

Memorandum of Understanding

Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas (BHSST) is a non-profit organization providing substance abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment services. BHSST and Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office agree to collaborate to provide access to Pregnant Post-Partum Intervention (PPI) Program services to women incarcerated at the Hidalgo County Detention Center. The PPI Program provides intervention services for pregnant and post-partum adult and adolescent women at risk for substance abuse. The PPI program is designed to reduce incidence of fetal and infant alcohol, tobacco and drug (ATOD) exposure by facilitating a healthy lifestyle for all participants.


Our commitment to this collaboration will consist of the following:

1. PPI Intervention Specialist will coordinate services with the designated Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office personnel. Services will be rendered according to the agreed upon schedule and a protocol for referring participants will be developed.
2. All referrals to the Intervention Specialists will be attained through the designated Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office representative. At no time will the Intervention Specialist solicit participants for the program.
3. BHSST and Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office will cooperate fully to make it possible for individuals to receive services through BHSST PPI Program. Cooperative efforts include:
 - Referral of individuals and/or agencies to each other for applicable resources.
 - Refer HCSO clients to the PPI Program as appropriate.
 - Provide adequate space and security for the BHSST staff to implement services at location requested by Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office representative.
 - Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office understands PPI Program Staff will secure confirmation of services rendered by obtaining participant's written consent.
 - Offer networking assistance to strengthen intervention efforts in our community.
4. Intervention Specialists will provide parenting education, skill building activities, problem identification and referrals.
5. BHSST and Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office will collaborate to ensure there is no duplication of case management services.
6. The Intervention Specialist will follow the BHSST policies and adhere to Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office policies and procedures when conducting services at any Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office sites.
7. Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office representatives and BHSST staff will maintain confidentiality requirements in accordance with State and Federal Law, including Federal Confidentiality rules (42CFR 2).

8. Funding of services is provided by a grant from the Texas Department of State Health Services and no fees or cost will be incurred by Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office in association with PPI Intervention program services.
9. This collaborative agreement will be enforced in effect from date of execution of document through August 31, 2016. However, either party may terminate without cause by giving the other party written notice of termination.

J.E. "Eddie" Guerra
Sheriff
Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office

Date

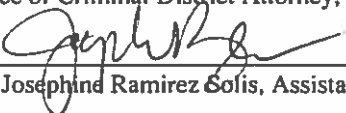


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4/25/16

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Office of Criminal District Attorney, Hidalgo County, Texas

By: 

Josephine Ramirez Solis, Assistant DA

4/26/16

Date