RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2017-693

MEETING: October 10, 2017

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Thomas Cooke, District Attorney

RE: MOU John C Fremont Healthcare District and Victim Witness Services

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve a One-Year Operational Agreement with John C. Fremont Healthcare District to Provide Assistance to Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking Residing in Mariposa County as an Agreement for the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Grant; and Authorize the County Administrative Officer to Sign the Agreement.

The goal of this Agreement is to process referrals efficiently and work closely together to ensure that victims needs are met, reducing trauma to the victim and increasing offender conviction rates. Under this Operational Agreement, John C. Fremont staff will be readily available to the Mariposa County District Attorney's Office for service provision through June 30, 2018, and will attend meetings as needed to discuss strategies, timetables, and implementation of successful investigations, prosecution strategies, and supportive services. Areas of discussion may also include how to provide a team approach, how to utilize and coordinate referrals sources so that victims can utilize all available services, and collaboration in mutual education and training activities.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
John C. Fremont And Victim Witness Services Program has maintained Operational Agreements for the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Grant for the last four years.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Not supporting this Agreement would not allow for coordination of services between the Victim Witness Services Program and John C. Fremont Healthcare District and hinder providing the best response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and their families.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
There are no financial terms in the MOU.

ATTACHMENTS:
Revised OA with JCF- 2017-2018 FY (PDF)
RESULT:  ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:  Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
SECONDER:  Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
AYES: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Merlin Jones, Marshall Long, Miles Menetrey
EXCUSED:  Kevin Cann
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
COUNTRY OF MARIPOSA  

THOMAS K. COOKE, District Attorney  
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Operational Agreement  

This Operational Agreement stands as evidence that the Mariposa County District Attorney’s Office and John C. Fremont Healthcare District 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 John C. Fremont Healthcare District through:  

- John C. Fremont Healthcare District staff being readily available to the Mariposa County District Attorney’s Office for service provision through June 30, 2018;  
- As needed meetings between the Mariposa County District Attorney’s Office and John C. Fremont Healthcare District 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 so that victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking can utilize all services 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 victim 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 John C. Fremont Healthcare District, do hereby approve this document:  

Dated: 01/28/17  
THOMAS K. COOKE  
Mariposa County District Attorney  

Dated: 09/12/17  
MATTHEW MATTHIESSEN,  
Interim Chief Executive Officer, JCFHD  

Dated: 09/12/17  
DAVID KIMBLE  
Mariposa County Administrative Officer  

Approved As To Form:  
STEVEN W. DAHLEM  
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