

Highland and results in increased census and severity. While treatment and acute care settings are essential, there also needs to be sub-acute supervised living situations that can take the pressure off the acute care settings.

It is the opinion of the committee that Fairmont Hospital is primarily a convalescent facility. There are patients who have been residents for as long as twenty years.

RECOMMENDATION 20 : That the Board of Supervisors evaluate the possibility of using Fairmont Hospital to provide services for supervised living and asylum care.

1982-83 Grand Jury

Juvenile Hall

During the course of the year the Committee made visits to several county departments including three to Juvenile Hall. We were especially pleased with the positive atmosphere and the efficiency of the recent administration.

Special Diet Implementation

A continuing problem is the implementation of medically mandated special diets at Santa Rita. A portion of the jail population requires low sodium diets or elimination of specific foods; however, the food service operation serves in excess of 7,000 meals per day and is strained to fulfill those needs.