



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
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SUBJECT: Agreement With Forensic Nurse Specialists, Inc., for Provision of Services to Long Beach Sexual Assault Victims (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

For the last 19 years, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has been assisting the Police Department by coordinating legally mandated medical services to sexual assault victims. Since 1994, Forensic Nurse Specialists, Inc. (FNS) has been providing the medical services for the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) component of this program. Services include clinical evaluation and assessment of victims of sexual assault, documentation and collection of evidence and treatment of injuries and infections.

The current contract with FNS expired on September 30, 2004. Given the quality and reliability of the services provided, the DHHS is requesting to renew the agreement with FNS for the next 12-month funding period. It is further recommended to authorize the City Manager to exercise an option to renew this agreement by amendment for two additional consecutive periods of one year each.

This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna Gwin on September 22, 2004 and by Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on September 23, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

The term of the current agreement ended September 30, 2004. City Council action is requested on October 5, 2004 to authorize payment for SART services from October 1, 2004 to September 30, 2005, under a new contract.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds have been budgeted in the General Fund (GP) and in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) to support this \$100,000 contract, through a negotiated Memorandum of Understanding with the Police Department.

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IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Forensic Nurse Specialists, Inc. for Sexual Assault Response Team services for a period of one year, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, and authorize the City Manager to extend the agreement for up to two consecutive one-year terms at the same annual amount.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER