

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
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Agenda: March 13, 2001

Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
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**REPORT BACK ON THE MENTALLY ILL OFFENDER CRIME REDUCTION
GRANT APPLICATION**

Dear Board Members:

On January 9, 2001 your Board approved the execution of an agreement between the Sheriff's Office and an analysis corporation for research services and the preparation of a local action plan that would be used to assess the feasibility of applying for an additional Board of Corrections grant. Your Board requested that the Sheriff's Office report back on March 13, 2001 with the status of that grant application.

In 1999 Santa Cruz County was awarded a demonstration grant from the Board of Corrections to reduce the number of mentally ill people in our County jail. With this grant the Sheriff's Office and the County Mental Health Department formed the MOST program - Maintaining Outpatient Stability Through Treatment. The MOST team has been working successfully since that time.

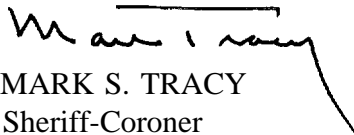
Last year the Board of Corrections announced that there would be additional funds available through the Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction (MIOCR) program on a competitive basis. In preparation for this second demonstration grant the Sheriff's Office and Mental Health Department worked closely with the Criminal Justice Council, the MIOCR Strategy Committee and our analysis corporation to update our local action plan and prepare for a grant application.

The MIOCR Strategy Committee, appointed by your Board, conducted a number of meetings with our professional consultant. As a result of these sessions Health Services Agency Administrator Rama Khalsa and Sheriff Mark Tracy agree that we should not apply for the

MIOCR grant at this time. We believe that the County has reached a point in the allocation and development of resources and delivery of its services where it needs to continue the examination of current efforts, better assess possible initiatives, and contemplate the resource implications of changes in policy direction.

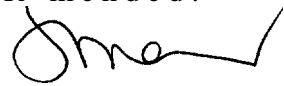
It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board ACCEPT AND FILE this report.

Sincerely,



MARK S. TRACY
Sheriff-Coroner

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Susan A. Mauriello
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HSA Mental Health Services