

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Executive Office

SUBMITTAL DATE:
July 14, 2005

SUBJECT: Approval of Agreement with Universal Health Services (UHS) of Rancho Springs Inc. dba Southwest Healthcare System for Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Approve a one-time reimbursement of \$112,697 to compensate UHS of Rancho Springs, Inc. for providing sexual assault examinations in calendar year 2004.
- 2) Approve the agreement with UHS of Rancho Springs, Inc., and authorize the Sheriff or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board that will establish a rate of \$900 per sexual assault forensic examination for the period of January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.
- 3) Approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to make the adjustments on the attached Schedule A.

BACKGROUND: On January 4, 2005, Supervisor Jeff Stone requested that the County consider compensating UHS of Rancho Springs, Inc. for expenses related to conducting forensic examinations of sexual assault victims. On January 25, 2005, the Board directed the County Executive Office to work with the Sheriff, District Attorney and UHS of Rancho Springs, Inc. to establish an agreement that will allow UHS of Rancho Springs, Inc. to recover the full costs of providing forensic examinations of sexual assault victims. This item addresses the directive of the Board.

Sally Beavan
Sally Beavan, Principal Management Analyst

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$112,697	In Current Year Budget:	No
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$112,697	Budget Adjustment:	Yes
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2004/05

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% General Fund	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

Gary M. Chintres
County Executive Office Signature

FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED
 ROBERT E. BYRD, Auditor-Controller
 BY *MAA* 7/14/05
 Deputy Auditor-Controller

Policy Policy
 Consent Consent
 Dept't Recomm.:
 Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 3.48 1/25/05 | District: All | Agenda Number:

**ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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Penal Code §13823.9(b) requires that counties with more than 100,000 residents arrange to have professional personnel trained in examining sexual assault victims. Riverside County Regional Medical Center (RCRMC) provided sexual assault examinations to the majority of victims in western Riverside County until December 2003 when the service was discontinued due to turnover of key personnel. Because hiring and training staff has been a time consuming process, Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) services at RCRMC did not resume until January 2005. RCRMC now has staff available to provide the services either on site or on-call twenty-four hours a day seven days a week.

UHS of Rancho Springs Inc. experienced an increase in the number of forensic examinations during the period that SART services were not available at county medical center. UHS of Rancho Springs Inc. indicated that the increased number of examinations caused a financial deficit during calendar year 2004. The current UHS of Rancho Springs Inc forensic examination rate of \$330 covers only nurses, medication, and supplies costs but not the support costs of the program. This rate is charged to each jurisdiction.

The Executive Office met with representatives from UHS of Rancho Springs Inc., supervisor Stone's office, the District Attorney's office and the Sheriff's department to review actual program costs incurred by UHS of Rancho Springs Inc., revenue received, and the actual number of forensic examinations provided to each law enforcement jurisdiction for 2004. Based on the data provided by UHS of Rancho Springs Inc., the Executive Office calculated that the UHS of Rancho Springs Inc. total financial shortfall in calendar year 2004 for their SART program is \$165,147 as itemized in Attachment 1.

There were a total of 233 sexual assault examinations provided by UHS of Rancho Springs Inc. in 2004, of which 159 sexual assaults took place in the county unincorporated areas or in county contract cities. The remaining 74 sexual assaults took place in other law enforcement jurisdictions as indicated in Attachment 2. Penal Code §13823.95 stipulates that "Those costs shall be treated as local costs and charged to the local governmental agency in whose jurisdiction the alleged offense was committed." It is recommended that the County approve a one-time reimbursement of \$112,697 to UHS of Rancho Springs Inc. for a portion of the 2004 deficit based on the number of examinations that took place in Riverside County unincorporated areas and contract cities. The remaining \$52,450 is attributable to non-riverside county municipalities.

The proposed rate of \$900 per exam will enable UHS of Rancho Springs Inc. to recover its examination and support costs going forward including, but not limited to: Registered Nurse, clerical support, medical supplies, training expense, standby pay, room charges and overhead.

The Riverside County Regional Medical Center has submitted a separate Form 11 in today's agenda requesting approval to charge law enforcements agencies \$900 per SART examination to recoup examination costs in its SART program. Approval of the RCRMC item and the agreement with UHS of Rancho Springs Inc. will provide a consistent \$900 rate for SART examinations in the western region of the county.

Form 11: Approval of Agreement with Universal Health Services (UHS) of Rancho Springs Inc. dba Southwest Healthcare System for Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations

Schedule A

Increase Appropriation:

10000-2500300000-525100	Medical/Lab Services	\$112,697
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Decrease Appropriation:

10000-1109000000-581000	Contingency	\$112,697
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**UHS of Rancho Springs, Inc.
Sexual Assault Response Team Program Costs
Calendar Year 2004**

Attachment 1

Expenses	Amount
RN salary & benefits, medication & supplies	\$73,640
RNs On Call	43,800
Training	7,148
Education & competency validation	7,640
Clerical support	33,529
Quality improvement	4,752
Miscellaneous supplies	5,236
Bed day costs for two dedicated rooms adjusted	63,042
Total	<u>\$238,787</u>
Less: Revenue	<u>73,640</u>
UHS of Rancho Springs, Inc. Shortfall	<u><u>(\$165,147)</u></u>

Reimbursement Calculations:

	Number	Percent	Distribution
County of Riverside (Unincorporated area and contract cities)	159	68%	(\$112,697)
Other jurisdictions	74	32%	(\$52,450)
Total SART services provided in 2004	233	100%	(\$165,147)

Attachment 2

UHS of Rancho Springs, Inc.

Rape Exams Statistics from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004

Source: UHS of Rancho Springs Forensic Health Services Rape Exams Statistics

Riverside County Jurisdiction	No. of Victims
Cabazon	8
Canyon Lake	2
Hemet RSO	13
Jurupa	33
Lake Hemet	1
Moreno Valley RSO	2
Perris RSO	14
Riverside RSO	3
Temecula RSO	8
Total Unincorporated	84

Lake Elsinore	20
Moreno Valley PD	35
Perris PD	6
San Jacinto	2
Temecula PD	12
Total Contract Cities	75

Total Unincorporated & Contract Cities	159
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EXCLUDED FROM RIVERSIDE COUNTY ABOVE	
Alhambra P.D.	1
Banning	3
Beaumont	1
California Youth Authority (Chino)	1
Hemet P.D.	8
Murrieta	16
Ontario	0
Rancho Cucamonga	1
Riverside P.D.	42
Riverside CHP	1
TOTAL EXCLUDED FROM RIV CTY	74

Total Riverside County and Excluded	233
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