

**Santa Barbara  
Rape Crisis Center**

**Centro Contra  
la Violacion Sexual**

*Programs & Services*

*24-hour Hotline*

*Crisis Intervention*

*Medical & Legal Advocacy*

*Accompaniment*

*Counseling*

*Self-Defense Classes*

*Prevention Education*

*Training & Consultation*

October 31, 2014

Dear Santa Barbara County Board Supervisors,

Thank you for your support of Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center (SBRCC) over the last several years through Human Services funds.

SBRCC has been serving south Santa Barbara County for 40 years. SBRCC strives to mitigate the trauma of sexual assault and works toward the elimination of sexual violence in our community. To fulfill its mission, SBRCC provides crisis intervention services, long-term counseling services, medical and legal advocacy services, medical and legal accompaniment services, community referrals, and on-going support to sexual assault survivors, their family members and friends. In addition, SBRCC provides community education and rape prevention programs to increase the awareness, empathy and understanding necessary to effect the attitudinal and behavioral changes.

This letter is pertaining to the recommended funding cycle concept for July 2015. We appreciate all the work and time the Human Services Commission of Santa Barbara County has done and we appreciate their difficult task. We welcome the change but want to make you aware of one of the areas that may need adjustment:

- 3 Year BEST PRACTICES EVIDENCE BASED GRANTS –\$50,000 –\$100,000 (\$450,000 total)  
Evidenced-based Criteria:  
Lift out of poverty  
Contracts with specific goals/targets/results  
3-5 page application/detailed scope, budget, timelines, fiscal, sustainability  
Quarterly reports extensive: (specifics on person's served/results)  
Quarterly invoicing extensive: (back up documentation for funding requests)  
Site visits/conferences (monthly/quarterly)  
Pre and post assessments

The third tier requires that grantees use Evidence-based Criteria. We thought it may be important to note the following issues with the use of the tier:

- Evidence-based models are designated through rigorous research methods such as the use of control groups, and narrow demographics.

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The use of the evidence-based models must adhere to the same in order to meet the fidelity requirements and be considered effective.

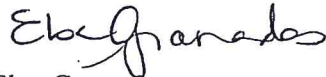
- Incorporating evidence-based models increase the cost of providing services because of the cost of the model, training and follow-up. Many evidence-based models require the use of highly skilled professionals which increase the cost of monitoring.
- Evidence-based grants will require monthly reporting. This would increase the grantees and county staff member's time for monitoring.

SBRCC uses a state certified and field standard peer counseling model which is cost effective and effective for our client population. Using a specific evidence-based model would hinder clients because we would not be able to easily tailor services to each client if we want to maintain the fidelity of the evidence-based model.

SBRCC would like you to consider blending the third tier with the second tier. The second tier gives agencies the opportunity to use measurable outcomes objectives and to tailor services to their respective clients. Furthermore, this would decrease the time county staff members would need for oversight.

The above concerns were provided to the commissioners on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. We appreciate your time and consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,



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cc: Supervisors Carbajal, Wolf, Lavagnino, Adams and Farr