



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** District Attorney Name & Phone: Christie Stanley, x2308  
Contact Info: Name & Phone: Marnie Pinsker, x2304

**SUBJECT: Organizational Improvement of Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Program**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Human Resources

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve a Professional Services Contract with Dianna Hosley as Coordinator for the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), effective January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008 in the amount of \$32,600; and
2. Adopt the attached Budget Revision that establishes \$55,570 in appropriations and revenues in the District Attorney's budget to finance this program for the balance of FY07-08.

**Summary Text:**

The Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) is a countywide multi-disciplinary effort focused on providing services to both child and adult sexual assault victims. Based on the increasing complexity of the services and the expansion of sites to North County, the District Attorney's Office proposes to assume administrative oversight of the SART program through the addition of a Contract position

**Background:** The Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) program, a collaborative effort initiated in 1986, now involves 17 participating agencies, departments and hospitals dedicated to ensuring that both adult and child sexual abuse survivors receive comprehensive services. The concept of this program has been to provide multi-disciplinary services and design facilities that can promptly and sensitively treat victims of sexual assault or abuse. The facilities are equipped to enable the multi disciplinary team to conduct thorough medical-legal examinations, provide on site treatment, emotional support, advocacy,

and counseling referrals for victims and their families. The SART partners actively participate in case reviews to ensure victims are provided with comprehensive state of the art medical, legal and social services. The stakeholders participate in monthly and bi-annual meetings to address organizational issues.

Over its 21 years, the scope of this collaborative effort has evolved from a single site adjacent to Cottage Hospital to additional facilities in Lompoc and Santa Maria that can offer safe, child friendly locations to accommodate medical exams, forensic interviews and related services. Each of the facilities is owned by the local hospital, providing safe, child friendly and comfortable settings. Largely these efforts have been a result of both public and private efforts to locate and furnish sites that offer victims more prompt and responsive services countywide. This has significantly improved the ability of the North County law enforcement agencies to respond to victims of sexual assault in their local communities, avoiding extensive time transporting victims to the South County or out of county to access medical facilities and services. Most importantly, timely response to victims of sexual assault through a coordinated multi-disciplinary forensic legal model insures effective and efficient legal outcomes. Ultimately this achieves the primary goal of SART, to facilitate the recovery of adult and child sexual assault victims and their family members.

Historically, a SART Coordinator has been funded largely through private funding organizations and local Human Services organizations. Currently housed in the Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center, it has been responsible for managing the day to day responsibilities, including:

- manage incoming referrals from law enforcement or child welfare services
- maintain the Nurse Examiners' schedule in collaboration with the Public Health Department
- coordinate with CALM to schedule forensic interviewers in South County and North County (In North County this expertise is under development)
- communicate with the referring agencies and service providers to ensure that all supportive services are readily available to victims
- Track cases in an automated database and coordinate the monthly case review meetings to keep members informed about the progress of the cases and assure survivors and their families receive the full range of services needed.

In response to the increasing complexity of the services and the expansion of SART facilities to North County, the District Attorney's Office proposes to assume administrative oversight of the SART. As a Santa Barbara based organization, the Rape Crisis Center is not well positioned to provide the necessary countywide organizational structure needed to support North County services and associated fiscal oversight.

Under the leadership of District Attorney Christie Stanley, the District Attorney's Office can provide the countywide leadership role needed to coordinate the SART program, centralizing the administrative responsibilities and continuing to facilitate the collaborative efforts among the partner agencies. The Victim Witness Program Manager has increasingly taken on program oversight responsibilities, and has extensive experience managing grant programs. SART has retained an Associate membership in the National Children's Alliance (NCA), but seeks to become a fully accredited member. This requires that several challenges are met in the area of organizational capacity, which can be addressed by centralizing administrative responsibility within the District Attorney's Office.

**Performance Measure:**

Increasing the organizational capacity and infrastructure of the SART program will enable the program to schedule and conduct medical examinations and forensic interviews in all three SART sites.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Select\_Budgeted

**Fiscal Analysis:**

| <u>Funding Sources</u> | <u>Current FY Cost:</u> | <u>Annualized<br/>On-going Cost:</u> | <u>Total One-Time<br/>Project Cost</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| General Fund           |                         |                                      |  |
| State                  |                         |                                      |  |
| Federal                |                         |                                      |  |
| Fees                   |                         |                                      |  |
| Other:                 | \$ 55,570.00            | \$ 75,000.00                         |  |
| Total                  | \$ 55,570.00            | \$ 75,000.00                         | \$ -                                   |

**Narrative:**

The costs in the above table include \$26,100 in salary expenses, \$4,500 in Retirement costs and \$2,000 for FICA. Operating costs total \$22,970 are included for mileage costs, pc network expenses, training and SART Cottage medical supplies in North County. For the balance of FY 07-08, this position is financed from a variety of sources, including city contributions and grant resources. In FY 08-09, the SART Coordinator will be financed both by grant resources and fees paid by participating agencies.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**  
1 Contractor on Payroll

**FTEs:**

**Special Instructions:**

Please return executed agreement to Marnie Pinsker, DA Administrative Director

**Attachments:**

Contract between County of Santa Barbara and Ms. Dianna Hosley  
Budget Revision Forms

**Authored by:**

Marnie Pinsker, DA Administrative Director

**cc:** County Executive Office  
Human Resources