

MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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August 10, 2016

The Honorable Judge Kelly V. Simmons
Marin County Superior Court
P.O. Box 4988
San Rafael, CA 94913-4988

John Mann, Foreperson
Marin County Grand Jury
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room #275
San Rafael, CA 94903

Re: Marinwood CSD Grand Jury Report Response

Dear Judge Simmons and Foreperson Mann,

Please find the included response from Marinwood Community Services District Board of Directors to the recent Grand Jury report "*Marin's Hidden Human Sex Trafficking Challenge: It's Happening In Our Backyard.*"

The included response was discussed and approved by the Marinwood Community Services District Board of Directors during open session at their regular meeting conducted August 9, 2016.

Sincerely,



Eric Dreikosen
District Manager
Marinwood Community Services District

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: Marin's Hidden Human Sex Trafficking

Report Date: 6/16/16

Agenda Date: 8/9/16

Response by: Justin Kai Title: Board President

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: F3, F9, F10, F12
- I (we) disagree *partially* with the findings numbered: _____
- I (we) disagree *wholly* with the findings numbered: _____

(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefor.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered _____ have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered R5 _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- 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 publication of the grand jury report.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: 8/9/16 Signed: 

Number of pages attached 3

Marinwood Community Services District
Response to Grand Jury Report:
“Marin’s Hidden Human Sex Trafficking Challenge: It’s Happening In Our Backyard”
Discussed and Approved in Open Session on August 9, 2016

Link to Report: <http://www.marincounty.org/~media/files/departments/gj/reports-responses/2015/marin-hidden-human-sex-trafficking-challenge.pdf>

The Marinwood Community Services District (District) Board of Directors and staff would like to thank the members of the Grand Jury for the attention given to the important issues and concerns regarding human sex trafficking through their research and associated report “Marin’s Hidden Human Sex Trafficking Challenge: It’s Happening in Our Backyard.”

In addition to recommendation R5, the District was required to respond to all findings (F1-F13) contained within the report. The requirement to respond to all findings posed a challenge for the District in conforming to the required response format – Agree; Partially Disagree; Disagree Wholly – as many of the findings did not pertain to services provided by or within the subject matter jurisdiction of Marinwood Community Services District. As such, the District is unable to agree or disagree with findings F1, F2, F4, F5 (partial), F6, F7, F8, F11 and F13, as noted below.

Report Findings:

F1. Human Sex Trafficking is mostly unrecognized, under-reported, and rarely subject to intervention in Marin.

The District is unable to agree or disagree with this finding. The District is not aware of the reporting or intervention rates for human sex trafficking.

F2. A significant number of human sex trafficking victims are from Marin, not just transients imported from other areas.

The District is unable to agree or disagree with this finding. The District is unaware of the place of residency of human sex trafficking victims and/or whether said number is “significant.”

F3. Reports from two Marin County victim advocate organizations show that approximately 30% of the victims they aid are under the age of 18.

The District agrees with this finding.

F4. Some Marin County law enforcement officers still believe some human trafficking victims are criminals.

The District is unable to agree or disagree with this finding. The District does not know what Marin County law enforcement officers believe.

F5. State law mandates that officers receive two hours of training on human trafficking and some Marin agencies may not be complying with this law.

The District partially agrees and is partially unable to agree or disagree with this finding. The District agrees that state law mandates that law enforcement officers receive two hours of training on human trafficking. The District is unaware of whether some Marin agencies may not be complying with this law.

F6. *Training of Marin County law enforcement on the Marin County Uniform Law Enforcement Protocol for Human Trafficking has been inconsistent across agencies.*

The District is unable to agree or disagree with this finding. The District is unaware of the consistency levels of training throughout agencies.

F7. *Law Enforcement officers and others who are closest to human trafficking believe that California mandated two-hour POST training video on human trafficking is not sufficient.*

The District is unable to agree or disagree with this finding. The District does not know what law enforcement officers and others who are closest to human trafficking believe.

F8. *Marin law enforcement agencies rarely use multidisciplinary training, incorporating collaboration between Children Family Services (CFS), the District Attorney, law enforcement experts, and possibly victims.*

The District is unable to agree or disagree with this finding. The District does not know what methods Marin law enforcement agencies utilize for training.

F9. *Training for firefighters and EMS professionals in recognizing human trafficking victims and reporting the crime is inconsistent in Marin.*

The District agrees with this finding.

F10. *It is difficult to determine the extent of human trafficking in Marin because of inconsistent classification and definitions of the crime, as well as the lack of a central clearinghouse for this data.*

The District agrees with this finding.

F11. *The Marin County School Districts do not provide education on a systematic basis for students, parents and teachers in recognizing signs of human trafficking.*

The District is unable to agree or disagree with this finding. The District does not know what Marin County School Districts provide for education of students, parent and teachers on this subject.

F12. *Human trafficking outreach has been fragmented and is currently insufficient in reaching critical audiences.*

The District agrees with this finding.

F13. *The Marin County Coalition to End Trafficking Coalition needs dedicated resources to make it more effective.*

The District is unable to agree or disagree with this finding. The District does not know what the Marin County Coalition to End Trafficking needs in the way of resources.

Recommendations Scheduled:

R5. Marin County Fire Departments should ensure that all EMS personnel are trained in recognizing human trafficking and how to report it, and incorporate this in their annual training.

The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented by December 31, 2016. The Marinwood Fire Department will address the necessary training in a two-step approach.

First, the Fire District's Training Division will implement "Coffee Break Training" sessions utilizing the Department of Homeland Security's Blue Campaign human trafficking awareness training materials. The Coffee Break Training will occur on each shift and ensure that all first responders receive the training.

Second, the Fire Department's annual training calendar will be adjusted to include 1.5-2.0 hours of classroom training by Marin County Sheriff Police Department trainers on an annual basis.