



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: June 27, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Mouhanad Hammami, Director
Director(s) Public Health Department
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SUBJECT: MOUs with CALM related to the multidisciplinary Sexual Assault Response
Team (SART) for the Child Abuse Treatment Program (CHAT) and Child
Sexual Abuse Treatment Program (CSAT)

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management
As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the PHD Director, or designee, to execute two Memorandums of Understanding (Attachments A and B) with CALM, Inc. related to the multidisciplinary Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) for the Child Abuse Treatment Program (CHAT) and Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Program (CSAT) each with a period of performance from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026 as required by the California Office of Emergency Services. Fees for services are paid through Child Welfare Services or law enforcement, as applicable; and
- b) Determine that the proposed actions do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines, because they are organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text: This item is on the agenda to approve and authorize the Public Health Department (PHD) Director, or designee, to execute two Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with CALM, Inc. related to the multidisciplinary Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) for the Child Abuse Treatment Program (CHAT) and Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Program (CSAT) with a period of performance from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. Fees for services are paid through Child Welfare Services or law enforcement, as applicable

Background:

Santa Barbara County’s Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) is a countywide program that provides care to victims/survivors of sexual assault. An interagency program, SART is a coordination of the District Attorney’s Office, Public Health Department, Law Enforcement, Rape Crisis Centers, Victim Witness Assistance, Child Welfare Services, CALM and a forensically trained medical team of nurses and physicians. SART Services include: Forensic medical exams and forensic interviews for adults and children, in-person advocacy, counseling, and referrals to other appropriate community resources.

Referrals for medical-legal examinations and forensic interviews come from Law Enforcement, Child Welfare Services, or the local Rape Crisis agency. SART provides victims and survivors the information to determine their want or need for a medical-legal exam and/or an interview based on SART guidelines and the individual’s circumstances. All exams are conducted in accordance with the policy and protocol set by the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA).

CALM, Inc. is the recipient of a California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) grant to administer the CHAT/CSAT Program. The purpose of the CHAT/CSAT Program is to provide comprehensive psychotherapy services to children victimized by abuse and/or neglect. Psychotherapy services for family members and/or caregivers of child victims are also available to help with the treatment of the child.

The associated MOUs (Attachments A and B) support the formal relationship between two members of the SART, CALM, Inc. and the Public Health Department, and the services and expertise to be provided to child victims of sexual assault/abuse.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: N/A

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: There are no fiscal impacts to entering into these MOUs

Special Instructions:

Please retain one (1) Minute Order for pick up by the department and email the Public Health Contracts Unit PHDGROUPEContractsUnit@sbcphd.org when available for pick up.

Attachments:

- A. CALM Public Health SART CHAT Operational Agreement 23-26
- B. CALM Public Health SART Operational Agreement July 23-26

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