



Hidalgo County Head Start Program Policy Council Agenda

DATE: October 15, 2014

SUBJECT: Presentation for Discussion, Consideration and Approval to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Hidalgo County Head Start Program and Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas

RATIONALE/NEED: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to collaborate with the Local Community Agency in assisting Head Start Children and families.

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends approval.

COST: There is no cost.

RELATED INFORMATION INCLUDED: Memorandum of Understanding

INITIATED BY: Ambrosio Tovar, Procurement Director

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REVIEWED BY: Mr. Edmundo Garcia, Assistant Director

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:

Jerena Tovar

Memorandum of Understanding Between

Hidalgo County Head Start Program

And

Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas

This written memorandum of understanding will serve as a collaborative agreement between the **Prevention Resource Center-Region 11/ Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas** and **Hidalgo County Head Start Program** in an effort to identify local community and county data resources to facilitate the development of a Regional Needs Assessment which will be available for the agency and the community. Also, this collaboration will help to identify local community, county and regional training needs and resources. The Prevention Resource Center's goals are to establish a central data collection repository for Region 11; to ensure accessible regional substance abuse and mental health training.

This is a non-binding, non-financial Letter of Understanding.

The Prevention Resource Center Region 11 (PRC 11) will provide the following services or resources to the 19 counties located in Health and Human Services Region 11:

- ❖ Develop and provide access to a central data collection repository for the region focused on identifying local, county, and regional data resources.
- ❖ Share available data, resources and statistics with community stakeholders.
- ❖ Complete a Regional Needs Assessment (RNA) and provide access to final document.
- ❖ Offer networking assistance to strengthen prevention efforts in the community.
- ❖ Promote the College Survey and assist universities/colleges in participating.
- ❖ Facilitate access and coordinate prevention trainings available through Coordinated Training Services for DSHS funded providers.

Hidalgo County Head Start Program agrees to provide support in the following tasks:

- ❖ Participate in PRC 11 data collection efforts such as completing surveys and responding to requests for data (alcohol and drug related offenses; violent crime, statistics, prevention efforts, intervention/treatment services, disciplinary offenses, and dropout rates).
- ❖ Offer networking assistance to strengthen prevention efforts in our community by attending meetings facilitated by PRC 11.
- ❖ Provide PRC 11 staff with feedback related to gaps in data collection, networking, data sharing, and coordination of training efforts.

All RGV Council staff will maintain confidentiality requirements in accordance to Federal Confidentiality rules (42CFR 2). Funding for these services is provided by a grant from the Texas Department of State Health Services and no fees or cost will be incurred by the Hidalgo County Head Start Program.

