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Healthcare District**

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The Honorable Michael Fagalde, Presiding Judge, and Members of the Grand Jury  
Mariposa County Superior Court  
P.O. Box 28  
Mariposa, CA 95338-0028

Re: Mariposa County Civil Grand Jury Report 2021-2022

Dear Judge Fagaldi and Esteemed Members of the Civil Grand Jury,

The newly elected Board of Directors of the John C. Fremont Healthcare District is in receipt of the 2021-2022 Grand Jury Report titled "John C. Fremont Healthcare District Board Meeting Violations". Although the previous Board of Directors submitted their response to the Findings and Recommendations, the newly elected Board of Directors feel compelled to respond to the recommendations that were not completed by the previous board and administration.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

R1. The JCF Board of Directors must follow the Brown Act, Health and Safety Code 3200-32499.4 and GC 54956.87 requirements.

*Response: this recommendation has been implemented in all board meetings. The newly elected board uses GC templates to prepare all agendas.*

R2. JCF's legal counsel must be present at all closed sessions items regarding litigation.

*Response: This recommendation has been implemented. It is standard procedure for the newly elected board to have legal counsel at closed session items regarding litigation.*

R3. The JCF Board must ensure it is only discussing items in closed session that fall under the purview of closed session and are properly noticed.

*Response: This recommendation has been implemented. The newly elected board is always careful when preparing items for closed session. When in doubt legal counsel is consulted prior to agenda preparation.*

R4. The JCF Board should ensure that staff drafting meeting agendas and minutes have the training they need to carry out that job function.

*Response: This recommendation has been implemented. Immediately after the election, the Clerk of the Board was sent to a Brown Act training and certification course. That*

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*COB has since resigned. A new COB has been hired and comes to us with Brown Act training and experience. Current Brown Act training will be part of the orientation process. The new COB will also have ongoing monthly Brown Act training with the Board of Directors in their monthly meetings.*

R5. The JCF Board of Directors should schedule Brown Act training on a regular basis.

*Response: This recommendation has been implemented. The New Board of Directors has completed several sessions of Brown Act training. Continued Brown Act training is scheduled monthly in our regular meeting.*

The newly elected Board of Directors is committed to following all laws and regulations pertaining to our service to the citizens of Mariposa County. We are thankful for your service to the Civil Grand Jury and are available for any question, concerns or clarifications you may require.

Sincerely,

Wendy Ryder-Priola, RN, BSN, Chairperson  
Rose Fluharty, MScN, Vice Chairperson, Secretary  
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