



Legislation Text

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Health and Human Services Agency recommending the Board receive and file the Domestic Violence Shelter-Based Program Annual Certification Reports for Live Violence Free, Inc., and for The Center for Violence-Free Relationships, Inc., for years 2017, 2018, and 2019, in accordance with California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 18293(h) and WIC Section 18300.

FUNDING: County marriage license revenue (\$23 per license) in accordance with California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 18293(d) plus a portion of payments made by persons granted probation for crimes against victims of domestic violence.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND:

Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) recommends the Board receive and file the Domestic Violence Shelter-Based Program annual Certifications and annual Reports for years 2017, 2018, and 2019 submitted by Live Violence Free, Inc., and by The Center for Violence-Free Relationships, Inc. The Certifications satisfy the requirements set forth in California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 18293(h) that each of the aforementioned entities meet the service requirements stated in WIC Section 18294. In addition, under WIC Section 18300, each organization is to prepare and submit an annual report for submission to the county Board of Supervisors.

The County, through HHS, maintains agreements with local domestic violence shelter-based program service providers to support domestic violence programs and shelters. These agreements are funded by a portion of each marriage license issued by the County Recorder-Clerk's Office, as well as payments made by offenders of domestic violence who have been granted probation. Beginning in 2005, HHS entered into agreements with the two domestic violence service providers in the County, Live Violence Free, Inc. and The Center for Violence-Free Relationships, Inc., each of whom provides services in compliance with WIC Division 9, Part 6, Chapter 5, Section 18290 et seq., and more specifically, WIC Section 18294, that lists the basic services each service provider is to offer to each person seeking help from domestic violence. These basic services are required, in addition to the annual certification, in order for each agency to receive funding from the County.

Historically the Domestic Violence (DV) Program was determined to be most closely linked with the alcohol and drug program services, and has been managed by the Substance Use Disorder staff. However, upon the retirement of the prior manager and the implementation of the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS), the annual reporting was delayed. Ultimately it was determined that the appropriate Division to have oversight and responsibility for the DV Program is Public Health. At this time processes have been established to ensure annual review and certification are submitted to the Board in a timely manner.

ALTERNATIVES:

Failure to receive and file the aforementioned reports would cause the County to be out of compliance with laws and regulations governing the Domestic Violence Shelter-Based Programs.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION:

- 1) 11-1400, 09-13-2016, HHSA/PH Annual Reports & Certifications for DV Shelter-Based Program Services
- 2) 11-1400, 09-22-2015, HHSA/PH Annual Reports & Certifications for DV Shelter-Based Program Services
- 3) 11-1400, 11-04-2014, HHSA/PH Annual Reports & Certifications for DV Shelter-Based Program Services

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel, Risk Management, and Human Resources

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

Approve as recommended.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no Net County Cost associated with this Agenda item.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

- 1) Clerk of the Board to receive and file the Domestic Violence Shelter-Based Program Reports and Certifications for 2017, 2018, and 2019 for each of the named entities.
- 2) Clerk of the Board to provide one Certified Minute Order to HHSA Contracts Unit, 3057 Briw Road, Placerville.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT:

N/A

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