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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Community Services Agency

BOARD AGENDA # \*B-2

Urgent  Routine

AGENDA DATE May 13, 2014

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES  NO   
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

SUBJECT:

Approval for the Community Services Agency to Accept a Grant of \$9,000 from the National Children's Alliance and to Sign the Sub-Award Agreement with the California Network of Child Advocacy Centers for the Child Abuse Interview, Referral and Evaluation (CAIRE) Center

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Accept a Grant from the National Children's Alliance for the Child Abuse Interview, Referral and Evaluation (CAIRE) Center.
2. Authorize the Community Services Agency Director, or her Assistant Director Designee, to sign the Sub-Award Agreement with the California Network of Child Advocacy Centers not to exceed the total contract amount of \$9,000 for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total amount of the grant award is \$9,000. Appropriations and corresponding revenues are included in the Community Services Agency's Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Legal Budget. There is no cost to the County General Fund.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2014-229

On motion of Supervisor Withrow, Seconded by Supervisor O'Brien

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Withrow, Monteith, and Chairman De Martini

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Denied

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Approved as amended

4) \_\_\_\_\_ Other:

MOTION:

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ATTEST:

CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

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## **DISCUSSION:**

The Child Abuse Interview, Referral and Evaluation (CAIRE) Center is a component of Child Welfare Services Emergency Response and a partnership project of the District Attorney, the Community Services Agency (CSA)-Child & Family Services and all of the law enforcement agencies of Stanislaus County, as well as various other community partners located at the Stanislaus Family Justice Center. The CAIRE Center provides forensic interviewing services on child abuse cases; the services are available to any child in the County who is a victim of or a witness to a crime. The goal of the CAIRE Center is to prevent retraumatization of children by minimizing the number of investigative interviews to which they must be subjected, and to provide a professional video interview for the investigators. Children are interviewed by a forensic interviewer while other members of the investigating team observe out of sight in an observation room. After the interview, the child and family are provided behavioral health treatment and referral services.

Since 2005 the CAIRE Center has been accredited through the National Children's Alliance (NCA) in Washington DC. NCA is a nationwide not-for-profit membership organization whose mission is to promote and support communities in providing a coordinated investigation and comprehensive response to victims of severe child abuse. NCA requires best practice standards be provided in order to receive accreditation.

One of the many benefits of being accredited through NCA is the ability to apply for a \$9,000 noncompetitive grant each calendar year to support child advocacy center services. This grant is offered through the California Network of Child Advocacy Centers a regional chapter of NCA, and is collaboration between the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and National Children's Alliance. CSA has been awarded this grant since 2006. In April 2014, CSA applied on behalf of the CAIRE Center for the grant and was awarded \$9,000 for Calendar Year 2014.

The grant money will be used for staff training which is vital to the continued growth and success of the CAIRE Center and is essential to practicing culturally competent best practices. Training funds have traditionally been limited for CAIRE Center partners provided at annual conferences; this year the training is Crimes Against Children Conference in Dallas Texas. Training will be provided to a team of CAIRE Center partner staff, including a representative from the District Attorney's Office, law enforcement, child welfare, mental health, a forensic interviewer, and a victim's advocate.

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors authorize the acceptance of this grant for Calender Year 2014.

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**POLICY ISSUES:**

Acceptance of this grant supports the Board's priorities of A Safe Community, Effective Partnerships and Efficient Delivery of Public Services by supporting continued collaboration to coordinate investigation and provide a comprehensive response to victims of severe child abuse.

**STAFFING ISSUES:**

There is no staffing impact associated with this report.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Kathryn M. Harwell, Director 558-2500

## Sub-awardee Cooperative Agreement (SA - 2014)

### 2014 Annual Continuation Award

This form is for 2014 approved Sub-awardee applicants. This is an official agreement between your agency and the State Chapter – California Network of Child Advocacy Centers, Inc. (CNCAC) acknowledging that your agency accepts the funding awarded through National Children's Alliance (NCA) under a cooperative agreement with the United States Department of Justice and will follow all requirements outlined in the NCA Grant Guidelines and Sub-awardee Request for Proposals.

