

County of Ventura COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE:

August 10, 2004

TO:

Thomas W. Womack, Chief Deputy Executive Officer

FROM:

David Stoll, CEO Program Management Analyst

SUBJECT:

Response to 2003-04 Ventura County Grand Jury Report No. 12 entitled

"Urgent Care in Ventura County" on behalf of the Board of Supervisors

R-1: It is recommended that the inaccuracies and misinformation in the Ventura County Health Care Agency Directory of Services be corrected.

R-2: It is recommended that the inaccuracies on the maps of the Ventura County Health Care Agency be corrected.

Response: The Board supports updating the Health Care Agency's Directory of Services that contains the inaccuracies mentioned in R-1 and R-2 above. The update should take place as soon as funding becomes available and the necessary information is collected.

R-3: It is recommended that the Ventura County Health Care Agency prepare a Needs Assessment Study for urgent care facilities in east Ventura County.

Response: The Board supports the idea of continually assessing the needs for urgent care facilities in all parts of the County. The Health Care Agency is currently making these assessments. The major reason for not having an urgent care facility in the East County is the lack of resources. The agency and Board must carefully priorities the available resources to provide the best health safety net possible for the citizens of Ventura County. The current configuration of health facilities and services reflect those priorities, but those priorities are constantly reviewed and adjusted.

If you have additional questions, please contact David Stoll at 654-3838.

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