

## 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 Adult Detention Center agree to collaborate to provide access to Pregnant Post-Partum Intervention (PPI) Program services to women incarcerated at the Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center. The PPI Program provides intervention services for pregnant and post-partum adult and adolescent females with substance use disorders or who are at risk of developing substance use disorders. 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 Adult Detention Center personnel. Services will be rendered according to the agreed upon schedule and a protocol for referring participants developed.
2. All referrals to the Intervention Specialists will be attained through the designated Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center representative. At no time will the Intervention Specialist solicit participants for the program.

Referral process;

- Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center personnel will contact PPI Intervention Specialist to refer clients who may be eligible for program services for PPI screening.
  - In consideration of Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center policies, Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center personnel will make contact with PPI Intervention Specialist via telephone call to confirm the number of clients being referred for screening. At this time, Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center and PPI Intervention Specialist will agree on date/ time for screenings.
  - Eligibility Criteria:
    - Females who are identified as being at risk of having, or who have a substance use disorder and are pregnant or have children under the age of 18 months or under six if involved with the Department of Family Protective Services.
3. BHSST and Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center will cooperate fully to make it possible for individuals to receive services through BHSST PPI Program. Cooperative efforts include:
    - PPI staff agrees to complete all background check requirements in compliance with Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center policies prior to providing services.
    - Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center shall provide adequate space and security for the PPI staff to render services at: Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center
      - Location address: 711 El Cibolo Rd., Edinburg, TX 78541
    - Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center personnel and PPI Intervention Specialist agree to provide one another a 48-hour notice of any change in or cancellation of appointment/ meeting except for in a case of emergency.

4. BHSST and Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center will collaborate to ensure there is no duplication of services. PPI program will coordinate and sequence services with Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center to avoid duplication of program services by:
  - PPI Program staff will provide education sessions related to parenting, family bonding and life skills not provided through Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center.
  - Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center will coordinate services for clients related to accessing interagency services.
  - PPI Program will provide case management services for clients related to accessing resources and services upon release.
5. The Intervention Specialist will follow the BHSST policies and adhere to Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center policies and procedures when conducting services at any Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center sites.
6. Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center representatives and BHSST staff will maintain confidentiality requirements in accordance to Federal Confidentiality rules (42CFR 2) as well as State of Texas confidentiality rules.
7. Funding for BHSST services is provided by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and no fees or cost will be incurred by Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center in association with PPI Intervention program services.
8. This collaborative agreement will be in effect from date of execution of document through August 31, 2017. Additionally, either party may terminate without cause by giving the other party written notice of termination.

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

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 Date

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 Jose G. Gonzalez LCSW, CCH, BCPC  
 Chief Executive Officer  
 Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas

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 Date

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Josephine Ramirez Solis, Assistant DA

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 Date