



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

E-1

For the meeting of: April 19, 2016

Date: February 19, 2016
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Mark Lovelace
Subject: Recognition of the Child Abuse Service Team (CAST) for 20 Years of Dedicated Service.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to sign the Resolution.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors would like to the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST) for providing coordinated collaboration to effectively respond to child abuse cases. CAST is team comprised of specialty trained individuals representing Child Welfare Services, District Attorney, District Attorney Victim Witness, Law Enforcement, Mental Health, North Coast Rape Crisis Team, Probation and Tribal Agencies. This year marks their 20th year of dedicated service to the county.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution

Prepared by Tracy Damico

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

REVIEW: Auditor County Counsel Personnel Risk Manager Other

TYPE OF ITEM: Consent Departmental Public Hearing XX Other Special Presentation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor Bass
Seconded by Supervisor Fennell
And unanimously carried by those members present,
The Board hereby adopts the recommended action contained in this report.

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.

Meeting of:

Dated: April 19, 2016
Tracy Damico, Deputy Clerk of the Board
By: [Handwritten Signature]

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

WHEREAS, the impact of sexual assault and child maltreatment can cause severe and long-lasting physical, emotional, and psychological consequences, the experience can be devastating not only for the child, but also for the family and friends of the child; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault and child maltreatment cross all ethnic, cultural, religious, socioeconomic backgrounds, the tragedy of child abuse can cause disabilities and poor health, depression, poor academic performance, alcohol and other drug problems, and abusive adult relationships; and

WHEREAS, the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST), a multi-disciplinary team comprised of specially trained individuals representing Child Welfare Services, the District Attorney's Office, District Attorney Victim Witness, Humboldt Domestic Violence Services, Law Enforcement, Mental Health, North Coast Rape Crisis Team (CALM), and Tribal Agencies was created to reach one of the most vulnerable populations in our community – children who are victims of sexual and physical abuse; and

WHEREAS, CAST is a Nationally Accredited Child Advocacy Center through the National Children's Alliance. The office provides a child friendly setting for forensic interviews to occur; and

WHEREAS, since October 1996 the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST) has conducted 2773 comprehensive forensic interviews, and this coordinated response has proven successful in the criminal investigation and the prosecution of child abuse cases; and

WHEREAS, the effective intervention of the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST) multi-disciplinary approach to child abuse investigation has reduced the number of interviews a child abuse victim must undergo; and

WHEREAS, CAST Interviews may also be used to interview witnesses of violent crimes (assault and domestic violence) and are sometimes used in cases where there are allegations of neglect (drug endangered children); and

WHEREAS, all citizens of Humboldt County benefit from coordinated services provided from the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby express appreciation to the members of the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST) for their 20 years of dedicated service to sexual and physical abuse victims of Humboldt County.

April 19, 2016


Mark Lovelace, Chair