



**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Administrative Office	(2) MEETING DATE 7/9/2024	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Sarah Hayter / (805) 781-1599	
(4) SUBJECT Request to 1) approve responses to the FY 2023-24 Grand Jury report titled "Inspection Report for San Luis Obispo County Law Enforcement and Detention Facilities 2023-2024"; and 2) forward the responses to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court by July 29, 2024.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board: 1. Adopt as a County's response to the referenced Grand Jury report titled "Inspection Report for San Luis Obispo County Law Enforcement and Detention Facilities 2023-2024" the attached response prepared by the Behavioral Health Department to Recommendation 4; 2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to forward the approved responses to the Presiding Judge and the Grand Jury by July 29, 2024; and 3. Receive and file responses from the County Sheriff's Office to the San Luis Obispo Grand Jury's 2023-24 report titled "Inspection Report for San Luis Obispo County Law Enforcement and Detention Facilities 2023-2024."			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0	(9) BUDGETED? N/A
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT ☒ Consent ☐ Presentation ☐ Hearing (Time Est. _____) ☐ Board Business (Time Est. _____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS ☐ Resolutions ☐ Contracts ☐ Ordinances ☒ N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A ☐ 4/5th's Vote Required ☒ N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY ☒ N/A Date _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW This item was prepared by the Administrative Office.			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S)			



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Administrative Office / Sarah Hayter / (805) 781-1599

DATE: 7/9/2024

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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

On May 30, 2024, the San Luis Obispo County Grand Jury (Grand Jury) issued a report titled "Inspection Report for San Luis Obispo County Law Enforcement and Detention Facilities 2023-2024" (Attachment 1). The State of California requires grand juries to inspect all jails, holding cells, and state prisons within their respective counties on a yearly basis. The Grand Jury Report investigated city, county, and state detention facilities in the San Luis Obispo County, including the County's Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF).

The Grand Jury report included seven findings and four recommendations. Responses were required as follows:

Required Responses	Recommendations
County Sherriff's Office	R1, R2, R3
Behavioral Health Department	R4

All responses must conform to the response language and timelines required under Penal Code section 933. Under this section, Board adopted responses from County departments must be submitted to the presiding judge of the superior court within 90 days of the date the report is released.

The responses from County Sherriff's Office and the Health Agency are scheduled to be transmitted to the Presiding Judge and the Grand Jury by July 29, 2024. The recommended responses from the Behavioral Health Department are attached.

As part of the report, the Grand Jury conducted an inspection of the San Luis Obispo County Juvenile Hall. While no recommendations or findings were identified, the Chief Probation Officer highlighted several inconsistencies in the report that need to be corrected for accuracy.

Grand Jury Report	Response
"The CVA (Coastal Valley Academy) is a residential camp, which has taken the place of the California Youth Authority (CYA)..."	This is factually incorrect. CVA was established as an alternative to the elimination of group home placements under the Continuum Care Reform (AB 403), initiated by the State in 2015.
"One of the tools used is Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS), which is a State program that rewards youth for respectful behavior."	Referring to PBIS as a state program is inaccurate. PBIS is an evidence-based model implemented by the County Office of Education to support students in the Juvenile Court School and Community School, and it has been adopted facility-wide as the primary behavior management system.
"Per staff, Cuesta College is building a facility to help destigmatize youth who have become involved in the criminal justice system."	Cuesta College is not building a facility. More accurately, Cuesta College is establishing a center to support justice-involved youth attending Cuesta. This initiative is part of the Rising Scholar grant awarded to Cuesta College in partnership with Probation.
"Detainees are allowed two hours of visit time per week. Most visits are conducted via Zoom calls, a practice first implemented during the pandemic."	Additionally, Probation facilitates in-person visits for detainees, in addition to Zoom calls which were initially implemented during the pandemic.

These corrections clarify the inaccuracies noted by the Chief Probation Officer and provide more accurate information for the record based on the inspection of the San Luis Obispo County Juvenile Hall.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The County Sheriff and the Health Agency drafted the recommended responses to the Grand Jury report.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Costs for preparing this response are included in current department budgets. There are no significant anticipated financial impacts to the County budget that will result either directly or indirectly from the recommended action. Any future financial impacts associated with the recommended action will be considered as they arise.

RESULTS

Adoption of the responses will make it possible for the County to meet the legal requirements and time frames for responding to a Grand Jury report with findings and recommendations under California Penal Code Section 933. The responses from the Sheriff's Office and the Health Agency to the FY 2023-24 Grand Jury report titled " Inspection Report for San Luis Obispo County Law Enforcement and Detention Facilities " will be adopted and transmitted to the Presiding Judge and the Grand Jury as required. This action is consistent with the County's goal to promote a well-governed community.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Attachment 1 - FY 2023-24 Grand Jury Report - Inspection Report for San Luis Obispo County Law Enforcement and Detention Facilities
- 2 Attachment 2 – Agency response from the Sheriff's Office (informational only)
- 3 Attachment 3 – Agency response from the Health Agency

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: "Inspection Report for San Luis Obispo County"

Report Date: June 18, 2024

Response by: Ian Parkinson **Title:** Sheriff-Coroner

FINDINGS

1. I (we) agree with the findings numbered: F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6
2. I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: _____
(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Recommendations numbered R1 have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implementation actions.)
2. Recommendations numbered R2, R3 have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
3. Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis.
(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of the publication of the Grand Jury report.)
4. Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: 6/18/24

Signed: _____

Number of pages attached: 3



May 31, 2024

San Luis Obispo Civil Grand Jury
P.O. Box 4910
San Luis Obispo, CA 93403

RE: Grand Jury 2024 Report – Inspection Report for the San Luis Obispo County Law Enforcement and Detention Facilities 2023-2024

Dear Grand Jury:

I have reviewed the 2024 San Luis Obispo County Grand Jury “Inspection Report for San Luis Obispo County Law Enforcement and Detention Facilities.” Below is my response to your findings and recommendations.

