

Recommendations: None



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Public Safety Committee 2000-2001 Lake County Grand Jury

Citizen's Complaint: Hill Road Facility

Summary:

During the current term, this Grand Jury received a total of five(5) complaints, originated by four(4) citizens, incarcerated at the Lake County Jail, at the Hill Road Facility. Because the complaints were substantially the same in character and content, the response to them will be covered in one report. Issues of racial discrimination, excessive force, and denial of privileges.

Purpose:

To interview complaints, correctional personnel and administrative personnel to determine of any of the listed allegations contained merit, and if any of them fell within the jurisdiction of the Grand Jury.

Findings:

1. In the case involving discrimination. The Grand Jury found to have no merit to this accusation.
2. In the case of excessive force information obtained indicated, the need for such action was necessary in controlling the situations.
3. The witness tampering information obtained, indicated that all evidence was hearsay and inaccurate. We found no evidence to support this complaint.

Recommendations: None

Conclusion: None



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Public Safety Committee 2000-2001 Lake County Grand Jury

Visitation: Lake County Juvenile Hall

In compliance with California State law, requiring the inspection of all detention facilities within each county, the Grand Jury visited the facility on September 20, 2000 and again on March 28, 2001.

Purpose:

To determine present conditions of the facility, and verify that all requirements pertaining to juveniles are being properly addressed.

Findings:

The Grand Jury found the facility to be neat, clean and well maintained.

1. A well equipped kitchen that is not being utilized.
2. The atmosphere is institutional.
3. The classroom size is not conducive to all day classes.
4. It was the concern of the Grand Jury that while half of the inmates are in school, the remaining half are in lock down.
5. The personnel seem satisfied meeting minimum requirements, and seem reluctant to consider change.

Conclusion: Request a commissioner be assigned to juvenile hall. This would eliminate transporting the juveniles and exposing them to the public while eliminating security risks.

Recommendations:

1. That the kitchen be reopened at the earliest opportunity.
2. None.
3. Funding and staffing are approved to have full day sessions in schools.
4. A request is made for appropriate construction, to meet the required standards, and to hire another teacher.



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Planning And Public Works Committee 2000-2001 Lake County Grand Jury

Citizen's Complaint:

SUMMARY:

On September 4th, the grand jury received a complaint regarding the condition of the street in front of complainant's property.

PURPOSE:

To investigate if the Grand Jury had any recommendations concerning complaint.

FINDINGS:

1. The problem, although it exists, is the responsibility of the City of Clearlake Public Works Department.
2. The Grand Jury has no power over the City of Clearlake budgetary process and how funds are allocated.

Recommendations:

None.



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Government Services Committee Lake County Grand Jury 2000-2001

SUMMARY:

A complaint was submitted to the Lake County Grand Jury relating to harassment and poor management practices within the Lake County Assessor/Recorder Department.

PURPOSE:

To investigate the complaint through personal interviews and the review of office memos.

Findings:

1. Investigation revealed severe mental and emotional stress prevalent among personnel in the Assessor/Recorder's office due in part to the inadequate and ineffective management skills on the part of the department head, the department supervisors and the Lake County Personnel Director.
2. Extended periods of absence of the elected Assessor/Recorder were detrimental to the management of the department. The minimal oversight by the Assessor/Recorder as well as the lack of human relation/management skills on the part of the department supervisors resulted in stress on the personnel and the gradual formation of a hostile work environment.
3. During the course of this investigation, the Assessor/Recorder retired. Following his retirement, the Board of Supervisors appointed an interim Assessor/Recorder pending applicants to fill the remaining term of office. The assignment of this interim department head resulted in an overall improvement within the department.
4. The introduction of the Mega-byte computer system to replace prior programs occurred without sufficient effective training of the department users causing confusion, frustration, resistance and discouragement within the department.

5. A highly congested employee work space coupled with very poor ergonomic design of the user work stations resulted in the loss of effective productivity and contributed to employee job dissatisfaction.
6. The newly appointed Assessor/Recorder had made significant changes within the department, including networking with other departmental heads. This had resulted in apparent overall improvement in productivity and the work environment.

Recommendations:

1. Intensive and sensitive human relations/management skills training to be mandated for the department head, the supervisory personnel and the Lake County Personnel Director.
2. The future Assessor/Recorder to be a hands-on manager and accessible daily.
3. None.
4. An aggressive Mega-byte training program to be mandatory for all department employees.
5. To undertake immediate steps to reduce the congestion within the Assessor/Recorder's office by redefining the work space into a suitable ergonomically sound environment.
6. None.

Conclusion:

The Grand Jury believes that the appointment of the current Assessor/Recorder has resulted in a more homogeneous work environment.



