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CC: SAFEGuard Committee

From: Valde Guerra, Commissioners' Court Executive Officer

Date: Thursday, July 2, 2009

Re: SAFEGuard Initiative Status Report

On June 30, 2009, Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court approved the SAFEGuard Initiative Report as submitted by the committee. The report can be found on the County website at www.co.hidalgo.tx.us.

The SAFEGuard committee met on Thursday, July 2, 2009 at 10:00 am in the Purchasing Conference Room. The purpose of this meeting was to begin researching and prioritizing the Identified Activities for implementation.

At this meeting, the committee decided to consider each identified activity as a separate project in and of itself. Where appropriate, the committee assigned project leads, department heads or workgroups for the oversight of each activity. In addition, the committee tentatively prioritized the project list, identifying the creation of a 1-800 reporting number (to report fraud, waste, and abuse) to be of utmost priority.

The Hidalgo County Purchasing Agent has been directed by the committee to begin researching options for the outsourcing of this service using normal County procurement processes. The committee will be updated on the progress of this project at the next SAFEGuard meeting.

The recommended prioritization of other SAFEGuard projects will be presented for Commissioners' Court review and consideration within the next two weeks. Upon approval, the prioritized list will be posted on the website. The committee will continue to meet regularly for status updates on the projects as the project leads and workgroups commence planning and implementation.

Should you have any questions regarding this initiative, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (956) 292-7025.