

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 3.8
(ID # 25387)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, August 27, 2024

FROM : EXECUTIVE OFFICE

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Approval of the Response to the 2023-2024 Office of Public Guardian: Taking Care of At-Risk Adults and Directive for the Response to be Sent to the Grand Jury, Presiding Judge, and County Clerk-Recorder.; All Districts. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve, with or without modification, the attached response to the 2023-2024 Grand Jury Report: Office of Public Guardian: Taking Care of At-Risk Adults; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to immediately forward the Board's finalized responses to the Grand Jury, the Presiding Judge, and the County Clerk-Recorder.

ACTION:Policy

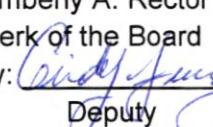


Jeff Van Wagenen, County Executive Officer 8/16/2024

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: August 27, 2024
xc: E.O., Grand Jury, Presiding Judge, Recorder

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NET COUNTY COST	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	23/24- 24/25

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Penal Code Section 933(c) requires Board of Supervisors comment on the Grand Jury's recommendations pertaining to matters under the Board's control. In addition, responses must be provided to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court within 90 days of receipt of the report.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ATTACHMENT A. 2023-2024 Grand Jury Report: Office of Public Guardian: Taking Care of At-Risk Adults**
- ATTACHMENT B. Grand Jury Response: Office of Public Guardian: Taking Care of At-Risk Adults**
- ATTACHMENT C. Office of Auditor-Controller Response to 2023-2024 Grand Jury Report Office of Public Guardian: Taking Care of At-Risk Adults Dated August 5, 2024.**

	
Robin Reid, Legislative Assistant	Gregg Gu, Chief of Deputy County Counsel
8/15/2024	8/14/2024

2023-2024 Grand Jury Report
Office of Public Guardian: Taking Care of At-Risk Adults
June 6, 2024*

Riverside County Board of Supervisors

*Report was dated July 6, 2024, but was received June 6, 2024

GRAND JURY FINDINGS:

Grand Jury Finding #1:

F1: Office of Public Guardian (OPG) manages millions of Federal, State, and County taxpayer dollars.

Response to Grand Jury Finding #1:

Respondent agrees with finding.

Department comments:

Riverside University Health System - Behavioral Health (RUHS-BH) acknowledges this finding and agrees that the Office of Public Guardian (OPG) manages substantial taxpayer funds from various sources. This responsibility includes ensuring proper management, accounting, and utilization of funds to provide essential services to our clients.

Grand Jury Finding #2:

F2: The Riverside County Auditor-Controller's office has not conducted an internal audit of OPG since 2014.

Response to Grand Jury Finding #2:

Respondent disagrees wholly with finding.

Department comments:

The OPG is a program under the Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health Department and is also included in the Auditor-Controller's planned internal audits within the scope of that audit. At the writing of this Grand Jury Report, the Auditor-Controller's Office was conducting an internal audit of OPG. See Auditor-Controller's Response to 2023-2024 Grand Jury Report: Office of Public Guardian – Taking Care of At-Risk Adults dated August 5, 2024, attached hereto. The audit is scheduled for the meeting of the Board of Supervisors on August 27, 2024.

Grand Jury Finding #3:

F3: The Riverside County Auditor-Controller's planned internal audits do not include OPG.

Response to Grand Jury Finding #3:

Respondent disagrees wholly with finding.

Department comments:

The OPG is a program under the Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health Department and is also included in the Auditor-Controller's planned internal audits within the scope of that audit. See Auditor-Controller's Response to 2023-2024 Grand Jury Report: Office of Public Guardian – Taking Care of At-Risk Adults dated August 5, 2024, attached hereto. As stated in the response to Finding #2, there is an audit by the Auditor-Controller scheduled for the meeting of Board of Supervisors on August 27, 2024.

Grand Jury Finding #4:

F4: The Riverside County Auditor-Controller's office is required to audit County departments, offices, boards, and institutions.

Response to Grand Jury Finding #4:

Respondent agrees with finding.

Department comments:

In accordance with Board Resolution 83-338, the Auditor-Controller's Office audits all county departments. See Auditor-Controller's Response to 2023-2024 Grand Jury Report: Office of Public Guardian – Taking Care of At-Risk Adults dated August 5, 2024, attached hereto.

Grand Jury Finding #5:

F5: OPG is a sensitive program that is not being financially audited internally, nor audited externally, for performance by the County on a regular basis.

Response to Grand Jury Finding #5: