

# **NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESPONSES TO**

## **2018 Nevada County Civil Grand Jury Report**

### **Detention Facility Inspection Report**

**DATED July 10, 2018**

Responses to findings and recommendations are based on either personal knowledge, examination of official county records, review of the responses by the County Executive Officer, Probation, County Counsel, Public Defender, Behavioral Health, and Health and Human Services agency representatives or testimony from the Board of Supervisors and county staff members.

#### **A. RESPONSES TO FINDINGS**

F2. The County continues to spend upwards of \$2,000,000 on Juvenile Hall that could be saved by placing juvenile detainees in juvenile halls in other counties.

**Agree**

#### **B. RESPONSES TO RECOMMENDATIONS**

R3: The Nevada County Board of Supervisors should undertake an urgent review of alternatives to the current use of Juvenile Hall to explore more cost-effective uses of the facility and to explore the placement of Nevada County juvenile detainees in juvenile halls in neighboring counties.

**The recommendation has already been implemented, in part.**

**A county interdisciplinary workgroup has been established and is reviewing the use and cost of the juvenile hall facility. The workgroup includes Probation, Sheriff's Office, County Executive Office, County Counsel, Public Defender, Behavioral Health and Health and Human Services representatives. As this report notes, the facility was built utilizing Department of Justice (DOJ) funds and any change in use is subject to DOJ approval.**

R4. The Nevada County Sheriff's Office and the Nevada County Board of Supervisors should cause tests to be done of the air quality in the Nevada County Courthouse Holding Facility in Nevada City to insure that it is safe.

**This recommendation will not be implemented at the present time**

**To date, no complaints have been lodged by the holding facility or the Sheriff's Office regarding the air quality at the Nevada County Courthouse Holding Facility in Nevada City. The County will make a determination on whether a test should be done of the air quality at the Nevada County Courthouse Holding Facility in Nevada City pending the Sheriff's response to the Grand Jury's Report on findings F3 and R4.**