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DATE: September 24, 2020
TO: Children, Seniors, and Families Committee
FROM: David Campos, Deputy County Executive
SUBJECT: OGBVP Report Back on Next Steps with Data

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive report from the Office of Gender-Based Violence Prevention relating to the status of initiatives to support better data as a result of the Sexual Assault Response Time Study and Process Mapping.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no fiscal implications associated with the receipt of this report.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

An item regarding Sexual Assault Process Mapping and Time Study has been reported and updated throughout 2020. At the January 9, 2020 Children, Seniors, and Families Committee Meeting (Item No. 4), the Office of Gender-Based Violence Prevention (OGBVP) presented a report on behalf of the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Committee. The report detailed a process map and a time study of systems' response to victims of sexual assault. The report also included a summary of the next steps for the SART Committee. A request was made for a report back on possible costs to implement the next steps. At the March 26, 2020 Children, Seniors, and Families Committee (CSFC) meeting, this item was deferred to May. At the May 28, 2020 CSFC meeting (Item No. 5), a request was made for a report back on the status of efforts to address data.

This report provides an update on efforts to address data collection and analysis.

CHILD IMPACT

The recommended action will have a positive impact on children and youth, particularly those whose families are impacted by sexual assault, through **Every Child Safe** indicator by supporting safe and stable families during times of crisis.

SENIOR IMPACT

The recommended action will have a positive impact on seniors, particularly those who are victims of sexual assault.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The recommended action will have no/neutral sustainability implications.

BACKGROUND

During the April 15, 2019 (Item No. 2), Special Hearing on Sexual Assault, there was a request that the Administration return with a report that included a process map and time study of sexual assault forensic exams. The attempts to answer this request have revealed and prioritized work for the Office of Gender-Based Violence Prevention (OGBVP), including efforts with the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Committee that will continue through the next fiscal year. Each year in Santa Clara County, there are hundreds of sexual assaults. Perpetrators prey on victims with no regard to their humanity, and victims of all ages and genders are harmed. Since 2016, a multidisciplinary group of government, healthcare, community, and law enforcement agencies have met to work collaboratively as part of the Santa Clara County SART Committee. This Committee has no small task, as members have researched and analyzed protocols and best practices to be more trauma-informed in service delivery to some of the County's most vulnerable residents. In the process of completing its first report on process mapping and a time study, several themes emerged for the next steps: Data Collection and Survivor Input on Barriers to Reporting.

To best address data collection and survivor input, the OGBVP has developed three separate but related project workplans: Database Project Workplan, Survivor Survey and Focus Groups Workplan, and a Gender-Based Violence Data Collection & Analysis Agenda Workplan that includes sexual assault data. All three workplans are attached.

Database Project Workplan

The database project will secure data software that can be used by SART agencies. This software will allow the County of Santa Clara to lead the way for the region and state with an innovative use of software that will transform data collection in a way that is survivor-centered and increases efficiency. The plan for software development is under review by the Office of the County Executive as part of the Technology Services Solutions call for IT project requests. Once approved, the procurement process will begin.

Survivor Survey and Focus Group Workplan

A major gap identified is the lack of survivor input with regard to sexual assault response in the County. To initiate a long-term plan to include survivor input throughout the work of the OGBVP the office will start with a contract to secure survivor feedback through an online survey and focus groups. A vendor has been secured and work started in August 2020. A survey will be released in the fall of 2020 with focus groups to follow. A report on survivor input will be available in June 2021.

Gender-Based Violence Data Collection & Analysis Agenda Workplan

The OGBVP is committed to increasing transparency in budgeting and data collection across the scope of sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and human trafficking. In the first report on process mapping and its associated time study it became evident that while every entity collects data, there is no system-wide uniformity in how data is defined. This can

greatly impact what the data means and as the OGBVP strives to be data-driven in decision making, it is imperative that data can be aggregated correctly to establish sound baselines from which to measure improvement. This will drive the narrative for our County. To make the first report meaningful, the OGBVP engaged an outside facilitator to bring stakeholders together and work toward a common goal of completing the initial report. The OGBVP is committed to expanding this process, both for the SART and sexual assault data, as well as for our stakeholders in intimate partner violence and human trafficking. This larger project has dedicated funding through the OGBVP budget, and the procurement process has begun. Once the vendor is secured, the work is anticipated to take a full year.

