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## B. RESPONSES TO RECOMMENDATIONS

**Recommendation 1: The Nevada County Board of Supervisors should direct the Community Development Agency to work in conjunction with the Nevada County Sheriff's Office and other city and county agencies to enforce existing codes and regulations to reduce the number of hazardous encampments.**

**The recommendation has been implemented.**

The Community Development Agency routinely coordinates with the Sheriff's Office and other county departments to enforce existing codes and regulations.

**Recommendation 3: The Nevada County Board of Supervisors should take the lead in establishing an inter-jurisdictional task force with members from city and county law enforcement and fire, probation, Code Compliance, Environmental Health, mental health professionals, homeless advocates, the chambers of commerce and interested citizens to develop a plan, using existing laws and codes, for improving the situation with the PVTs.**

**The recommendation will not be implemented.**

Existing efforts preclude the need for the Board of Supervisors to take the lead in establishing an additional taskforce. Already addressing these issues are the Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras which has an ongoing workgroup, the Nevada County Coordinating Council that meets monthly in Nevada County. This group is working on homeless outreach/intake/assessment process, prevention of housing loss, rapid re-housing, emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent housing, and supportive housing. Individuals from city and government agencies are members of this work group. Other city and county agencies can join this existing group. Coordination between Law Enforcement and Social Services exists through Eligibility Worker visits to the Wayne Brown Correctional facility and Probation offices. The Community Development Agency routinely coordinates with the Sheriff's Office and other county departments to enforce existing codes and regulations.

**Recommendation 4: The Nevada County Board of Supervisors should direct the Information Technology Department to design and implement a tracking and reporting system to enable city and county departments to determine how much money is being spent on the PVT problem.**

**The recommendation will not be implemented.**

"Panhandlers, Vagrants, and Transients (PVT)" is not a term the County uses, nor a subpopulation that is specifically tracked. Identified social and criminal issues associated with the homeless population are addressed by the County. The County addresses the criminal element (to the extent that the behavior is actually illegal) through Law Enforcement and Code Compliance. The social element (to the extent that individuals are willing and interested in assistance) is addressed through Health and Human Services programs which assist residents in overcoming their barriers to permanent housing and self-sufficiency through substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, temporary and transitional housing, case

management, life skills development and public assistance for those who qualify. Both of these elements are tracked through existing systems. The cost to implement an additional tracking system would be prohibitive and would not address the core causes of the overall problems.

