



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: 7/14/09
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Elliot Schulman, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer
Director Public Health Department
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Program Administrator, Human Services Program
**SUBJECT: Professional Services Agreement
(Domestic Violence Solutions for Santa Barbara County)**

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with Domestic Violence Solutions for Santa Barbara County (a local vendor), to support and maintain existing service levels for the Domestic Violence Prevention Program for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011, in the amount not to exceed \$240,000.

Summary Text:

The Human Services program in the Public Health Department has contracted with Domestic Violence Solutions for Santa Barbara County (DVS) for over 15 years through Purchasing contracts. Welfare and Institutions Code Section 18294 states that a percentage of marriage license fees collected must be used to finance specific programs that combat domestic violence, including the provision of shelter on a 24-hour/day, 7 days/week basis, psychological support, peer counseling, and arrangements for school-age children to continue their education during their stay in the shelter. DVS is the only agency in Santa Barbara County that provides emergency shelter along with the required supports for victims of domestic violence. Therefore, DVS is the exclusive contractor for these countywide services.

Background:

Historically, the DVS contracts have been funded solely through a percentage of marriage license fees. In recent years, an additional revenue source that supports the provision of shelter and services to victims of domestic violence has been established: the Domestic Violence Prevention Agency Fund

(DVPA Fund). The DVPA Fund receives revenue from court-imposed fines collected from perpetrators of domestic violence as a condition of their probation. The fines are collected by the Superior Court and the Probation Department and deposited into the DVPA Fund. The funds must be used to support domestic violence programs [Penal Code 1203.097(a) (5)].

Starting in FY 1999-00, the DVPA Fund was used to partially fund the DVS contract, along with funds from marriage license fees. Since then, DVPA Fund deposits have increased; partly due to the Court's aggressive approach to collecting fines.

The increase in revenue from both marriage license fees and the DVPA Fund has allowed Human Services to increase the DVS contract over the \$100,000 Purchasing contract threshold. This recommendation requests that a \$240,000 Agreement (\$120,000 annually) be executed for the continued services of Domestic Violence Solutions for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011.

Examples of services provided by DVS are:

- Food, safe shelter in confidential locations, and programs to improve mental and physical well-being for victims of domestic violence
- Violence and neglect reduction
- Prevention, intervention, and treatment of domestic violence
- Referral to other services
- Advocacy for clients

Additionally, these services are offered to people in lower economic brackets, in underserved locations, and to clients whose primary language is other than English.

Performance Measure:

DVS consistently reports to Human Services on the following Performance Measures, and will continue to do so under the requested Agreement:

1. 404 women and children will enter the domestic violence emergency shelter annually.
2. 78% of women who complete the 30-45 day shelter program will reach their [individual] priority goals.
3. 45% of women who complete the shelter program will reach all of their [individual] secondary goals.

In the past, DVS has regularly exceeded predicted performance levels on measures 2 and 3 above.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes, in part.

The FY 2009-10 Recommended Budget included \$110,000 in revenue and contract budget for DVS.

This agreement will not result in a need for any additional facilities.

Fiscal Analysis:

Executing this requested Agreement will not result in additional General Fund contribution or use of County A87 Plan overhead services. It is a continuation of an existing Purchasing contract that now exceeds the authority of the Purchasing Agent. The Domestic Violence Solutions (DVS) Agreement is

fully funded by the two funding sources listed in the Background section. Before recommending the increase to \$120,000 annually, the Public Health Department's fiscal section monitored the funding sources for many years. The sources have been constant and have increased slightly over the years. Because the DVS contract has remained at \$100,000 for the past five years, the Domestic Violence Prevention Agency Fund (1083) had a balance of approximately \$58,000 at the end of FY 2007-08. This balance coupled with the annual deposits will sustain a DVS agreement at \$120,000 for approximately three years. The Agreement recommended for execution is for a two-year term.

The current Penal Code statute will reduce the fine that perpetrators of domestic violence pay as a condition of their probation, effective January 1, 2010. This change, however, will not affect the Agreement request before your Board. In 2011, when the DVS Agreement is due for renewal, new funding projections will be used for the recommended amount. Funding will continue to be monitored and projected each time this Agreement is renewed.

Pending approval, a Budget Revision Request will be prepared.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

Please email an electronic copy of the Minute Order to PHD Contracts Unit at:

PHDRES.contractsunit@sbcphd.org.

Please return one copy of the executed agreement to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 North San Antonio Road, Building 8, Santa Barbara, CA 93110.

Attachments:

Domestic Violence Solutions of Santa Barbara County Independent Contractor Agreement

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