

SUMMARY:

Approve proposed responses to pending recommendations for FY 2004-2005 Grand Jury Reports.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In March of each year the County Executive Office prepares a follow-up response to the Grand Jury addressing pending recommendations from the prior fiscal years' reports. Pending recommendations contain original responses of "requires further analysis" or "will be implemented in the future". The exhibit in this ASR contains the follow-up responses from all departments that had pending recommendations.

Report: Substance Exposed Babies – Potentially a Lifetime of Support
Released: June 6, 2005

Recommendation #8.1

Recommend HCA initiate and support an ongoing steering committee to direct the focus and activities and promote collaboration of all agencies, departments, and contract firms to the same goal.

Original Response

The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future

Current Status

The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future
HCA has developed a roster for the proposed Steering Committee and will be sending out invitations for the kick-off meeting, which is planned to occur during March 2006.

Recommendation #8.2

Recommend Orange County design, develop, and undertake a new prevalence study headed by HCA and supported by active participation from the recommended steering committee.

Original Response

The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future

Current Status

The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future
HCA Quality Management is researching the study design for the prevalence study. The Steering Committee will include a Research/Data Subcommittee to provide direction for the prevalence study. In addition, the subcommittee will assess the availability of funding to support the prevalence study. HCA is still targeting June 1, 2006 to complete the design and feasibility analysis.

Recommendation #8.5

Recommend HCA and SSA design websites that are client friendly by listing services, rather than organization.

Original Response

The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future

Current Status

The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future
HCA is in the final stages of revising the website to be more user-friendly. This includes a redesigned HCA homepage and new homepages for Public Health, Behavioral Health, Regulatory Health, and Medical/Institutional Health. The new pages include a prominent search feature and a "Services Directory A-Z" listing that gives visitors two convenient ways to locate HCA services. The revised pages will be in place prior to April 1, 2006

SSA implemented changes to its website prior to the January 15, 2006 target date. Specifically, the "Services" section of SSA's webpage was refined for clarity; and contract information with a link to HCA's webpage describing Perinatal Substance Abuse Services were added.