All future inquiries regarding your grant will be made to the appropriate designee at your agency. Please carefully consider who should be the appropriate designee. The grant designee will receive all updates. Her/his email address would be used for sending notifications. All funding will be disbursed in the agency name only. These funds will not be disbursed to those affiliated with the agency including the programmatic or fiscal contact person listed on this agreement, consultants or multidisciplinary team members. Funding checks will be mailed to the address indicated on this form only. If this information changes at any time during the grant period, promptly **notify** California Network of Child Advocacy Centers in writing.

**Type of Grant Awarded: CHAPTER SUPPORT CAC Sub-award**

**Sub-awardee Identification Number: 5-MODE - CA – SA 014** (Use the information provided in your award letter)

**\*\*Please provide date of most current signed MOU: May 2010**

Physical Address	Mailing Address (including checks)
Agency Name: Stanislaus County Community Services Agency, CAIRE Center	Agency Name/Fiscal Agent: Stanislaus County Community Services Agency
Address: 251 E. Hackett Road	Address: PO Box 42
City/State/Zip: Modesto, CA 95358	City/State/Zip: Modesto, CA 95353

**Authorized Agency Representative: (Executive Director / Coordinator)**

Name & Title: Kathryn M. Harwell, Director

Phone: (209) 558-2500 Fax: (209) 558-2558 Email Address: HarwellK@stancounty.com

**Board President\CNO:**

Name & Title: N/A

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorized Fiscal Agent Representative for the Grant:** (Fill out only if the grantee agency uses a fiscal agent for the grant)

Name & Title: Patrice Dietrich, Assistant Director

Phone: (209) 558-2500 Fax: (209) 558-2558 Email Address: DietrichP@stancounty.com

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the conditions outlined in the award letter, the Request for Proposals, NCA Grant Guidelines, and the conditions below required for the receipt of grant funding from California Network of Child Advocacy Centers, Inc. By signing this statement, I am agreeing to comply with the requirements outlined in NCA Grant Guidelines, and herein. I understand the term of this grant is January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014.

Conditions of Agreement:

- I certify that the recipient agency is a member in good standing with National Children’s Alliance.
- I understand that remaining in good standing is a requirement of receiving these funds. This includes the timely submission of statistical reports to NCA as a condition of membership, in January and July and timely payment of annual membership dues to NCA.
- I understand that remaining in good standing with California Network of CACs is a requirement of receiving funds. This includes the timely submission of required Sub-awardee fiscal reports, and confirmation of payment for yearly CNCAC, Inc. annual dues. (\$150 for 2014)
- I agree to submit, on deadline, all required fiscal and narrative reports as required by **July 05, 2014** (first half of the year) and **January 05, 2015** (second half of the year) or such other dates as advised. I understand that failure to submit timely reports will result in forfeiture of funds.
- I understand that National Children’s Alliance can only reimburse federally allowable expenses that fit within the NCA Grant Guidelines, Sub-awardee RFP, and as designated by the U.S. Department of Justice. Submissions that fall outside these constraints will be disallowed. NCA may change its requirements] regarding allowable expenses at any time to reflect changes in federally allowable costs or policies approved by the NCA Board of Directors. Grantees will be promptly notified of any changes.
- I agree to provide to the Chapter, CNCAC, Inc., information about our service coverage based on the current signed Memorandum of Understanding/Interagency Agreement.
- I agree to send to the Chapter, CNCAC, Inc., the email “confirmation notice” received after submission of the July and January NCA data reports. [Confirmation Notice contains the same data submitted to NCA]
- I agree to participate in surveys as requested by CNCAC during the grant year.
- I understand that **Budget Modifications** are granted at the discretion of CNCAC, and must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the end of the grant period.(Deadline: **November 30, 2014**)
- I understand that grant extensions are NOT ALLOWED under this grant.
- By my signature, I am committing to meet the goals and objectives outlined in the grant and approved by California Network of Child Advocacy Centers, Inc.

Authorized Agency Representative / Title (required):

Signature *Kathryn M. Hawley* Date 5/15/14

Board President (required):

Signature N/A Date \_\_\_\_\_

If grant agent is different than the above signed, the section below is required:

Authorized Fiscal Agent Representative / Title:

Signature *Sally Lee* Date 5/14/14

A SIGNATURE DENOTES AGREEMENT WITH ALL AFORMENTIONED CONDITIONS.

**Please sign, scan and email to ed@cncac or mail to CNCAC 100 Sycamore Avenue Mill Valley CA 94941 by May 15, 2014**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
STANISLAUS COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY *[Signature]*  
DATE: 4/28/14