**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Sheriff's Office

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| **Date:** | December 12, 2016 |
| **Board Meeting Date:** | January 24, 2017 |
| **Special Notice / Hearing:** | None |
| **Vote Required:** | Majority |

**To:**       Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:**    Carlos G. Bolanos, Sheriff

**Subject:**  Amendment to the Agreement with CORA

## RECOMMENDATION:
Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with CORA to implement in-depth training on the updated Domestic Violence Protocol, increasing the amount by $28,461 and extending the term two months to August 31, 2017.

## BACKGROUND:
The Domestic Violence Protocol for law enforcement, adopted in 2004, provides for notification to the Emergency Response Program when handling an incident involving any type of domestic violence. A counselor will be notified whether or not it is determined the incident is criminal in nature and whether or not an arrest is made.

In October 2012, CORA in partnership with the County's Domestic Violence Council (DV Council), initiated efforts to analyze and enhance the County's Coordinated Community Response (CCR) to domestic violence.

The DV Council created a CCR Task Force to increase victim safety and batterer accountability that involves strengthening existing and building new partnerships, listening to victims' experiences, and systematically reviewing interagency policies, procedures and practices in order to improve CCR to domestic violence.

In 2013, a Countywide Domestic Violence Safety and Accountability Assessment was conducted. The assessment mapped law enforcement's initial response to domestic violence calls and conducted in-depth interviews, focus groups, observations, and text analysis. In 2014, a report with several recommendations from the assessment was released.

Over the last 18 months, the CCR Task Force has been working on Phase I of the Implementation Workplan to implement solutions to the gaps identified from the assessment.

**DISCUSSION:**

In October 2016, the Board entered into an agreement (Resolution No. 074851) with CORA for Emergency Response Program services, in an amount not to exceed $157,610 and a term commencing July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Amendment One to the agreement with CORA incorporates the Coordinated Community Response (CCR) Task Force's Phase II implementation of the recommendations from the 2014 Domestic Violence Safety and Accountability Assessment.

The project will continue to address the gaps by offering in-depth trainings on the project-initiated changes to the County's Domestic Violence Protocol, providing advanced domestic violence training on risk assessment, and offering trauma-informed interviewing skills training for law enforcement and other interested parties.

Amendment One increases the amount of the agreement by $28,461, for a revised not-to-exceed total of $186,071 and extends the term two months to August 31, 2017.

The resolution and amendment have been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

This amendment contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Safe Community by improving the Coordinated Community Response for domestic violence and sexual assault victims in the County.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

| Measures | FY 2015-16 Actual | FY 2016-17 Projected |
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| Number of domestic violence victims receiving Emergency Response Program (ERP) services | 3,855 | 3,850 |
| Percentage of domestic violence victims demonstrating a decrease in post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) symptoms after receiving support services from CORA | 77% | 75% |
| Percentage of law enforcement agencies indicating they were "Satisfied" or "Extremely Satisfied" with CORA's quality of support to victims and response to law enforcement inquiries | *94% | 95% |

*The other 6% were "neither satisfied nor dissatisfied" with CORA's quality of support to victims and response to inquiries.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amendment One increases the amount of the contract by $28,461 and extends the term two months to August 31, 2017. Prop 172 funding will cover the increased contract amount.