



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
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Board Report

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Approve and authorize the Director or Assistant Director of the Department of Social Services to sign a no cost agreement with U.S. Army Garrison, Presidio of Monterey, California Medical Detachment, to provide the framework that establishes jurisdictions, responsibilities and procedures for the prevention, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect in the military community, effective upon execution and will remain in effect for nine (9) years.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The purpose of the agreement is to clarify responsibilities between the military within Monterey County and civilian community to establish procedures for the investigation and management of child abuse and neglect cases. There is one agreement - one between the Department of Social Services (DSS) U.S. Army Garrison, Presidio of Monterey, California Medical Detachment (USAG POM).

The agreement will ensure the County of Monterey and USAG POM maximize resources and avoid duplication of efforts and role confusion. Additionally, the agreements will improve accuracy and timeliness of case reporting.

Collaboration between the County of Monterey and USAG POM is critical to the identification and prevention of child abuse and neglect, while optimizing treatment efforts for Army families. A close working relationship between the County of Monterey and the Army promotes a better understanding among civilian service providers of the issues affecting the lives of the Army families living in the local community.

The Department of Social Services and U.S. Army Garrison, Presidio of Monterey, California Medical Detachment are committed to a continued successful working relationship for the protection of military children.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreements as to form.

FINANCING:

This is a no cost agreement. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This agreement correlate to the Health & Human Services Strategic Initiative adopted by the Board of Supervisors by allowing the Department to collaborate with the In-County military community to protect all children in the County from child abuse and neglect.

This agreement correlate to the Administration Initiative by ensuring efforts are not duplicated by the County and military, thereby ensuring that all resources are used as efficiently as possible in the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

Check the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives:

Economic Development

Administration

Health & Human Services

Infrastructure

Public Safety

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Attachments: Agreement

Proposed agreement is on file with Clerk of the Board as an attachment to this Board Report.