

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

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COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT is made effective the 19th of May 2009, by and between the **HIDALGO COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT**, a department of **HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS**, a political subdivision of the State of Texas (hereinafter "Department") and **Ramiro R. Ramirez, PhD** a resident of Hidalgo County, Texas (hereinafter "Contractor") to serve at the pleasure of the Department.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Department desires to contract with a person to provide the services necessary to act as a provider of professional medical and/or psychological counseling services for the youth probationers served by Department (the "Clients") that are more specifically set forth hereinafter; and

WHEREAS, Contractor has agreed to provide the services enumerated hereinafter for the Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, for the mutual consideration expressed hereinafter, Department and Contractor agree as follows:

1. Contractor agrees to provide to Department and its Clients the services required of a Psychologist until replaced by Department. These services, but are not limited to:
 - (a) Conducting individual family and/or group counseling appropriate for the needs of each Client;
 - (b) Conducting psychological examination of the Clients as required by the Department;
 - (c) Conducting other evaluations and tests on each Client as required by the Department;
 - (d) Interpreting the results of any tests conducted under (b) or (c) above and submitting a written report to Department of the results of such tests and examinations, as required by Department;
 - (e) Developing implementing and monitoring appropriate counseling programs for the Client based on Contractor's experience, professional training and personal observations; and
 - (f) Serving on general call on a daily basis, except when out of town.

All records, notes and/or reports created by Contractor and relating to services provided under this Contract shall be retained by Contractor for a minimum of three (3) years following the termination of this Contract, and thereafter, until any pending audit or litigation and all questions arising there from concerning such records are resolved by a final unappealable determination of any applicable court or agency. Contractor agrees to provide Department, Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, and their employees, attorneys, and/or independent auditors access to such books and/or records to the extent permitted by any obligation of confidentiality between or among the Client and Contractor.

2. Contractor represents that it employs a psychologist licensed by the State of Texas and qualified to perform and execute the services provided above. If any such license is suspended or revoked, this Contract shall automatically be terminated as to such psychologist and Contractor shall immediately notify the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer of such suspension or revocation. In addition, under Section 236.006, Texas Family Code, Contractor certifies that the individual or business entity named in the Contract, bid or application is not ineligible to receive the specified grant, loan or payment and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated if this certification is inaccurate.

3. Contractor shall prepare, maintain and submit all records that are designated, required or prescribed by either Department or the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission. In addition, Contractor shall permit Department and the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission to audit or inspect records and reports, review services and/or evaluate the performance of the services provided hereunder at any time, Contractor shall provide reasonable access to all records, books, reports and other pertinent data and information needed to accomplish review of activities, services and expenditures of the Department.

4. Contractor shall adopt and implement workplace guidelines concerning persons with AIDS and HIV infection and shall develop and implement guidelines regarding confidentiality of AIDS and HIV-related medical information for employees of Contractor and for Clients, inmates, patients and/or residents served by Contractor.

5. As consideration for the above and foregoing, Contractor shall submit a monthly billing statement to the Department (P.O. Box 267, Edinburg, Texas 78540). Said statement must provide and itemized list of services rendered to Department during the statement period, based on the following schedule of fees:

Psychological Evaluations	up to \$ <u>425.00</u> Maximum per Evaluation
Psychological Evaluations	up to \$ <u>250.00</u> Maximum per Evaluation
Update/Addendum	

Individual and/or Family Counseling	up to \$ <u>85.00</u> Maximum per Client per hour
Group Counseling	up to \$ <u>28.00</u> per person Maximum per Client per hour

Upon receipt of said statement, Department shall submit a requisition for payment of said Services in the customary manner provided for payments utilized by Hidalgo County, Texas. Department will notify Contractor when state funds are used to pay for services. Contractor will account separately for the receipt and expenditure of state funds received from Department. Contractor will comply with Department's specified accounting, reporting, and auditing requirements applicable to any state funds paid to Contractor under this contract. In any event, Contractor agrees to separately account for the receipt and/or expenditure of funds received pursuant to this Contract and to keep adequate books and records of all such receipts and/or expenditures.

6. Contractor must comply with all applicable Department and Hidalgo County policies and with any applicable federal, state or local laws, regulations, orders or ordinances applicable to the services provided by Contractor under this Contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, Contractor represents and maintains that it is an independent contractor and is not an employee of Department, Hidalgo County, Texas, or any agency thereof, and represents and warrants that it does not desire or request any fringe benefits provided to employees of Department, Hidalgo County, Texas, and/or any agency thereof, including, but not limited to benefits associated with Hidalgo County's civil service program. Contractor agrees to be responsible for any federal income tax, withholding or social security tax liability that might arise from payments received hereunder.

