

MARIPOSA COUNTY

Human Services/Social Services • (209) 966-2000



RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2015-355

MEETING: July 14, 2015

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director

RE: Approve MOU with Mountain Crisis Services for Sexual Assault Response Services

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve a Three-Year Operational Agreement with Mountain Crisis Services, a program of Alliance for Community Transformations, Inc., for a Rape Crisis Program, and Authorize the Human Services Director to Sign the Agreement.

This is an Operational Agreement to coordinate responses for sexual assault victims and their families. This Agreement facilitates cooperation between Human Services and Mountain Crisis to maximize assistance for victims of sexual assault.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The current contract was approved on June 30, 2011 by Resolution 11-320.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Not supporting this Agreement would not allow for coordination of services between Human Services and Mountain Crisis and hinder providing the best response to sexual assault victims and their families.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

**Alliance for Community Transformations 2016 Mountain Crisis Services MOU
(PDF)**

CAO RECOMMENDATION

Requested Action Recommended


Mary Hoatson, CAO

7/8/2015

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

SECONDER: John Carrier, District V Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier

Alliance for Community Transformations

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Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Mountain Crisis Services

A Program of Alliance for Community Transformations

And

Mariposa Human Services Department

Rape Crisis Program Operational Agreement

I. Purpose:

This operational agreement outlines the partnership between the Mariposa Human Services and Mountain Crisis Services (MCS), a program of Alliance for Community Transformations Inc. (Alliance), contingent on funding by the California Office of Emergency Services (CALOES), Law Enforcement and Victim Services Division to provide funding for a Rape Crisis Program to Mariposa County. Both agencies agree on the mutual goal of partnering to provide funding for a Rape Crisis Program to Mariposa County. Both agencies agree on the mutual goal of partnering to provide maximum available assistance for victims of sexual assault residing in Mariposa County.

II. Terms of the Agreement

This agreement shall begin on August 31, 2015 and end on August 31, 2018.

III. Modification of MOU

Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this MOU, the parties may agree to amend this Agreement. However, no alternation or variation of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties hereto. No oral understanding or agreement not incorporated herein shall be binding on any of the parties hereto.

IV. Termination "At Will"

This Agreement, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein above or hereinafter set forth, may be terminated by either party at any time without cause or legal excuse by providing the other party with thirty (30) calendar days written notice of such termination.

V. Mountain Crisis Services agrees to coordinate the following:

1. Assign a staff person to the role of SART Coordinator;
2. Coordinate and facilitate the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) quarterly meetings;
3. Coordinate interagency cross training for the Mariposa Human Services Department on subjects including, but not limited to, the dynamics, identification, screening,

assessment, referral, confidentiality requirements, culture and religious barriers, societal causes, and attitudes and implications for undocumented women who are survivors of sexual assault;

4. Coordinate with CWS the provision of services to children who are victims of sexual assault residing in the MCS emergency safe house, when the case falls under CWS jurisdiction.

VI. Mountain Crisis Services will provide upon request of the client, the following services to victims of sexual assault through the Mariposa Human Services Department, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year;

1. A 24-hour crisis line for victims of sexual assault and their families;
2. Advocacy, assessment, transportation, and accompaniment to the extent that funding is made available;
3. Provide assistance to the families of child victims as requested by CWS;
4. Follow up counseling provided individually and in groups to survivors; and
5. Consultation and technical assistance on sexual assault cases.

VII. The Mariposa Human Services Department agrees to the following:

1. Inform victims of sexual assault about services available through Mountain Crisis Services, and hand out written materials provided by the Mountain Crisis Services describing available services;
2. Contact Mountain Crisis Services if requested by a victim of sexual assault.

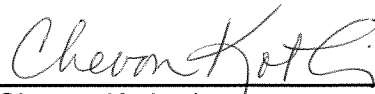
VIII. Both Mountain Crisis Services and Mariposa Human Services Department agree to the following;

1. Address concerns or issues that are specific to sexual assault as needed;
2. Share information regarding the status of a case if authorized by the victim;
3. Coordinate provision of services when both agencies are involved with a victim of sexual assault.
4. Provide cross training on sexual assault issues

This agreement is executed in the State of California, by and on behalf of the parties hereto.



Alison Tudor
Executive Director
Alliance for Community Transformations



Chevon Kothari
Director
Mariposa Human Service's Department

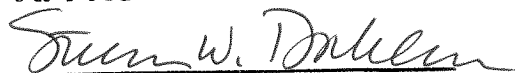
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Date

6-23-15

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



**STEVEN W. DAHLEM
COUNTY COUNSEL**