



# Board Agenda Item 53

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DATE: January 23, 2018

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Delfino E. Neira, Director, Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Marjaree Mason Center Annual Domestic Violence Services Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

**Accept the Marjaree Mason Center Annual Report for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.**

Approval of the recommended action will allow Marjaree Mason Center, Inc. (MMC) to submit the annual report to your Board in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) §18300, which requires an annual report be submitted by the domestic violence shelter-based program receiving funding from the Domestic Violence Fund to the county Board of Supervisors.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

There is no viable alternative action. Should the recommended action not be approved, the County will be out of compliance with WIC §18300.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with the recommended action.

DISCUSSION:

In accordance with WIC §18300, the County disperses revenue from the Domestic Violence Fund (a Special Revenue Fund established for income generated by marriage license fees, court ordered debt revenue, and fines and fees imposed by the courts for domestic violence cases) on a quarterly basis to domestic violence shelters meeting all service requirements contained within WIC §18294.

To be eligible for these funds, WIC §18294 requires that an agency provide services that include:

- shelter on a 24 hour a day, seven day a week basis;
- a 24 hour a day, seven day a week telephone hotline for crisis calls;
- temporary housing and food facilities;
- psychological support and peer counseling provided in accordance with §1037.1 of the Evidence Code;

- a drop-in center that operates during normal business hours to assist victims of domestic violence who have a need for support services;
- arrangements for school age children to continue their education during their stay at the domestic violence shelter;
- emergency transportation as feasible; and,
- referrals to existing services in the community.

Currently, MMC is the only Fresno County domestic violence provider meeting all requirements in regulation. Additionally, the WIC stipulates that any agency receiving this funding prepare an annual report that details the total number of persons requesting services, the number of persons served based on the services provided, and a description of the social and economic characteristics of persons receiving services. Attached is the MMC annual report for of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.

On November 13, 2017, DSS completed the MMC annual site visit as required and determined MMC is still in compliance with all provisions of WIC §18294.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #44, January 31, 2017

BAI #70, September 22, 2015

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Federal FY 16-17 Annual Report

CAO ANALYST:

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