

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 2**

**SUBJECT: EXPANDING CAPACITY FOR TRAUMA RECOVERY SERVICES IN SOUTH COUNTY AND DEVELOPING FUTURE SOUTH COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER: IMPROVING SERVICES FOR CRIME PREVENTION, INTERVENTION AND VICTIM-SURVIVOR CARE THROUGH COMPREHENSIVE TRAUMA-FOCUSED SERVICES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

According to a January 2020 report from the National Alliance of Trauma Recovery Centers, only about one in ten people who survive a violent crime receive direct assistance from a victim service agency. This number drops even lower when the crime is unreported-more than half of all violent crimes go unreported. Unaddressed trauma can lead to chronic emotional distress, relationship problems, and self-medicating through increased alcohol or drug use. Untreated trauma affects the survivor, their family, and the larger community and often intersects with criminal conduct and victimizations. Children who witness or experience child abuse, domestic violence, sexual exploitation, or human trafficking accumulate a challenging Adverse Childhood Experiences score (ACEs) that contributes to generational cycles of poverty and violence. Our most vulnerable and underserved survivors, especially those with culturally and ethnically diverse backgrounds, face the biggest challenges in seeking and getting support.

On September 29, 2015 (11), the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the lease agreement for the District Attorney's Community, Action, Resource, Engagement (CARE) Center, established with the intention of collaborating with residents, community groups and other government agencies in the development of crime prevention problem-solving initiatives. The CARE Center opened in 2016 in partnership with community stakeholders who provided insight into community needs. The CARE Center provides culturally competent services and partners with community organizations that provide services to low income and underserved populations.

This is a request to authorize the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Contracting to issue a Competitive Solicitation to expand access to culturally responsive trauma recovery services at the CARE Center in anticipation of a future South County Family Justice Center to include, but not limited to, case management, therapeutic treatments, triage and referral services, and other ancillary services for at-risk youth and adults and their families. This is also a request to authorize a single source contract with Palomar Health and Rady Children's Hospital to provide trauma recovery services. The population focus includes crime victims, human trafficking and domestic violence survivors, reentry community members, at-risk youth, and community members who need crime prevention and intervention services. The request is for a period of one initial and four option years, with a six-month option if needed, anticipated to begin October 1, 2022.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **DISTRICT ATTORNEY SUMMER STEPHAN AND VICE-CHAIR NORA VARGAS**

1. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Contracting to issue a Competitive Solicitation or Solicitations for culturally responsive and trauma focused immediate stabilization services, and subject to successful negotiations and a determination of a fair and reasonable price, award one or more contracts for up to five years anticipated to begin October 1, 2022, and an additional six months if needed, and to amend the contract(s) as needed to reflect changes to service needs or funding requirements subject to the approval of the District Attorney.
2. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Contracting to enter into negotiations with Palomar Health, Inc., and Rady Children's Hospital subject to successful negotiations and a determination of a fair and reasonable price, award contracts for the delivery of trauma recovery services for crime victims and their families at the CARE Center and future South County Family Justice Center, for up to five years anticipated to begin October 1, 2022, and an additional six months if needed, and to amend the contract as needed to reflect changes to service needs or funding requirements subject to the approval of the District Attorney.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The CARE Center provides culturally competent services and partners with community organizations that provide services to low income and underserved populations.

Since its opening in 2016, the center has welcomed nearly 20,500 members of underserved surrounding communities. Just in the last year alone, the CARE Center has distributed food to over 5,000 families. The top needs of the adults assessed at the CARE Center include basic needs such as housing, food/nutrition, and clothing/toiletries in addition to employment services, and mental health, the top needs of youth participants are family mediation/functioning and pro-social activities.

Of the 1,000 adults assessed between October 2017 to September 2020, 77% were of diverse ethnic background, 69% of the participants reported having at least some experience with traumatic events, 48% of those reported still being affected by the traumatic events. Providing access to immediate, trauma-focused comprehensive services will provide the most vulnerable communities in South County with an equal opportunity to avoid the negative consequences of untreated trauma.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

### *Trauma Recovery Services*

If approved, funds for today's request will be included in the Fiscal Years 2022-24 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the District Attorney's Office. This request will result in estimated annual costs and revenue of \$1,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2022-23. The funding source is Proposition 172 Special Revenue Fund fund balance. Subsequent years costs and revenue will be included in future operational plans. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

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County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



**Signed**  
by Andrew Potter