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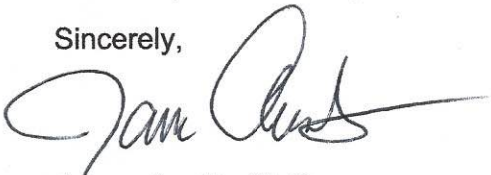
**Re: First Expert Non-Confidential Monitoring Report on the Consent Decree
Babu, et al. v. County of Alameda, et al.;**
Case No. 5:18-CV-07677;

Dear Counsel,

Attached to this letter is my first non-confidential monitoring report on the status of Alameda County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) and Adult Forensic Behavioral Health's (AFBH) implementation of the Consent Decree within Santa Rita Jail (Jail). This report addresses the provisions that were assigned to me by you all to rate.

As you will see there has been substantial progress in reaching compliance with these provisions. The biggest obstacle going forward will be the need to hire and retain a sufficient number of classification staff a to perform the required reclassification events and provide meaningful participation by inmates in the Restricted Housing Committee meetings. I will be working directly with the ACSO and the AFBH over the next few months to help them reach substantial compliance with many of the other provisions that are not in substantial compliance..

Sincerely,



James Austin, Ph.D.

Attachment