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The Honorable Stephanie Hulsey
Judge of the Superior Court
c/o Office of the County Counsel
Attention: Sandra Ontiveros
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RE: Response to 2023-2024 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Report – “Fentanyl: Our Youth in Crisis”

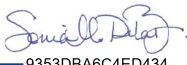
Honorable Judge Hulsey:

This correspondence serves as the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors (Board) response to the 2023-2024 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Report titled “Fentanyl: Our Youth in Crisis.”

As requested via letter dated May 1, 2024 from the Monterey County Civil Grand Jury, enclosed please find the Board’s response to Findings F2 and Recommendations R2 and R3 to the referenced FY 2023-2024 Report.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure



Please find below the Monterey County Board of Supervisors' ("Respondent") response to the 2023-24 Civil Grand Jury report entitled **Fentanyl: Our Youth in Crisis**.

Findings

F2. The BOS has not approved allocations of County Opioid Settlement funds, while the MCHD finalizes a Comprehensive Strategy and Plan to allocate these funds, putting lives at risk.

Response to F2: The Respondent partially disagrees with the finding. The Board of Supervisors has approved use of [opiod funds](#) for naloxone (Narcan) distribution and harm reduction strategies. In addition, a related agenda item is scheduled for June 25, 2024, which will result in an allocation of opioid funding for social media messaging and education materials to engage parents, youth, and young adults about fentanyl poisoning through the Health Department.

Recommendations

R2. The MCHD finalize its Comprehensive Strategy and Plan for allocating County Opioid Settlement funds for BOS approval by July 31, 2024.

Response to R2: The Respondent has not implemented this recommendation; but implementation through the Health Department is anticipated by July 31, 2024.

R3. The MCHD finalize agreements for services to begin equitable disbursements of County Opioid Settlement funds to partner agencies and school districts by October 31, 2024.

Response to R3: The recommendation has not been implemented but being planned through the Health Department, following coordination and collaboration with the Office of Education and school districts within the County of Monterey, by October 31, 2024.