

Staff Report

Subject: Consideration to renew an MOU between the Sexual Assault Response Team and the Effingham County Correctional Institution for forensic examination services

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Item Description: Consideration to renew the MOU between the Sexual Response Assault Team and the Effingham County Correctional Institution

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends renewal of the MOU between the Sexual Assault Response Team and the Effingham County Correctional Institution for forensic examination services

Executive Summary/Background:

- Previously, the Effingham County Prison had an MOU with the Statesboro Regional Sexual Assault Center; however, The Center does not wish to continue to see inmates.
- This is being done in conjunction with the Prison Rape Elimination (PREA) Act. The Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) is the first United States Federal law passed dealing with the sexual assault of prisoners. The bill was signed into law on September 4, 2003.
- There is no cost to the County for services associated with the MOU. If fees are paid for services rendered, they will be reimbursed to the County by the Georgia Department of Corrections.
- The MOU has been reviewed and approved to form by the County Attorney.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Board approval to renew the MOU between the Sexual Response Assault Response Team and the Effingham County Correctional Institution.
2. Take no action.

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2

Department Review: Procurement/Purchasing

Funding Source: Department 16 if needed

Attachments: MOU between the Sexual Response Assault Response Team and the Effingham County Correctional Institution.