RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2016-391

MEETING: July 19, 2016

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Thomas Cooke, District Attorney

RE: Operational Agreement with Mountain Crisis Services

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve a One-Year Operational Agreement with Mountain Crisis Services, a Program of Alliance for Community Transformations, Inc., to Provide Assistance to Mariposa County Residents who Are Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking; and Authorize the District Attorney and County Administrative Officer to Sign the Agreement.

This is an Operational Agreement to coordinate responses for Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking victims and their families for the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Grant for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year. This Agreement facilitates cooperation between Mariposa County District Attorney's Office Victim Witness Service Program and Mountain Crisis Services to maximize assistance for victims of sexual assault.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
Mountain Crisis Services and Victim Witness Services has maintained Operational Agreements for the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Grant for the last three years.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Not supporting this Agreement would not allow for coordination of services between Victim Witness Services and Mountain Crisis and may hinder providing the best response to Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking and their families.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
There is no financial impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:
Operational Agreement 16-17 FY VV GRANT- MT. CRISIS

CAO RECOMMENDATION
RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier
Operational Agreement

This Operational Agreement stands as evidence that the Mariposa County District Attorney's Office and Mountain Crisis Services intend to work together toward the mutual goal of providing maximum available assistance to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking residing in Mariposa County. Both agencies believe that implementation of the proposal, as described herein, will further this goal. To this end, each agrees to participate in the program, if selected for funding, by coordinating and/or providing the following services:

The Mariposa County District Attorney's Office staff will closely coordinate the following services with Mountain Crisis Services through:

- Mountain Crisis Services staff being readily available to the Mariposa County District Attorney's Office for service provision through June 30, 2017;

- Regularly scheduled meetings between the Mariposa County District Attorney's Office and the Mountain Crisis Services authorized representatives to discuss strategies, timetables, and implementation of successful investigations, prosecution strategies, and supportive services;

- Specifically: Areas of discussion will include how to provide a team approach, how to utilize and coordinate other referral sources in that victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking can utilize all serves available, and collaboration in mutual education and training activities;

- Specific Activities/Agreement: The goal of this Agreement will be to process referrals efficiently and work closely together to ensure that victims needs are met, reducing trauma to the victim while increasing offender conviction rates.

We, the undersigned, as authorized representatives of the Mariposa County District Attorney's Office and the Mountain Crisis Services do hereby approve this document.

Dated: June 10, 2016

THOMAS K. COOKE
Mariposa County District Attorney

Dated: June 10, 2016

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Date: 7-19-16  

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