



Tobacco Prevention & Control Coalition

★ A HIDALGO COUNTY COALITION EFFORT ★
OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SOLUTIONS OF SOUTH TEXAS

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Memorandum of Understanding

The Uniting Neighbors In Drug Abuse Defense Tobacco Prevention & Control (TPC) Coalition, hereinafter referred to as “UNIDAD TPC” and the County of Hidalgo, by and through the Hidalgo County Health & Human Services (Tx. Healthy Communities Grant), herein after referred to as “COUNTY”, agrees to collaborate in an effort to increase the effectiveness and visibility of prevention efforts focusing on tobacco prevention and control providing community-planned, evidence-based comprehensive tobacco prevention and control activities. The UNIDAD TPC Coalition’s goal is to educate the communities with expectations to reduce tobacco use, secondhand smoke exposure, and related health disparities among youth and adults.

Our commitment to this collaboration will consist of the following:

1. UNIDAD TPC Coalition Staff will coordinate with UNIDAD TPC Coalition members to conduct monthly coalition meetings; notify members in advance of coalition meeting schedules;
2. UNIDAD TPC Coalition Staff will coordinate and provide training specific to coalition functions and focus;
3. COUNTY agrees to participate in implementing the Strategic Prevention Framework in an effort to ensure successful tobacco prevention and control activities are rendered. Participation will include:
 - a. Attending meetings related to sub-committee involvement
 - b. Provide assistance with media and education efforts
4. The UNIDAD TPC Coalition Staff and COUNTY shall cooperate by:
 - Notifying each other of local events such as health fairs, conferences, and/or celebrations that relate to or are in line with coalition efforts.
 - Offer networking assistance to strengthen prevention efforts in our community.
 - Refer individuals and/or agencies to each other for presentations and applicable resources.

5. All UNIDAD TPC staff and COUNTY staff will maintain confidentiality requirements in accordance to Federal Confidentiality rules (42CFR 2). UNIDAD TPC and COUNTY shall agree to execute any and all necessary documents which may be supplemental to the terms of this Agreement and to take all additional actions, including endorsing any and all documents which may be necessary or appropriate to give full force and effect to the basic terms and intent of this Agreement.
6. Funding for these services is provided by a grant from the Texas Department of State Health Services and no other fees or cost will be incurred by COUNTY.
7. This collaborative agreement shall remain in effect from December 6, 2016 through December 6, 2017 and may be amended by written agreement between the parties. This agreement may be terminated by either party without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice.

Ramon Garcia
(Printed Name)

Date

TITLE:

Hidalgo County Judge

SIGNATURE

Martin V. Castaneda, Coalition Chair
UNIDAD Tobacco Prevention & Control Coalition

Date