**Grand Jury Finding – F1:** In spite of mandated “early release”, the present Siskiyou County jail is not large enough to accommodate the number of prisoners.

**Grand Jury Finding – F2:** The Siskiyou County jail is understaffed resulting in reduced capacity and effectiveness in dealing with offenders housed there.

**Grand Jury Finding – F3:** In the absence of a daily newspaper and local broadcast media, the public has no readily accessible information on law enforcement activities and arrests such as an old-fashioned police blotter.

**Grand Jury Finding – F4:** Diversion and rehabilitation programs listed in the Community Corrective Partnership discussion are not fully functional.

**Grand Jury Finding – 5:** Prisoners from outlying areas are released from the jail located in Yreka, usually with no means to return to their original residence location.

***BOARD OF SUPERVISOR RESPONSES***

* **Recommendation R1**: The Siskiyou County Sheriff’s Department should explore alternative existing sites to house offenders by November 1, 2022.

**Response to R1:** The Board agrees.

The Board of Supervisors encourages the Sheriff to evaluate alternate housing options.

* **Recommendation R2**: The Board of Supervisors should prioritize expand hiring efforts to fill open Sheriff’s Department vacancies. This should include streamlining screening procedures, expanding searches, reevaluating qualifications, and addressing more competitive compensation packages, by November 1, 2022.

**Response to R2:** The Board disagrees.

The County continuously seeks options and opportunities for recruitment and hiring efforts for all County positions. The County will continue to recruit for vacant Sheriff Department positions, utilizing the most beneficial recruitment and hiring standards.

* **Recommendation R3**: The Siskiyou County Sheriff’s Department should deliver current updated information on law enforcement activity and arrests via their digital platforms by November 1, 2022.

**Response to R3:** The Board agrees.

The Board encourages the Sheriff’s Department to work with IT and the County PIO on the dissemination of information on the various platforms.

* **Recommendation R4**: The Board of Supervisors should, in light of the housing shortage for inmates, prioritize and make fully functional all diversion and rehabilitation programs under the control of the County by November 1, 2022.

**Response to R4:** The Board agrees.

The Siskiyou County Day Reporting Center still operates and provides adult education, job readiness training, and rehabilitation related classes. Sheriff’s Work Alternative Program (SWAP) is offered through the Sheriff’s Office. Drug court is based on the needs of the person and at the court’s direction.

* **Recommendation R5**: The Board of Supervisors should plan and implement a transportation program to assist individuals in returning home after being released from the jail by November 1, 2022. This transportation program should consider offering transportation vouchers for early release inmates to return for their court dates.

**Response to R5:** The Board disagrees.

Offenders referred to Siskiyou County Probation are provided bus passes or gas vouchers.