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HAYS COUNTY JUVENILE CENTER

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Memorandum of Understanding

The Hays County Juvenile Center (HCJC) and Hays-Caldwell Women's Center/Roxanne's House, Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas, are entering into this collaborative agreement with the purpose of meeting the requirements of Section 115.321 Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) 2003.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The parties agree to attempt to make available to the victim a victim advocate from a rape crisis center. If a rape crisis center is not available to provide victim advocate services, the HCJC shall make available to provide these services a qualified staff member from a community-based organization or a qualified agency staff member. The HCJC agrees to document its efforts to secure services from rape crisis centers. A rape crisis center refers to an entity that provides intervention and related assistance, such as the services specified in 42 U.S.C 14043g(b)(2)(C), to victims of sexual assault of all ages. The HCJC may utilize a rape crisis center that is part of a governmental unit as long as the center is not part of the criminal justice system (such as a law enforcement agency) and offers a comparable level of confidentiality as a nongovernmental entity that provides similar victim services.
- 2. The parties agree that as requested by the victim, the victim advocate, qualified agency staff member, or qualified community-based organization staff member shall accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews and shall provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals.
- 3. The parties agree that a qualified agency staff member or a qualified community based staff member shall be an individual who has been screened for appropriateness to serve in this role and has received education concerning sexual assault and forensic examination issues in general.

EXECUTED, as authorized by the action of each entity on the dates shown below, but effective the 2/ day of _______, 2017.

Hays County Juvenile Center (HCJC)

By:

Printed Name:

Date:

Hays-Caldwell Women's Center/Roxanne's House

By:

Printed Name:

Elva Gonzalez

Date:

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Working Agreement with Hays County Juvenile Center for Sexual Assault/Abuse Services

This working agreement is entered into this 21st day of April, 2017 by and between the Hays-Caldwell Women's Center (HCWC)/ Roxanne's House and Hays County Juvenile Center.

HCWC will provide sexual assault services to alleged victims of sexual assault/abuse if an incident occurs at this facility. HCWC is a certified sexual assault/abuse program by the Office of the Attorney General. All HCWC staff is required to complete this certified training.

These services include access to an Advocate who can provide direct services and Advocacy.

Advocacy is defined as these core services:

- Access to our 24 Hour Crisis Hotline
- Crisis Intervention (either by telephone or face to face)
- Telephone Accessibility
- Face to Face Advocacy Services for SANE Exams at Hospitals
 - Including Roxanne's House, our HCWC SANE facility for children with chronic sexual abuse
 - o Roxanne's House, our Child Advocacy Center may also provide Forensic Interviews for children
- Accompaniment to hospital, police, and district attorney's offices
- Professional training for Prison or Detention Facility Personnel

HCWC is not mandated by law to provide these services, we are grant funded and have chosen to provide these services as HCWC has the capacity to do so. HCWC will work cooperatively with Hays County Juvenile Center to coordinate services for detainees. Flyers produced by HCWC regarding HCWC Services will be posted where detainees can view them. HCWC will fill out paperwork required by our grantors and record services provided.

AGREED UPON BY:

Elva Gonzalez

Director of Programs and Services

Women's Center

Brett Littlejohn

Facility Administrator

Hays County Juvenile Cente

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

OUTSIDE VICTIM ADVOCATES

The HCJC has a memorandum of understanding with the Hays-Caldwell Women's Center to provide emotional support services and counseling related to sexual abuse at no cost to the victim. Residents can have reasonable communication with the Hays-Caldwell Women's Center in as confidential manner as possible to the extent to which such communication will be monitored and the extent to which reports of abuse will be forwarded to authorities (TJJD, law enforcement agencies, etc.) in accordance with mandatory reporting laws. The Hays-Caldwell Women's Center can be contacted by the following methods:

Hays-Caldwell Women's Center P.O. Box 234 San Marcos, Texas 78667-0234 (512) 396-3404 or fax (512) 754-6268 www.HCWC.org



1-512-396-HELP (4357) 1-800-700-HCWC (4292)

Services for victims of sexual abuse & family violence:

- ★ 24 Hour Hotline
- ★ Peer Counseling& Support Groups
- ★ Legal Advocacy
- ★ Medical & Legal Accompaniment

- **★** Information & Referrals
- ★ Children's Support Services
- ★ Shelter for Victims of Abuse and their Children
- ★ Education & Prevention Programs

All our services are free & confidential