Findings

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY JAIL

Finding F1- Agree

“The location of the Oklahoma Avenue Safe Parking Site next to the Honor Farm continues to create a safety hazard to inmates and staff. Despite increased physical security, illegal substances are still placed in close proximity to the Honor Farm perimeter.”

The Oklahoma Safe Parking site was officially closed on May 6, 2024.

Finding F2 - Agree

“Honor Farm programs are operating at minimal levels due to the current low inmate population which may affect the ability to provide the benefits traditionally associated with inmate vocational training.”

Honor Farm programs are still providing all the vocational programs; however, due to the low inmate population, there is a significant reduction of inmates participating in these programs.

CITY POLICE AND COUNTY COURTHOUSE HOLDING CELLS

Finding F3 - Agree

“Despite waiting for progress by the State to build a new courthouse, the current holding cells are functioning well and meeting the needs of the inmate population.”

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY CORONER’S FACILITY

Finding F4 - Agree

“Physical space at the County Coroner’s facility is limited, thus negatively impacting the overall work atmosphere.”

Physical space is limited in the coroner’s facility, and that additional office and support space would improve the overall work atmosphere of the office. Operationally, however, the autopsy suite has undergone multiple improvements over the past few years and is completely capable of supporting the operational need for which it is intended. The Sheriff’s Office continues to look for additional space, however currently we do not have the budget for additional space.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY PROPERTY ROOM

Finding F5 - Agree

“The need for improved climate control at the County Property Room continues to cause concern for staff well-being and preservation of evidence.”

A mechanical engineer with Public Works examined the property room on April 24, 2024, regarding climate control. Public Works has a project set to move a large ceiling heater and add an air conditioning unit within the property room to improve climate control. Public Works does not currently have an estimated start date for this project.

Finding F6 - Agree

“Property room evidence storage capacity for the walk-in refrigerator and the overall facility is of concern.”

The concern is really about the walk-in freezer (there is no walk-in refrigerator) that contains biological evidence. The walk-in freezer is approximately 90% full. Before adding another freezer, the property room needs to expand. Plans are in place to expand the property room to an adjacent building and then a freezer can be purchased. The current walk-in freezer has one to two years of storage capacity remaining.

Recommendations

Recommendation 1- Implemented

“The San Luis Obispo County Sheriff should continue to work with the Homeless Services Division regarding closing the Oklahoma Safe Parking site in 2024.”

The Oklahoma Safe Parking site was officially closed on May 6, 2024.

Recommendation 2- Has not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future.

“The San Luis Obispo County Sheriff should complete property room climate control enhancements in 2024.”

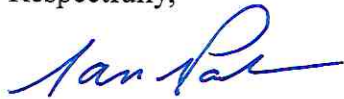
A Mechanical engineer with Public Works examined the property room on 04/24/2024 regarding climate control. Public Works has a project set to move a large ceiling heater and add an air conditioning unit within the property room to improve climate control. Public Works does not currently have an estimated start date for this project.

Recommendation 3- Has not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future.

“The San Luis Obispo County Sheriff should develop a plan by January 1, 2025, to deal with evidence storage reaching maximum capacity levels.”

A current plan is in place to move vehicles and equipment from a storage space in the same building adjacent to the Property Office. The removal of those vehicles and equipment would create additional storage space for the Property Office.

Respectfully,



Ian S. Parkinson
Sheriff-Coroner

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: "Inspection Report for San Luis Obispo County Law Enforcement and Detention Facilities 2023-2024"

Report Date: May 28, 2024

Response by: Nicholas Drews **Title:** Health Agency Director

FINDINGS

1. I (we) agree with the findings numbered: F7
2. I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: _____
(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Recommendations numbered _____ have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implementation actions.)
2. Recommendations numbered R4 have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
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4. Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: 06/24/2024

Signed: 

Number of pages attached: 2



June 24, 2024

San Luis Obispo Civil Grand Jury PO Box 4910
San Luis Obispo, CA, 93403

RE: Grand Jury 2024 Report – "Inspection Report for San Luis Obispo County Law Enforcement and Detention Facilities 2023-2024"

Dear Grand Jury:

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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "ND", is written above the name Nicholas Drews.

Nicholas Drews
Health Agency Director

Grand Jury Response to Detention Facilities in San Luis Obispo County

Findings

The San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office is required to respond to: R4.

Recommendation R4 – The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, with a timeframe for implementation.

“The San Luis Obispo County Behavioral Health Department should forward all performance and assessment reports (outlined in the operating agreement) regarding PHF’s management by Crestwood Behavioral Health to the 2024-2025 San Luis Obispo Grand Jury by November 1, 2024.”

The San Luis Obispo County Behavioral Health Department will forward all performance and assessment reports (outlined in the operating agreement) regarding PHF’s management by Crestwood Behavioral Health to the 2024-2025 San Luis Obispo Grand Jury by November 1, 2024.

Respectfully,

Nicholas Drews
Health Agency Director