



MANAGER'S MEMO ITEM

ITEM: Renewal of Intergovernmental Agreement with DuPage County Children's Center

WORKSHOP DATE: May 10, 2005

PREPARED BY: Chief Robert Porter, Police Department

BID AMOUNT: \$ _____ **ACCOUNT:** 001.611.0000.5302

BUDGET AMOUNT: \$4,000.00 (per year for five years)

PURPOSE: To renew the Village's intergovernmental agreement with the DuPage County Children's Center

BACKGROUND:

The Village of Downers Grove renewed the intergovernmental agreement with the DuPage County Children's Center in 1996. The term of this agreement was from July 1, 1996 through June 30, 2001. It appears that there was no renewal of this agreement from 2001 through the current date. However, the Downers Grove Police Department has continued using the DuPage County Children's Center to investigate allegations of sexual abuse based on the Children's Center protocol and guidelines. The effective date of the agreement is April 15, 2005 and its term is five years.

The purpose of this agreement is to provide a unified and effective multidisciplinary approach to reported incidents of child sexual abuse and severe physical abuse. The agencies that are part of this intergovernmental agreement agree to coordinate the investigations, prosecutorial components, and treatment of child sexual abuse and severe physical abuse victims through the Children's Center.

The Children's Center investigated 21 reported cases in Downers Grove during 2004.

SURVEY OF OTHER COMMUNITIES :

Thirty-six other DuPage County agencies have intergovernmental agreements with the DuPage County Children's Center.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

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The Municipal fees are calculated by a formula of population and number of cases and account for 1/10th of their annual budget. The Children's Center receives approximately half of their annual budget from various grant sources. The Children's Center Advisory Board approved an increase of \$500 per year for each municipality effective July 1, 2005. Total yearly cost to the Village for FY 2005/06 will be \$4,000.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

Interagency Agreement and Exhibit A (list of participating agencies)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends renewal of the intergovernmental agreement with the DuPage County Children's Center.

REQUESTED COURSE OF ACTION:

Place this item on the May 10th Village Council Active Agenda