February 2, 2016

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA  94903

SUBJECT: Report and recommendations from the Department of Health and Human Services regarding possible adoption of AB 1421 (Laura’s Law).

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION:
1. Receive Department of Health and Human Services’ report and recommendations regarding possible adoption of AB 1421 (Laura’s Law).

SUMMARY: Assembly Bill (AB) 1421 established the Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Demonstration Project Act of 2002. AB 1421 provides a process to allow court-ordered outpatient mental health treatment based on specific eligibility criteria. The Department, after receiving input from stakeholders and after conducting a careful analysis of the evidence regarding the effectiveness of AB 1421, the requirements of AB 1421 implementation, and possible alternatives, is prepared to report to your Board its findings and recommendations. Please note that a county’s decision to adopt AB 1421 is optional and contingent upon a resolution by its Board of Supervisors.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal component associated with the acceptance of this report.

Reviewed By: County Administrator [ X ]  N/A [   ]
Department of Finance [   ]  N/A [ X ]
County Counsel [   ]  N/A [ X ]
Human Resources [   ]  N/A [ X ]

Respectfully submitted,

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