



SHERIFF ED GONZALEZ

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July 11, 2025

To: Ed Gonzalez, Sheriff
Harris County Sheriff's Office

Ed Gonzalez 7/15/2025

Approved

Thomas Diaz, Chief Deputy
Executive Command

Thomas Diaz 7/15/2025

Approved

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From: Phillip Bosquez, Assistant Chief
Detention Operations Command

Phillip Bosquez 7/15/2025

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Re: Harris County Public Health Department – STI Testing for Inmates

This letter is to request approval of the attached MOU between Harris County Sheriff's Office and Harris County Public Health Department. The purpose is for HCPH to provide court ordered sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing for outsourced inmates and inmates housed at the Harris County Jail.

Harris County Public Health will provide court ordered STI testing for inmates housed, provide documentation for annual and monthly costs and ensure HCPH are trained and supervised. HCSO agrees to pay upfront annual costs each year for a part-time medical assistant and to pay monthly costs for any lab testing at the rate set in the attached documentation.

Attached is the agreement for your review and approval.

Respectfully submitted.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE HARRIS COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE HARRIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into by and between the Harris County Sheriff's Office ("HCSO") and the Harris County Public Health Department ("HCPH") in Harris County. HCSO and HCPH are referred herein collectively as the "Parties" and each individually as a "Party."

1) PURPOSE OF MOU

The purpose of this MOU is to set forth the responsibilities between HCSO and HCPH wherein HCPH agrees to provide court ordered sexually transmitted infection ("STI") testing for outsourced inmates and inmates housed at the Harris County Jail (overall, the "Services"), as further detailed herein.

2) AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES

A. HCPH hereby agrees:

- i. To provide court ordered STI testing for inmates housed at the Harris County Jail at the rates set forth in Section 2(B).
- ii. To provide documentation for the actual costs for which HCPH expects to be paid on an annual and monthly basis.
- iii. To ensure that HCPH employees providing the Services are adequately trained and supervised.
- iv. To comply with HCSO's policy on security clearance for HCPH employees.
- v. To follow and ensure adherence to record retention requirements.
- vi. HCPH agrees to provide all appropriate laboratory results with Houston Health Department assigned to their jurisdiction

B. HCSO hereby agrees:

- i. To pay an upfront annual cost each year of Thirty-Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$35,000.00) for a part-time medical assistant and to pay monthly costs for any laboratory testing performed on a per test basis at the rates set forth below:

Staff – Part Time Medical Assistant	\$35,000.00
Laboratory Costs (Per Test)	
Gonorrhea/Chlamydia Screen	\$20.00
Syphilis	\$1.75

Hepatitis B	\$3.62
Hepatitis C	\$6.05
HIV	\$5.05

- ii. HCSO agrees that the annual cost and laboratory rates may be reviewed and adjusted according to actual market costs on an annual basis.

3. TERM OF MOU

This MOU shall commence upon approval by Harris County Commissioners Court and shall remain in full force and effect for twelve consecutive months. The MOU will automatically renew for one-year terms unless terminated or amended as provided for herein.

- 4. TERMINATION.** Either Party may terminate this MOU by giving the other Party written notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the anticipated termination date.
- 5. CONFIDENTIALITY.** The Parties will protect all information, records, and data collected or maintained for the administration of this MOU from unauthorized disclosure.
- 6. NOTICE.** Notice may be given by electronic mail, first-class mail, or hand delivery to the following addresses:

To HCSO: Harris County Sheriff's Office
1200 Baker Street
Houston, Texas 77002
Attn: Ed Gonzalez

To HCPH: Harris County Public Health
1111 Fannin Street, 15th Floor
Houston, TX 77002
Attn: Molly Brown

7. MODIFICATION

The terms and conditions of this MOU may be modified upon mutual written consent of the Parties at any time.

8. ASSIGNMENT AND DELEGATION

Neither Party may assign its rights or delegate its duties under this MOU without prior written consent of the other Party.

9. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this MOU is held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of the MOU shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with its terms, disregarding such unenforceable or invalid provision.

10. NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES

This MOU is entered into by and between the Parties hereto and for their benefit. Unless explicitly provided in this MOU, there is no intent by either Party to create or establish third-party beneficiary status or rights in any third party and no such third party shall have any right to enforce any right or enjoy any benefit created or established under this MOU.

11. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This instrument contains the entire agreement between the Parties hereto and may be modified only in a document executed by the Parties.

12. EXECUTION; MULTIPLE PARTS

This MOU may be executed in several counterparts, each of which is deemed an original. All counterparts together constitute one and the same instrument. Each Party warrants that the undersigned is a duly authorized representative with the power to execute this MOU.

[EXECUTION PAGE FOLLOWS]

HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

By: Ed Gonzalez
Ed Gonzalez
Harris County Sheriff
Date: 7/16/2025

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CHRISTIAN D. MENEFE
COUNTY ATTORNEY

By: Manasi Tahiliani
Manasi Tahiliani
Assistant County Attorney
C.A.O. File No.: 25GEN1060

HARRIS COUNTY

By: _____
LINA HIDALGO
Harris County Judge
Date: _____

HARRIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

By: Leah Barton
Leah Barton
Interim Executive Director
Date: 6/26/2026

ORDER OF COMMISSIONERS COURT
Authorizing execution of Agreement

The Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, convened at a meeting of said Court at the Harris County Administration Building in the City of Houston, Texas, on _____, 2025 with all members present except _____.

A quorum was present. Among other business, the following was transacted:

**ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE AND THE HARRIS
COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner _____ introduced an order and made a motion that the same be adopted. Commissioner _____ seconded the motion for adoption of the order. The motion, carrying with it the adoption of the order, prevailed by the following vote:

Vote of the Court	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Judge Hidalgo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Ellis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Garcia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Ramsey, P.E.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Briones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The County Judge thereupon announced that the motion had duly and lawfully carried and that the order had been duly and lawfully adopted. The order thus adopted follows:

IT IS ORDERED that County Judge Lina Hidalgo be, and she is hereby, authorized to execute for and on behalf of Harris County, a Memorandum of Understanding between the Harris County Sheriff’s Office and the Harris County Public Health Department wherein the Harris County Public Health Department agrees to provide court ordered sexually transmitted infection screenings for outsourced inmates and inmates housed at the Harris County Jail at the rates outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding. The Memorandum of Understanding is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes as though fully set forth word for word.

All Harris County officials and employees are authorized to do any and all things necessary or convenient to accomplish the purpose of this Order.