

FORSYTH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: January 14, 2013

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 7

SUBJECT:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE NATIONAL PREA RESOURCE CENTER TO PREVENT AND RESPOND TO SEXUAL ABUSE IN DETENTION FACILITIES

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:

Recommend Approval

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

The Justice Department released a proposed rule that aims to prevent and respond to sexual abuse in incarceration settings, in accordance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). Based on recommendations of the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission (NPREC), the proposed rule contains four sets of national standards aimed at combating sexual abuse in four types of confinement facilities: adult prisons and jails, juvenile facilities, lockups and community confinement facilities.

The standards seek to prevent sexual abuse and to reduce the harm that it causes if it occurs.

The standards that apply specifically to the Forsyth County Detention Center and the Forsyth County Youth Services Juvenile Detention Facility cover the following eleven categories:

- prevention planning
- responsive planning
- training and education
- screening for risk of sexual victimization and abusiveness
- reporting
- official response following an detainee report
- investigations
- discipline
- medical and mental care
- data collection and review
- audits

The grant application is for \$188,434 and includes a request for funding to allow for Comprehensive training and client education, use of intake screening information to determine room assignments and develop individualized plans for clients, multiple channels for clients to report abuse, a two-pronged approach to sexual assault response, using clinical client assistance teams (CATs) and administrative sexual assault response teams (SARTs), and physical plant vulnerability assessments and targeted use of video-monitoring technology.

The application requires no matching funds and includes no request for personnel.

ATTACHMENTS:

YES NO

SIGNATURE: _____


COUNTY MANAGER

DATE: January 9, 2013

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Forsyth County that the Chairman or County Manager and the Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of Forsyth County and the Sheriff's Office, the necessary documents to apply to the National PREA Resource Center for a grant in the amount of \$188,434 to prevent and respond to sexual abuse in detention facilities, subject to a pre-audit certificate thereon by the Chief Financial Officer, if applicable, and approval as to form and legality by the County Attorney.

Adopted this the 14th day of January 2013.