7. Department and Contractor agree that either party may terminate this Contract at any time for any reason or no reason at all upon the giving of thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party.

8. Department hereby notifies Contractor that is Contract may be wholly or partially funded with state grant funds, and as such, this Contract shall be subject to termination without penalty, either in whole or in part, if funds are not available or are not appropriated by the Texas Legislature.

9. Contractor agrees to provide liability insurance covering its activities in providing the services for Department in an amount not less than the minimum amounts prescribed by the Texas Tort Claims Act, §100.001, et seq., Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code, and shall furnish Department a certificate issued by the insurer that such insurance is in full force and effort.

10. Except as otherwise herein provided, Contractor may not assign the obligations or rights under this contract to any person without the prior written consent of Department.

11. Unless earlier terminated as herein provided, this Contract shall terminate on February 16, 2010.

12. Contractor agrees to abide by all appropriate performance standards and sanctions and/or penalties that may be imposed by Department, Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, and/or the Criminal Justice Division, Office of the Governor pursuant to contracts and/or grant arrangements with such entities, if any.

13. Nothing in this Contract shall be constructed so as to require the commission of any act contrary to law, and whenever there is any conflict between any provision of this Contract and any present or future law, ordinance or administrative, executive or judicial regulation, order or decree, or amendment thereof, contrary to which the parties have no legal right to contract, the latter shall prevail, but in such event the affected provision or provisions of this Contract and any present or future law, ordinance or administrative, executive or judicial regulation, order or decree, or amendment thereof, contrary to which the parties have no legal right to contract, the latter shall prevail, but in such event the affected provision or provisions of this Contract shall be modified only to the extent necessary to bring them within the legal requirement and only during the time such conflict exists.

14. Department will conduct regular financial and programmatic monitoring of Contractor if Contractor is paid in whole or in part with state funds to ensure performance of an compliance with contractual provisions between Department and Contractor. If required by the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, Department will complete and Contractor will cooperate with Department, upon request by Department, in furnishing such information and documentation as Department may require in completing the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission Private Service Provider Contractual Monitoring and Evaluation Report to monitor Contractor's compliance with contractual requirements. If Contractor fails to deliver quality service, fails to achieve the defined goals, outcomes, strategies and outputs set by Department,

or if Contractor fails to comply with any upon the giving of ten (10) days prior written notice to Contractor.

15. No waiver by Department of any breach of any provision of this Contract shall be deemed to be a waiver of any preceding or succeeding breach of the same or any other provision hereof.

16. This Contract contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto, and each part acknowledges that neither had made (either directly or through any agent or representative) any representations or agreements in connection with this Contract not specifically set forth herein. This Contract may be modified or amended only by agreement in writing executed by Department and Contractor, and not otherwise.

17. This Contract shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in Hidalgo County, Texas. The parties hereby consent to personal jurisdiction in Hidalgo County, Texas.

18. Except as may be otherwise specifically provided in this Contract, all notices, demands, requests or communications required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall either be (i) personally delivered against a written receipt, or (ii) sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid and addressed to the parties at the parties at the addresses set forth below, or at such other addresses as may have been theretofore specified by written notice delivered in accordance herewith:

If to Department:

Hidalgo County Juvenile Probation
Department
Attention: Israel "Buddy" Silva
P.O. Box 267
Edinburg, Texas 78540

If to Contractor:

Ramiro R. Ramirez, PhD
2719 Mile 4 N
Mercedes, Texas 78570

Each notice, demand, request or communication which shall be delivered or mailed in the manner described above shall be deemed sufficiently given for all purposes at such time as it is

personally delivered to the addressee or, if mailed, at such time as it is deposited in the United States mail.

19. The parties hereto covenant and agree that they will execute such other and further instruments and documents as are or may become necessary or convenient to effectuate and carry out the terms of this Contract.

20. This Contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors, and assigns where permitted by this contract.

21. All pronouns used in this Contract shall include the other gender, whether used in the masculine, feminine or neuter gender, and the singular shall include the plural whenever and as often as may be appropriate

~~22. The execution and performance of this Contract by Department and Contractor~~ have been duly authorized by all necessary laws, resolutions or corporate action, and this Contract constitutes the valid and enforceable obligations of Department and Contractor in accordance with its terms.

EXECUTED as of the day and year first written above.

**HIDALGO COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION
DEPARTMENT**

By: _____
Israel "Buddy" Silva, Jr., Director and Chief
Juvenile Probation Officer

HIDALGO COUNTY JUVENILE BOARD

By: _____
Hon. Mario E. Ramirez, Jr., 332nd District
Court Juvenile Department Overseer

CONTRACTOR:

BY: _____
Ramiro R. Ramirez, PhD