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Financial Services and Government Services Committee Lake County Grand Jury 2000-2001

SUMMARY:

A complaint was submitted to the Lake County Grand Jury relating to the Treasurer/Tax Collector Department. In response to the complaint and upon review of the Smith and Newell Audit management Report for the year ending June 30, 2000, several repeat unresolved issues from prior years were discovered. Upon further investigation many other areas of concern came to the attention of the Financial Services and Government Services committees.

PURPOSE:

To investigate the operation of the Lake County Treasurer/Tax Collector Department, including the examination and evaluation of the recommendations made by the outside auditing firm of Smith and Newell.

Findings:

1. Tax collections were being held for several months before being deposited, causing a significant loss in earned interest income in the Lake County General Fund, as well as serious concerns by the tax payers of Lake County regarding their seemingly unpaid tax bills and uncleared checks.

Checks received were not being endorsed upon receipt, creating a critical daily security risk.

Cash drawers were being allowed to collect excessive amounts without being drawn and without being reconciled on a daily basis, creating a critical security risk.

As a result of the Grand Jury investigation, collections are now being routinely deposited, cash drawers are being drawn down in a timely manner and checks are being endorsed immediately upon receipt. However, daily reconciliations are still not occurring.

2. Monthly reports are not being submitted to the office of the Auditor/County Clerk as required by state law.
3. In the past three plus years, the Treasurer/Tax Collector has allowed tax delinquent properties to remain on the tax rolls without implementing the foreclosure procedure. Property Tax revenues replenish the 689.02 Redemption Fund For Funding of 1995 Bonds for the payment on existing Bonds. Without these tax revenues, the 689.02 fund will be depleted by September, 2001, and the monies to make the bond payments will have to be drawn from the Lake County General Fund.

As a result of this Grand Jury investigation, and by agreement of the Treasurer/Tax Collector, a small number of the tax delinquent properties were placed into the foreclosure process and more than \$66,000 was collected through March 1, 2001.

4. The installation of and training on the Mega-Byte computer system took longer than expected. There were also marked problems concerning the delegation of duties and the cross-training of staff.

During the course of the grand jury investigation, a Chief Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector was hired and some delegation of duties and cross-training of staff has occurred.

5. The Lake County Treasurer's Oversight Committee does not meet quarterly as required by state of law.

Recommendations:

1. Deposits continue to be made timely, cash drawers down daily, and checks be endorsed immediately upon receipt. Reconciliation of cash drawers must also be performed on a daily basis. It is recommended the 2001-2002 Grand Jury monitor these activities.
2. Monthly reports to be made in accordance with state law. It is recommended the 2001-2001 Grand Jury monitor this activity.
3. Foreclosure proceedings on all remaining delinquent properties to be instituted no later than December 31, 2001. It is recommended the 2001-2002 Grand Jury monitor this activity.
4. Further delegations of duties to be made, management training to be established and cross-training to become a requirement on both the Mega-Byte system and other departmental duties for all personnel. It is recommended the 2001-2002 Grand Jury monitor these activities.
5. The Lake County Treasurer's Oversight Committee to meet quartly as mandated by state law. It is recommended the 2001-2002 Grand Jury monitor this activity.



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Purpose:

Upon request of the Lake County Board of Supervisors, the Lake County Grand Jury agreed to investigate the rate of compensation for the Board under Code #927.

Findings:

1. The Grand Jury finds that the present rate of compensation accorded the Board of Supervisors is inadequate for their time spent in the service of the County of Lake.
2. The Grand Jury finds that an attempt to base the pay rate of the Board to an outside entity, i.e. the California Superior Court judges, removes the citizens of the County of Lake from any input in this matter.
3. The Grand jury finds that salaries paid to elected officials of the County should remain within the jurisdiction of the County of Lake.

Recommendations:

1. Based on the average of the salaries of the other elected officials of the County, i.e. District Attorney, Sheriff, Assessor, Auditor/Controller, Treasurer/Tax Collector, the members of the Grand Jury recommend that the Board of Supervisors be compensated at a rate of sixty percent of that average.
2. The Grand Jury recommends that this increase in salary be based on the County's fiscal year with an increase to fifty-five percent of the elected officials average pay beginning with the new fiscal year (July 1, 2001).
3. In the fiscal year 2003-2004 (July 1, 2003), we recommend that the Board of Supervisors salaries be increased to sixty percent of the other elected County officials, as listed. The Grand Jury recommends the compensation of the Board remain at the sixty percent level.

No Response required as this was presented to the Board of Supervisors, February 2001.



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2000-2001 County Of Lake Grand Jury Health and Social Services Committee

SUMMARY:

Under the California Penal Code 925 which states in part "investigations may be conducted on some selective basis each year", the Health & Social Services Committee agreed to investigate the Children's Protective Services (CPS) Foster Care Program which falls under the Social Service department of Lake County.

