

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Director

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Marin County Board of Supervisors  
3501 Civic Center Drive  
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SUBJECT: Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health requests amendment of Resolution 2007-84 revising the fee for Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) sexual assault victim examinations and child sexual abuse victim SART examinations.

Dear Supervisors:

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Authorize your Board to amend Resolution 2007-84 revising the fee for Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) examinations of sexual assault victims and child sexual abuse SART examinations from \$1,100 to \$1,250 effective July 1, 2008.

**SUMMARY:** A fee study conducted by the Department of Health and Human Services indicated that the current rate charged for Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) sexual assault victim examinations and child sexual abuse victim SART examinations is below the actual cost incurred by the Department for staff time and supplies to provide these services. The Department recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt a revised fee of \$1,250.

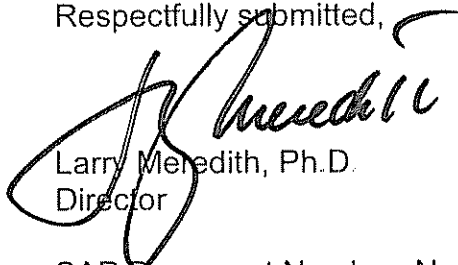
Women's Health Services' medical providers conduct the forensic examinations for the Sexual Assault Response Team on a 24-hour a day, seven days a week basis. The Department also contracts for the provision of child sexual abuse SART examinations provided by a trained, skilled examiner at the Jeannette Prandi Children's Center and by a team of trained, skilled examiners at Children's Hospital Oakland. The fee for these examinations is billed to and paid by the law enforcement department (Police or Sheriff) in charge of the case. The District Attorney's Office, the Sheriff and the Police Chiefs are aware of this proposed fee increase and they have no objection to it. From FY 04/05 to the present, an average of five cases per year has been conducted for the Sheriff's Department. This proposed fee increase would result in an annual additional cost to the Sheriff's Department of \$750.

**COMMUNITY BENEFITS:** The Department of Health and Human Services is committed to providing compassionate and experienced medical care and of forensic evidence collection to community members who are alleged victims of sexual assault.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The SART program is supported by county general funds. Revision of this fee will help offset the expenses incurred by the Department to provide these essential and mandated services.

Review By:            ☒ Auditor/Controller    ☐ N/A  
                         ☒ County Counsel        ☐ N/A  
                         ☐ Human Resources    ☒ N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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