RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2021-310

MEETING: June 1, 2021

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Walter Wall, District Attorney

RE: Operational Agreement with Mountain Crisis Services

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve a Three-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, Human Trafficking and Stalking; and Authorize the District Attorney 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 Victim Witness Assistance Grant for the 2021-2024 Fiscal Years. 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 Victim Witness Grants for the last eight 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, Human Trafficking and Stalking.

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

ATTACHMENTS:
Alliance OA-2021-2024 (PDF)
RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Miles Menetrey, District V Supervisor
SECONDER: Wayne Forsythe, District IV Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Sweeney, Long, Forsythe, Menetrey
OFFICE OF THE MARIPosa COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
WALTER W. WALL District Attorney

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OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT

This operational agreement stands as evidence that the Mariposa County District Attorney’s Office Victim Witness Assistance Program will work cooperatively with Mountain Crisis Services, a program of Alliance for Community Transformations, to provide services to victims of crime and their families in the County of Mariposa. Mountain Crisis Services is a local domestic violence shelter that can assist victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

The Victim Witness Assistance Program will provide appropriate comprehensive services as mandated by law (13835.5 Penal Code) including, but not limited to: crisis intervention, emergency assistance, resources and referral, counseling, assistance in filing applications for the California Victim Compensation Board, property return, orientation to the criminal justice system, court support, case status and disposition.

The Victim Witness Assistance Program will provide victims of crime notification of their rights as defined by the Victims’ Bill of Rights (Marsy’s Law) and will support victims’ rights throughout and beyond the criminal justice process.

Mountain Crisis Services will provide appropriate comprehensive services including, but not limited to: 24/7 hotline, emergency shelter, crisis counseling, case management, legal advocacy, accompaniment, resources and referral, and emergency assistance. All services to victims will be confidential under penal codes 1037.2(a) or 1035-1036.2. Information sharing can occur if proper referrals are in place.

The Mariposa County District Attorney’s Office, Victim Witness Assistance Program, and Mountain Crisis Services authorized representatives will hold meetings to discuss strategies, resources and referrals, and supportive services. Discussions will include how to provide a trauma informed team approach, how to utilize and coordinate other referral sources so victims can utilize all services and resources available.

The Mariposa County District Attorney’s Office, Victim Witness Assistance Program, and Mountain Crisis Services will process referrals efficiently and work closely together to ensure that victim needs are met and approached in a trauma informed way.

The Victim Witness Assistance Program will provide information, presentations, and training to the members of Mountain Crisis Services upon request. Collaboration efforts will be made for mutual training and education activities to better improve delivery of innovative services.

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

This Operation Agreement will be in effect from the fiscal year 2021-2024.

Dated: 06/01/2021  
Walter Wall

WALTER W. WALL
District Attorney
Mariposa County District Attorney

Dated: 06/01/2021  

ALISON TUDOR
Executive Director
Alliance for Community Transformations

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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