



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: District Attorney
Department No.: 021
For Agenda Of: June 28, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director Joyce E. Dudley, District Attorney, x82308
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SUBJECT: First Amendment to Agreement for Services with CALM for Sexual Assault Response
Team for Fiscal Year 2021-22

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 Chair to execute the First Amendment to Agreement for Services with Child Abuse Listening and Mediation (CALM) for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$177,635;
- b) Determine that the above recommended actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b) (4), because they consist of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and therefore is not a project subject to environmental review.

Summary Text:

On August 17, 2021, the Board approved a contract with CALM for the services of a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Coordinator, expert forensic interviewers, and supplemental post-interview therapeutic services for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Subsequent usage of these services has exceeded the original cost estimates, primarily due to the supplemental post-interview therapeutic services provided by CALM. The therapeutic services position has been utilized to address the after-effects and trauma experienced by children who are victims of alleged child abuse. These additional

services are vital to efforts to heal children from the trauma they have experienced. Given the success of these therapeutic services, this item is on the agenda to increase the contract total by an additional \$50,000 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$177,635.

Background:

Initiated in 1986, the SART program is a collaborative effort that now involves 20 participating agencies, departments and hospitals dedicated to ensuring that adult and child sexual abuse survivors receive comprehensive services tailored to their unique needs. The concept of this program is to provide multi-disciplinary services and facilities that will promptly and sensitively treat victims of sexual assault or abuse. SART partners actively participate in case review consultations to ensure victims are provided with comprehensive and appropriate medical, legal and social services.

Over the past 32 years, the scope has evolved from a single site adjacent to Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital to include additional facilities in Lompoc and Santa Maria, all of which are owned by the local area hospital. Each facility offers a safe, child-friendly location that is specifically equipped to enable the SART team to conduct thorough medical examinations and forensic interviews, and provide on-site treatment, emotional support, advocacy, and counseling referrals for victims and their families. These efforts have been the result of public-private partnerships that locate and furnish sites in ways that will offer prompt and responsive victim services. Timely responses ensure effective and efficient outcomes through a coordinated multi-disciplinary forensic-legal model. Ultimately, this achieves SART’s primary goal of facilitating the recovery of adult and child sexual assault victims and their families.

The District Attorney has maintained administrative oversight of the SART program since January 2008. Upon assuming administrative oversight of the program, significant improvements were made including an expansion of medical examinations and child forensic interviews, development of a funding strategy to assure sustainable infrastructure and services, and centralized service coordination oversight. The District Attorney continues to provide the countywide leadership role needed to coordinate the program, with centralized administrative responsibilities. The Victim Witness Program Director maintains programmatic oversight, and has extensive experience managing grant programs.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal	\$ 168,635.00	\$ 168,635.00	
Fees			
Other:	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	
Total	\$ 177,635.00	\$ 177,635.00	\$ -

The CALM SART contract is primarily funded by the CalOES Child Advocacy Center (KC) grant, in addition to a per capita contribution from the City of Santa Barbara Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Key Contract Risks:

The District Attorney has administered this program since 2008. There is minimal risk to the County.

Staffing Impacts:

There are no staffing impacts.

Special Instructions:

Please return the following items to John DeAlba, DA Department Business Specialist:

- a) One (1) Minute Order
- b) One (1) Fully Executed First Amendment

Attachments:

- a) First Amendment to Agreement for Services
- b) Original Board Contract Agreement for Services

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