

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

*Public Health Department – Building 441
931 Spring Street
Placerville*

Reason for the Report

The Grand Jury selected the Public Health Department (Building 441) as one of its general reviews for 2002/2003.

Scope of the Investigation

The members of the Grand Jury:

- Made an unannounced visit to the Public Health Department on November 7, 2002;
- Toured the facilities and grounds with the Assistant Director and the Nurse Practitioner;
- Were briefed on the Public Health Department services offered;
- Inspected the building and general programs;
- Reviewed previous Grand Jury reports for year's 1999/2000, 2000/2001 and 2001/2002 and found no findings or recommendations pertaining to this building.

Background

The Public Health Department building, which was built in 1952, is currently undergoing renovations to be completed in 2003. The building appears to be in excellent condition and well utilized.

The parking lot of the Public Health Department is shared with the parking lots for the Psychiatric Health Facility, Community Services/Senior Nutrition Center, and the Senior Day- Care Center. Parking lot directional markings go against traffic flow, and the overall surface is in poor condition.

Findings

F1. The parking lot surface is severely checked and cracked. The parking lot surface poses a hazard to users and is a potential liability to the county.

Response to F1: The respondent disagrees partially with the finding. The parking lot shows signs of surface cracking, the majority of which are located in areas of previous repairs, or are the result of utility installations which required the cutting and re-surfacing of the original asphalt. Although these conditions warrant maintenance, they do not present additional liability to the County outside.

F2. The parking lot directional markings contradict the parking lot traffic flow and are severely faded.

Response to F2: The respondent agrees with the finding.

F3. Some hallways are cluttered.

Response to F3: The respondent agrees with the finding.

Recommendations

R1. The parking lot should be repaired and resurfaced.

Response to R1: The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. General Services will schedule maintenance activities for this parking lot to include the replacement of damaged wheel stops, the truing of any irregular surfaces and the sealing of cracks. The parking lot maintenance will be completed by October 31, 2003.

R2. Directional arrows should show proper traffic flow.

Response to R2: The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. The directional markings will be re-painted to prevent any conflicts. The new directional arrows will be coordinated with R1 above and the work will be completed by October 31, 2003

R3. All clutter should be removed from hallways when renovation is finished.

Response to R3: The recommendation has been implemented. The hallways were cluttered at the time of the visit due to renovations. Once the renovation work was completed the hallways were cleared and are now clutter free.

Responses Required for Findings

F1 through F3
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
El Dorado County Department of General Services
El Dorado County Public Health Department

Responses Required for Recommendations

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