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MEMO

To: Criminal Justice Services Board Grants Committee
From: Kristina Vadas, Manager, Victims Services
Date: September 22, 2022
Re: AEAP/ VHHAF

Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program (AEAP)

Subaward to: **Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association Foundation (VHHAF)**

Subaward Amount: **\$1,400,000 in federal AEAP funds; no local match**

Subaward Period: **12/1/2022 – 9/30/2024**

DCJS was awarded federal Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program (AEAP) funds, through the Office for Victims of Crime, in response to the mass shooting that occurred in Virginia Beach on May 31, 2019. Funds were subawarded to three agencies in accordance with the federal grant award agreement: the Virginia Victims Fund, the City of Virginia Beach, and Sentara Healthcare. Sentara was charged with the start-up and ongoing operation of the Virginia Beach Strong Center (VBSC). Using the resiliency center model, VBSC is a “one-stop shop” option for direct and indirect victims to come together, meet with other survivors in group and one-to-one settings, access resource information, and meet with navigators/case managers and other provider representatives.

DCJS was awarded a no-cost extension of AEAP funds resulting in a new grant end date of 9/30/2024. In order to best serve the victims and community of the 5/31/19 shooting, DCJS is requesting to shift operations of the VBSC from Sentara Healthcare to the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association Foundation (VHHAF). VHHAF has a documented record of service provision using the Hospital-Based Violence Intervention model, which is very similar to the resiliency center model. VHHAF will partner with community resources to provide services to victims throughout the no-cost extension period.

The Office for Victims of Crime is in support of this change.

It is anticipated that \$1,400,000 of Sentara Healthcare's subaward will be unspent at the close of the subaward period. Sentara Healthcare's subaward originally ended on 9/30/22, but has been extended 90 days to 12/29/22. This overlaps with the anticipated start date of the VHHAF subaward. If the subaward to VHHAF is approved, this timing will provide vital transition time for Sentara Healthcare, VHHAF, and the City of Virginia Beach, ensuring no interruption in services for victims.

Request:

A federal AEAP subaward to the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association Foundation, in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000.