

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Sheriff's Office
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: 06-17-2014
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Sheriff Bill Brown
Director(s)
Contact Info: Commander Eric Koopmans x6161

SUBJECT: **MOU Between the Conflict Solutions Center of Santa Barbara County and the County of Santa Barbara**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Risk Management:

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Conflict Solutions Center of Santa Barbara County (a non-profit corporation), and the County of Santa Barbara to include the Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office and Probation Department.

Summary Text:

The Restorative Justice Partnership Initiative (RJPI) operated by the Conflict Solutions Center of Santa Barbara County (CSC) provides a community-based response to wrongdoing that is rooted in the principles of restorative justice. The RJPI is a response to offending that can replace or divert a case from prosecution. People who offend can be referred to RJPI. Those referred actively participate in a process to learn about the effects of their actions on individuals, their community, and work with affected parties and community volunteers to create and carry out a plan for making amends and development of skills for making better choices in the future.

The persons who will be recipients of services under the MOU shall be youthful offenders ages 12 to 17½, as per the Restorative Justice Guidelines for Juvenile Court, their victims, and families for both parties in Northern Santa Barbara County who would benefit. The Conflict Solutions Center RJPI focuses on victims of juvenile crime, youth offenders and their families with complex needs who are involved (or need involvement) with multiple systems or agencies and community accountability. Victims shall be given the option to participate as well as a reasonable time to make an informed

decision. Victims shall be provided the name and phone number of the District Attorney's Victim Witness Office, as per the existing MOU between CSC and the Victim/Witness Program.

In general, referrals will be accepted for the following misdemeanor offenses as deemed appropriate by the Probation Dept. and/or the District Attorney's Office: P.C. § 594-Vandalism and related misdemeanor offenses, P.C. §§ 242 & 243.2-simple battery, P.C. § 484-petty theft (and other misdemeanor thefts). All other misdemeanors will be at the discretion of the District Attorney's Office. Additionally, the following felony offenses will be eligible for RJPI: P.C. § 459-commercial burglary (except large corporate retailers) and auto burglary, C.V.C. § 10851-auto theft or P.C. § 496d(a) (if no prior sustained petition for 10851 or 496), P.C. § 496-(a)-possession of stolen property and P.C. § 594(b)(1) – felony vandalism.

Background:

People who hurt others have the opportunity and the support necessary to take responsibility for their actions, admit the impact their actions have had on others, to make amends, and to develop skills for making better choices in the future. Participants who complete this process usually develop internal, rather than external, motivation to refrain from hurting others in the future because they have seen the effects of their actions and have been given the chance to rejoin with their community.

Concurrently, those affected by wrongdoing report that they feel more satisfied with the outcome because of the community-supported opportunity they have been given to learn more about the incident, talk about the effects, and have an active voice in identifying what it would take to make things better.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: N/A

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding for the Conflict Solutions Center of Santa Barbara County; Restorative Justice Program, are state, local governments sources, private foundations and a sliding scale services fee (\$20-\$120). No fees will be charged to the Sheriff's Office to process these recommended referrals and no additional costs will incur by the Sheriff's Office or County of Santa Barbara.

Staffing Impacts:

Insignificant

Special Instructions:

Please forward a copy of the minute order and signed MOU to the Sheriff's Office, Attn: Commander Eric Koopmans

Attachments:

Memorandum of Understanding between the Conflict Solutions Center of Santa Barbara County; Restorative Justice Program, and Santa Barbara County

CSC Proof of Insurance Documents

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