

## RESOLUTION NO. 080682

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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#### RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HIGH-RISK CASE MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a pervasive issue that affects San Mateo County, resulting in significant physical, emotional, and financial harm to victims, survivors, families, and the community at large; and

**WHEREAS**, effective intervention in high-risk domestic violence cases requires a coordinated response from various disciplines, including healthcare providers, community-based organizations, health and human services agencies, and legal services agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, state law allows counties to establish domestic violence multidisciplinary personnel teams for the purposes of preventing, identifying, and treating domestic violence, and allows such teams to disclose and exchange information that may otherwise be confidential under state law, subject to certain restrictions (Cal. Penal Code, § 13752); and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of a Domestic Violence High-Risk Case Multidisciplinary Team in San Mateo County would offer integrated and focused

intervention for high-risk cases to decrease risk and increase the safety and well-being of domestic violence survivors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Domestic Violence High-Risk Case Multidisciplinary Team would be composed of representatives of organizations and public agencies and departments that are interacting with domestic violence survivors, including organizations such as, but not limited to, domestic violence advocacy organizations, San Mateo County Health and Human Services Agency, local hospitals, San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, local police departments, San Mateo County District Attorney's Office, legal aid organizations, and school districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Domestic Violence High-Risk Case Multidisciplinary Team will engage in the prevention, identification, and treatment of domestic violence by, for example, identifying and reviewing high-risk domestic violence cases, developing coordinated intervention plans, and offering focused support and protection for victims;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby establishes the Domestic Violence High-Risk Case Multidisciplinary Team in accordance with Penal Code section 13752, to engage in the prevention, identification, and treatment of domestic violence and to offer focused, timely, coordinated intervention in high-risk domestic violence cases for survivors who might otherwise slip through the cracks; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Domestic Violence High-Risk Case Multidisciplinary Team shall consist of two or more persons who are trained in the prevention, identification, management, or treatment of domestic violence cases and

who are qualified to provide a broad range of services related to domestic violence, in accordance with Penal Code section 13752; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Domestic Violence High-Risk Case Multidisciplinary Team shall:

1. **Develop Protocols and Procedures:** Establish and implement detailed protocols and procedures for the identification, assessment, intervention, and confidentiality in high-risk domestic violence cases in accordance with Penal Code section 13752.
2. **Collaborate and Coordinate:** Facilitate regular meetings at least quarterly and communicate among all team members to ensure a coordinated response and the sharing of relevant information and resources while preserving the confidentiality and safety of identified cases.
3. **Provide Training and Education:** Provide ongoing training and education at least semi-annually for team members and other relevant stakeholders to ensure a high level of expertise and understanding of domestic violence dynamics and best practices, as well as applicable rules of confidentiality.
4. **Monitor and Evaluate:** Implement a system for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the multidisciplinary team's interventions and outcomes and make necessary adjustments to improve efficacy, in strict compliance with all applicable laws, including, but not limited to, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, the Violence Against Women Act, and the attorney-client and therapist-client privileges.

5. **Report:** Report at least semi-annually to the San Mateo County Domestic Violence Council on progress toward team goals, service gaps, policy recommendations, and data, including, but not limited to, number of cases reviewed, number of cases closed for review within three months of nomination due to goals being met, and percent of survivors experiencing re-assault while the case is in review; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the following core principles and commitments shall guide the work of the Domestic Violence High-Risk Case Multidisciplinary Team:

1. **Timely Communication:** Ensure prompt and effective communication among all team members to facilitate swift intervention and support for survivors.
2. **Timely and Accurate Documentation and Data Collection:** Support data-driven decision-making and accountability by identifying one qualified member of the team to maintain current records of all high-risk cases and interventions, in strict compliance with all applicable laws, including, but not limited to, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, the Violence Against Women Act, and the attorney-client and therapist-client privileges.
3. **Identification of Service Gaps and Policy Issues:** Regularly assess and identify gaps in services and policy issues that hinder survivor safety and wellbeing, and advocate for necessary changes and improvements.
4. **Establishment of a Continuous Learning Community:** Foster an environment of continuous learning and professional development to stay abreast of best practices and emerging trends in domestic violence prevention and intervention.

5. **Preservation of Confidentiality:** Ensure team members are aware of and trained on the confidentiality requirements set forth in Penal Code section 13752 and ensure processes are in place to protect confidentiality to the greatest extent possible; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors directs the Chief Executive Officer and appropriate County departments to determine the membership of and to allocate the necessary resources and administrative support for the establishment and operation of the Domestic Violence High-Risk Case Multidisciplinary Team and to assign a team lead who shall be a representative from a direct service provider to victims of domestic violence, law enforcement, or a legal service provider.

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*Regularly passed and adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024*

*AYES and in favor of said resolution:*

*Supervisors:*

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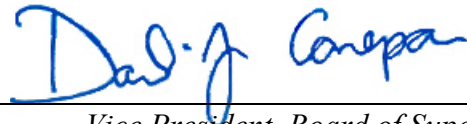
*NOES and against said resolution:*

*Supervisors:*

NONE

*Absent Supervisor:*

WARREN SLOCUM



*Vice President, Board of Supervisors  
County of San Mateo  
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***Certificate of Delivery***

*I certify that a copy of the original resolution filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County has been delivered to the President of the Board of Supervisors.*



*Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors*