



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 1, 2023

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding with Saving Grace: Justice for Families Program

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move to authorize the County Administrator to sign Document No. 2023-093, a Memorandum of Understanding with Saving Grace for the Justice for Families program

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Since 2003, when the County received a two-year Safe Havens Planning Grant and all parties to this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) became members of the Domestic Violence Council that was established in January 2004, the parties to this MOU have the following goals:

- 1) Keep adult victims and children using Mary's Place safe;
- 2) Improve the coordinated community response to victim families in all aspects of post-separation interventions; and
- 3) Increase access at the courthouse to justice and community-based advocacy for Spanish-speaking Latino and other victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

This MOU for the Justice for Families Program between Saving Grace and multiple state and county agencies is a collaborative agreement to continue the Mary's Place supervised visitation program and the Saving Grace courthouse advocacy project. Mary's Place occupies approximately 80 square feet of space in the Courthouse and about 300 square feet in the Mike Maier Services Building. Additionally, Mary's Place has use of office equipment, breakrooms, common areas and the daycare. This ensures the program provides and operates within Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) approved space for visits, exchanges and waiting areas. The current lease expires September 2023; at that time, Property Management will come before the Board with a new proposed lease.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

In-kind office space and use of office equipment, breakrooms, common areas and the daycare.

ATTENDANCE:

Deevy Holcomb, Director (Community Justice)

Gail Bartley, Mary's Place Program Director (Mary's Place)