

April 5, 1991

Introduced by: AUDREY GRUGER

Proposed No.: 91 - 491

MOTION NO. 8325

A MOTION authorizing the release of \$69,543 in reserve funds to the King County Community Services Division for the expansion of sexual assault victim services in King County.

WHEREAS, King County has recognized sexual assault services as a high priority through funding for sexual assault services and involvement in ongoing planning efforts, and

WHEREAS, King County has identified the need for expanded sexual assault services specifically in the areas of legal advocacy, forensic medical evaluations and consultation to the criminal justice system, and

WHEREAS, The King County council appropriated \$92,724 in new funding for sexual assault services to be provided by Harborview Sexual Assault Center, Eastside Sexual Assault Center for Children, and King County Sexual Assault Resource Center contingent upon council approval of a revised funding policy for sexual assault services, and

WHEREAS, the community services division has provided the required revised funding policy, and

WHEREAS, the amount of funding required for service expansion is prorated to a total of \$69,543 to reflect a contract start date of April 1, 1991, and

WHEREAS, the community services division wishes to provide funds to the sexual assault agencies in order to increase the level of services they are able to provide to child and adult victims of sexual assault;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

2 The King County council authorizes and approves the
3 expenditure of \$69,543 for the expansion of sexual assault
4 services provided by three sexual assault service providers in
5 King County.

6 PASSED this 1st day of July, 1991

7 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
8 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

9 Lois North
10 Chair

11 ATTEST:

12 Gerald A. Peterson
13 Clerk of the Council
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REPORT ON 1991 SEXUAL ASSAULT INTERIM FUNDING POLICY

INTRODUCTION

In the 1991 Budget Ordinance, the Council appropriated \$92,724 in new funding to three sexual assault service providers, King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KSARC), Harborview Sexual Assault Center (SAC), and Eastside Sexual Assault Center for Children (ESACC). The new funding was to increase services in the areas of legal advocacy, forensic medical evaluation and consultation to the criminal justice system.

This funding was put into contingency until further planning on sexual assault services was completed and a report was made to the Council. The proviso states: "Release of the \$92,724 for expanded sexual assault services shall be contingent upon Council approval of a revised funding policy for sexual assault services. The Executive shall submit the revised policy to the Council no later than March 31, 1991."

This report is in response to the proviso.

INTERIM SPENDING PLAN

Shortly after the 1991 budget was passed, Community Services Division (CSD) staff met with Council staff and agreed that an allocation plan for these funds should be developed. This spending plan would be in effect for 1991 and 1992 pending further research and planning work on a County sexual assault funding policy. To date, the County has not had a clear funding policy, funding limited sexual assault services in a piecemeal fashion.

Community Services Division staff worked with the KSARC, SAC and ESACC to develop the 1991-1992 interim spending plan. The main elements of this plan are as follows:

- o The total amount of funding is divided according to the providers' proposed percentage breakdown as presented to Council staff last year.
- o The total amount of funding for the three agencies is \$69,543. This prorated amount reflects a start date of April 1, 1991, based on our understanding that the \$92,724 is to be the total amount available for 12 months operating time in subsequent years. Prorating the total appropriation is consistent with the additional Youth and Family Services funding appropriated in 1991.

The following chart summarizes the amount and percentage of funding to be received by each provider, and a general description of new and enhanced services to be provided.

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage of Total</u>	<u>Enhanced Services</u>	<u>New Svcs.</u>
KSARC	\$13,965	20.08%	o Legal Advocacy o Education	
SAC	\$30,000	43.14%	o Forensic Related Activities o Legal Advocacy	
ESACC	\$25,578	36.78%	o Counseling o Consultations on Cases o Technical Assistance o Pediatric Exams	o Legal Advocacy

Legal advocacy is assistance to client families whose children may be involved in the legal system. Legal advocacy for children may include such services as: helping families report incidents of sexual abuse to law enforcement or Children's Protective Services, preparing children/families for legal proceedings through specialized counseling sessions, etc. For adults, legal advocacy includes the provision of support and information about the criminal justice system process, and accompaniment through the steps of that process: police reporting, attorney interviews, trial and sentencing.

Education may include education on sexual assault issues to the general public, consultation and training with professionals, and development of educational materials.

Forensic Related Activities are follow-up activities which make the results of medical exams usable in legal processes such as criminal prosecutions or child custody cases. These activities may include physicians' consultations with prosecutor, police, Child Protective Services workers, or other attorneys.

Counseling may include a variety of services including crisis intervention, long-term individual and group sessions, and peer support.

Consultation on Cases includes phone contacts with a community professional to discuss a specific client case. The purpose of the consultation will be to assist the professional in case management, referral, or therapeutic intervention.

Technical Assistance includes coordination of an Eastside clinical consultation group in East King County, staff participation in other relevant networking meetings, and the provision of training and information to other professionals dealing with sexual abuse cases, such as counselors, physicians or attorneys.

Pediatric Medical Exams are initial or follow-up physical examinations of children by a specially trained doctor skilled in the medical evaluation of suspected or documented sexual abuse. These exams will be in cooperation with the Seattle-King County Health Department and will utilize state-of-the-art procedures.

The services described above as well as the funding percentages per agency are in keeping with the original proposal made by the providers.

The three agencies worked on this plan with Community Services Division staff and are in agreement with its provisions. Division staff is currently working with the providers to negotiate contracts which will be completed upon Council approval of the interim policy.

NEXT STEPS

During the second half of 1991, the Division proposes to continue research and planning on sexual assault policy issues. The results would include both the development of a long term funding policy and specific recommendations on the County's role in the arena of sexual assault, which will be proposed for inclusion in the 1993 budget process. This timeline would allow for consistency with the policies recommended by the Executive's Families in Crisis Task Force.

In addition to the three providers currently funded, this planning process will also need to take into account the other providers of sexual assault services throughout the County as described below.

- o Primary Providers who have as their sole or primary mission the provision of sexual assault services. This category includes the three agencies affected by this spending plan.
- o The Youth and Family Services Network of King County.
- o The Mental Health system.
- o Child Protective Services.
- o Other treatment service providers such as multi-service agencies, hospitals and public health clinics.

- o Prevention and information providers
- o Criminal Justice System.

In summary, the key issues which will be examined by the Division prior to the adoption of a new funding policy for 1993 are: identification of the appropriate roles for the various service providers (e.g., who should provide long-term clinical counseling, who should provide crisis intervention services, etc.); how to ensure funding equity among agencies serving sexually assaulted children; what are the current linkages between the different systems serving child victims, and how can these linkages be improved to more effectively serve children and families; and determination of the County's role versus the State's role in funding services in this arena.