Purpose:

To determine if CPS is providing adequate care and supervision for those children placed in temporary foster care and in permanent foster homes and to determine if allocated funds are sufficient.

Findings:

1. The CPS agency has annual turnover ratio for personnel of 37-40% the reasons being money and stress. The administrator has developed a program in which a qualified employee who desires to remain in Lake County can enroll in the Davis College Educational program and pursue their degree in Social Service.
2. The Emergency Foster Care homes are well supervised by CPS. The temporary parent(s) are pre-screened and homes inspected by CPS before they are approved to participate in the program.
3. The County of Lake utilizes outside agencies for placing a child in a permanent or temporary foster home when ordered by the courts. CPS maintains a weekly check on the child placed in the outside agency's foster care home. The Foster Care Agencies are licensed by the State of California and do not fall under the jurisdiction of the County of Lake.

4. The Social Service department administers four programs related to Foster Care including the new Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment Program, referred to as "Kin-Gap" which provides assistance to relatives who are approved as foster parents. The other programs are Foster Care Placement, Adoption Assistance, and Severely Emotional Disturbed (SED) foster care placements.
5. The question of the County of Lake not meeting their requirements for matching funds allocated by the State was referred to the county administrator for information and explanation. It was determined that the County does in fact match grant funds spent by the Social Service Department but that the process may not be clearly understood by Social Services.

Recommendations:

1. None
2. None.
3. None
4. None.
5. With respect to matching funds, the relevant department heads of Social Services should meet with the county administrator to discuss the process of matching funds so that this process is thoroughly understood.

Conclusion:

The Grand Jury commends the CPS agency for its dedication to the children of Lake County who are placed under their protection and care. The staff is also commended on staying within their budget and actively pursuing new ideas and options to offset the high percentage of employee turnover.

On a whole, the Social Service Department is to be commended in their endeavor to provide our County with its ever growing social service needs. Their ongoing improvements and positive growth plans for the future is an asset to the County of Lake.



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2000-2001 County Of Lake Grand Jury Health and Social Services Committee

SUMMARY:

The Health & Social Service Committee received one complaint which is a dispute between private parties. The complaint is in litigation and, therefore, out of the jurisdiction of the Grand Jury.

The committee agreed to follow up on the 1999-2000 Grand Jury recommendations for the Alcohol & Other Drug Services (AODS).

Purpose:

To determine if the 1999-2000 Grand Jury recommendations had been followed and if so, to report on the findings.

Findings:

1. The 1999-2000 Grand Jury Recommendation: "Provide Alcohol & Other drug Services (AODS) at least one day per week for each Middle School and High School within the County".

As indicated by the Program Administrator, there was an approximate 50% decrease in the funds allocated by the State for the AODS programs. The allocated funds for 1999-2000 were \$391,000. The allocated funds for 2000-2001 were reduced to \$219,000 by the State. Since the State Department of Alcohol and Drugs provides the full funding, the County of Lake does not budget for this program.

Due to the recommendation of the 99-00 Grand Jury, additional funding was approved by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for AODS Youth Counseling. Two AODS Preventive Specialists were added to staff, for one day per week at each of the Middle schools and High Schools. In addition, an after school counseling program was added which included family members.

At this time, information received reflects that the State may have increases its AODS allocations to \$379,000 for the coming budget year of 2001-2002. This will be verified when the new State budget is released.

2. 1999-2000 Grand Jury Recommendation: "The County of Lake should continue to support the efforts of AODS, Drug Abuse Alternative Center (DAAC), Lake County Office of Education and Lake County Mental Health with the funds and facilities required to bring in a "Clean and Sober" school site."

With the decrease of State allocations for 00-01, the County of Lake was able to provide seem additional funding as indicated to support this effort.

3. 1999-2000 Grand Jury Recommendation: "Provide an appropriate counseling environment compatible with its clientele"

The Cal-Works program, under Social Services Department, was able to relocate their AODS counseling and provide a more suitable environment for Cal-Works enrollees.

The AODS Youth Counseling program, under the Mental Health Department, remains in the same facility. With the possibility of the increases allocations from the State and under the direction of the recently appointed new Mental Health Director, the department had a positive attitude toward securing of more compatible environment for their clientele.

Recommendations:

1. The County of Lake should continue to support the AODS programs if necessary until such time as the program can function within the funding allocated by the State.
2. None.
3. The County of Lake fully support the efforts of the Mental Health Department in providing a more appropriate environment for the AODS Youth Counseling Program. It is recommended that the 2001-02 Grand Jury follow up on these efforts to determine if monetary assistance from the County of Lake is required.

Conclusion:

The 2000-2001 Grand Jury commends the efforts of the Health Department staff in securing the needed funding for AODS Youth Counseling which resulted in fulfilling last year's Grand Jury's recommendation.