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GRAND JURY RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: Be Wise Immunize Implementation of Senate Bill 277 in Humboldt County  
Report Date: March 15, 2016  
Response by: Susan Buckley, Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services  
Public Health Director

FINDINGS:

- 1. We agree with the finding numbered: F1
- 2. We disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: F3, F4, F5

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Recommendations numbered R2, R3, R4 have been implemented.
- 2. Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
- 3. Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ require further analysis.
- 4. Recommendations numbered R1 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

Date: 5.19.2016  
Number of pages attached: 2

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RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

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**RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 1:** The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends the Humboldt County Office of Education, in collaboration with the Humboldt County Department of Public Health, develop and implement a plan which addresses lack of transportation as a barrier to receiving mandated vaccinations before the 2016-2017 school years. (F1, F4)

**Response:**

DHHS Public Health is a major participant in a multiagency coalition promoting childhood immunization that surveyed members on this issue. While we agree that transportation was identified in the survey as one barrier, it was not identified as a major barrier to receiving vaccinations. The California Health and Disability Program gives transportation assistance information to families, as well as directing them to establishing care with a primary healthcare provider for vaccines.

**RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 2:**

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends the Humboldt County Office of Education, in collaboration with the Humboldt County Department of Public Health, assume vaccination data oversight responsibility, ensuring that each school within Humboldt County accurately collects and reports their vaccination rates to the State database.

**Response:**

DHHS Public Health Immunization Coordinator has been aiding HCOE school personnel with tools and tips on oversight regarding immunization record keeping. She also helps schools understand how to submit reports to the state.

**RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 3:**

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that the Humboldt County Office of Education, the Humboldt County Department of Public Health and all elementary schools and districts provide the link [www.shotsforschool.org](http://www.shotsforschool.org) prior to the start of the 2016-2017 school year.

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**Response:**

The Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Public Health has provided the links to [shotsforschool.org](http://shotsforschool.org) on its web pages. Please link here: <http://humboldt.gov/330/Public-Health>. The Humboldt Immunization Coalition, for which DHHS Public Health participates, created a poster entitled Be Wise, Immunize, which also lists the [shotsforschool.org](http://shotsforschool.org) website as a resource. The poster was widely distributed throughout Humboldt County, and to all HCOE school locations, in March 2016 and is targeted to parents of school-aged children. This resource explains which vaccinations their child needs, and also provides information on immunization rates at their child's school. The website has also been mentioned in a radio advertisement airing May – September 2016 on local Humboldt county stations.

**RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 4:**

All Humboldt County schools provide vaccination information to parents prior to the 2016-2017 school year.

**Response:**

Each spring, the Child Health and Disability Program (CHDP) sends vaccine information to the Humboldt County Office of Education, who then distributes this information to parents of children entering Kindergarten in the Fall. We have also provided HCOE medical provider lists and lists of local pharmacies that carry vaccines.