



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Social Services
Department No.: 044
For Agenda Of: June 21, 2011
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Kathy M. Gallagher, Social Services Director, (805) 346-7101
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: Agreement with Domestic Violence Solutions for shelter-based domestic violence services countywide for women and children.

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:

1. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with Domestic Violence Solutions for Santa Barbara County to provide shelter-based domestic violence services in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013.

Summary Text: The County has contracted with Domestic Violence Solutions for Santa Barbara County (DVS) to provide shelter-based domestic violence services countywide for women and children of domestic violence for over 17 years. DVS is the only agency in Santa Barbara County that provides emergency shelter along with the required support services for victims of domestic violence. Therefore, DVS is the exclusive contractor for these countywide services.

Background:

The California Legislature sets forth parameters for counties to provide shelter-based domestic violence programs meeting the conditions set forth in Section 1203.097 of the Penal Code and Sections 18290 through 18300 of the Welfare and Institutions (W & I) Code and provides dedicated funding streams to counties for the provision of these services. Welfare and Institutions Code Section 18305 states that a percentage of marriage license fees collected must be disbursed to domestic violence shelter-based programs. The Domestic Violence Prevention Agency (DVPA) fund is an additional revenue source that must be used to support domestic violence programs [Penal Code 1203.097 (a) (5)]. 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.

DVS provides the following services to women and children suffering from domestic abuse:

- **Crisis Hotlines** – DVS operates four 24-hour hotlines in Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, Lompoc, and Santa Ynez. Staff members provide counseling, referrals, and access to immediate shelter.
- **911 Emergency Response Team** - DVS staff respond alongside law enforcement to domestic violence 911 calls. Advocates are available to dispatch 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- **Emergency Shelters** – Women and children fleeing from domestic violence may stay in one of DVS' three confidential emergency shelters for up to 45 days. Clients receive clinical counseling, case management; food, clothing, medical, legal, and financial assistance.
- **Transitional Housing** - The Transitional Housing program provides a safe and supportive environment for battered women to heal from trauma, develop household management and parenting skills, increase their job skills and earning power, find stable employment, save for housing deposits, gain independent living skills, and move into permanent housing.
- **Outpatient Crisis Counseling** – DVS offers individual and group counseling to survivors of domestic violence, whether or not they are seeking shelter or have been in shelter in the past.
- **Outpatient Crisis Practical Needs** – Survivors who call the hotlines with emergency needs for clothing and food, but who are unable to leave their abuser at present, or who have access to safe housing elsewhere, are provided with these resources on a confidential basis.
- **Teen Services** – DVS teaches teens in local schools and juvenile facilities about healthy relationships, effective communication and problem-solving skills, and the importance of basing relationships on mutual respect and equality, rather than on power and control.

Performance Measure:

Pursuant to W & I Code 18300, an annual report shall be prepared and submitted to the County for submission to the Board of Supervisors and made available to the public if requested. The report shall include all of the following elements:

1. The total number of persons requesting services.
2. The number of persons served by each type of service provided.
3. A description of social and economic characteristics of persons receiving services, by type of service provided.

Pursuant to W & I Code Section 18301, a county shall not require a domestic violence shelter-based program to provide any information not enumerated in Section 18300. However, under the monitoring provisions set forth in W & I Code Section 18293(f), monitoring information includes 1 and 2 above as well as communicating the need for additional services or staffing. Monthly status reports will include, but not be limited to, the required monitoring elements.

Program Impact: July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

A. Total number of persons requesting services: 1,550

B. Number of persons served, by each type of service provided:

1. Shelter provided to 283 persons, of which 129 were women and 154 were children
2. All 283 received safety planning
3. 129 women were provided case management
4. Emergency transportation to 110 clients
5. Non-emergency transportation to 770 clients

6. Emergency food and clothing provided to 332 people
7. Court advocacy provided to 282 people
8. Household establishment provided to 137 people
9. Provided individual counseling to 754 women and children
10. Peer/individual counseling provided to 915 people.
11. Assistance with restraining orders to 377 people.

C. Description of social and economic characteristics of persons receiving services:

The target population served by DVS' emergency shelters and transitional housing program is domestic violence survivors over the age of 17 and their children. 94% of the women served are low or very low income. In 2009-10, 30% of program residents were Caucasian, 63% were Hispanic, 6% were African-American and 1% were Asian. Three-fourths of the women were 20-40 years of age and 75% had children, the majority of whom were 5 years of age or younger.

DVS' greatest accomplishment is the long term impact on the cycle of domestic violence in Santa Barbara County. Since 1999, DVS staff and volunteers have accompanied police officers on domestic violence calls throughout the County, offering immediate safe access to shelter for the victim. During the time DVS has been providing this, as well as the full compendium of services listed above, domestic violence calls in the county have decreased significantly – by more than 15% since 2001 and more than 20% since 2004 -- according to the California Department of Justice.

Status of Program for Current Fiscal Year

Between July 1, 2010 and April 30, 2011, shelter services have been provided to 229 people, which equates to a monthly average of over 25 people, a 9% increase over last fiscal year. The fourth quarter numbers are anticipated to show a slight decline as DVS has been upgrading the emergency shelter facility to make it more energy efficient and make other needed repairs simultaneously. As such, three fewer rooms, or 12 fewer beds have been available during the construction. As the only provider of these services, DVS postponed the needed upgrades as long as possible to mitigate impacts to the clients who desperately need this service. The upgraded facility will serve to better meet the service demand and control operational costs.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Select_Budgeted

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY2011-2012</u>	<u>FY2012-2013</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 250,000.00
Other:			
Total	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 250,000.00

Narrative:

The Domestic Violence Solutions (DVS) Agreement is fully funded by a percentage of marriage license fees, court fines relating to domestic violence and from the Domestic Violence Prevention Agency Fund (DVPA Fund), which is collected by the Superior Court and the Probation Department. The Department's Fiscal Year 2011-12 Recommended Budget includes \$125,000 of anticipated revenue

and \$125,000 of appropriations associated with this agreement. Execution of this agreement will not result in additional General Fund contribution as it is fully funded by the two funding sources mentioned above.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
0

FTEs:
0

Special Instructions:

Please send one (1) duplicate original Agreement and one (1) copy of the Minute Order to:
Department of Social Services
Attn: Linda Rodriguez-Contracts Coordinator
2125 S. Centerpointe Parkway
Santa Maria, CA 93455

Attachments:

Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor

Authored by:

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