Next Steps

All three project workplans are integrated into a larger effort to better address data collection and analysis. Each are currently on track to begin in the 2020 calendar year, with the first results coming out of the initiative to engage survivors in trauma-informed, safe, and meaningful ways to inform the work of the SART. The SART Committee has initiated several Task Forces that meet several times a month to do the work necessary to move efforts forward. The larger SART Committee meets monthly.

The OGBVP is committed to working with stakeholders to transform the way the County collects, analyzes, shares, and uses gender-based violence data to inform efforts to better meet the needs of survivors and families. The OGBVP priorities for Fiscal Year 2021 regarding data have been informed by the SART process mapping and time study presented in January of 2020 to the Children, Seniors and Family Committee.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Children, Seniors, and Families Committee will not receive the requested information.

LINKS:

- Created: 98162 : Receive report from Santa Clara Valley Medical Center relating to the Sexual Assault Response Process.
- Linked To: 98520 : Receive report from the Office of the County Executive relating to completion of a Sexual Assault Response Process Map.
- Linked To: 98862 : Receive report from the Office of Gender-Based Violence Prevention relating to sexual assault process mapping and time study. (Referral from April 15, 2019, Item No. 2)
- Linked To: 100971 : Receive report from the Office of Gender-Based Violence Prevention relating to next steps and needs assessment for sexual assault mapping.
- Linked From: 105001 : Receive report from the Office of Gender-Based Violence Prevention, Division of Equity and Social Justice, relating to the status of initiatives to support better data as a result of the Sexual Assault Response Time Study and Process Mapping.
- Linked From: 106814 : Receive report from Santa Clara Valley Medical Center relating to Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) services at all SAFE response sites.
- Linked From: 107202 : Receive report from the Office of Gender-Based Violence Prevention, Division of Equity and Social Justice, relating to the status of initiatives to

support better data as a result of the Sexual Assault Response Time Study and Process Mapping efforts.

- Linked From: 107293 : Receive report from Santa Clara Valley Medical Center relating to Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) services at all SAFE response sites.
- Linked From: 107681 : Receive report from Santa Clara Valley Medical Center relating to status updates for the Sexual Assault Forensic Exam Program.
- Linked From: 108044 : Receive report from Santa Clara Valley Medical Center (SCVMC) relating to status updates for the Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) Program.
- Linked From: 108388 : Receive report from Santa Clara Valley Medical Center relating to status updates for the Sexual Assault Forensic Exam Program.
- Linked From: 108798 : Receive report from Santa Clara Valley Medical Center relating to status updates for the SAFE Program.
- Linked From: 109981 : Receive report from the Office of Gender-Based Violence Prevention relating to the status of the Sexual Assault Response Team Committee initiatives to support better data and include survivors' voices as a result of the Sexual Assault Response Time Study and Process Mapping efforts.
- Linked From: 111065 : Receive report from the Office of Gender-Based Violence Prevention relating to the status of the Sexual Assault Response Team Committee efforts to support better data and include survivors' voices as a result of the Sexual Assault Response Time Study and process mapping efforts.
- Referenced By: 116673 : Receive report from Santa Clara Valley Healthcare relating to the Adult/Adolescent Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) Program.
- Linked From: 118794 : Receive report from Santa Clara Valley Medical Center relating to the Adult/Adolescent Sexual Assault Forensic Exam Program.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Data Agenda Workplan_Status Update CSFC 9.24.20 (PDF)
- Data Program Project Work Plan_Status update 9.24.20 (PDF)
- SART Survivor Input Workplan_Status Update CSFC 9.24.20 (PDF)
- CSFC 9 24 20_SART PPT (PDF)
- CSFC 9 24 20_Item 14.SART data_Updated(PDF)