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November 3, 2023

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

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Mike Lee, Chief Deputy
Executive Command

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From: Phillip Bosquez, Assistant Chief
Detention Command

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Re: Santa Maria Hostel Inc. – Path to Recovery - MOU

This letter is to request approval of the attached MOU regarding Santa Maria Hostel Inc. – Path to Recovery and Harris County Sheriff's Office.

Santa Maria Hostel Inc. - Path to Recovery and Harris County Sheriff's Office will coordinate services for female offenders and will provide comprehensive reentry support through pre- and post-release services. The goal is to provide recovery oriented services to increase stable community tenure, decrease recidivism, promote recovery, reduce the risk of relapse, overdose to substance use, and promote recovery through clinically appropriate services combined with long-term Certified Peer Specialist involvement.

Attached is the memo of understanding for your review and approval.

Respectfully submitted.

**Memorandum of Agreement
Between
Santa Maria Hostel, Inc.- *Path to Recovery*
and
Harris County Sheriff's Office**

This agreement is entered into by and between Santa Maria Hostel, Inc. and Harris County on behalf of the Harris County Sheriff's Office, Reentry Services (HCSO) for the purpose of coordinating services for female offenders and will provide comprehensive reentry support through pre-and post-release services through Santa Maria's *Path to Recovery* program in response to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the Second Chance Act Community-Based Reentry Program FY 2022 Competitive Grant Solicitation Number O-BJA-2022-171031 (Category 2, C-BJA-2022-00009-PROD) Santa Maria Hostel, Inc. The goal of Recovery Support Services is to provide recovery-oriented services to 1) increase stable community tenure, decrease recidivism, and promote recovery; and 2) reduce the risk of relapse and overdose to substance use and promote recovery through clinically appropriate services combined with long-term Certified Peer Specialist involvement.

HCSO will:

- Allow Santa Maria Hostel's *Path to Recovery* program to provide pre-release recovery/reentry services to include screening/assessment, recovery coaching/mentoring, and transition/reentry planning for female offenders onsite at designated correctional facility;
- Assess incarcerated females as appropriate utilizing the Texas Risk Assessment System (TRAS), a validated classification and risk/needs assessment tool to identify and coordinate appropriate referrals of moderate to high risk incarcerated females meeting program's target population criteria; and, share TRAS reports with *Path to Recovery* program for female offenders referred to *Path to Recovery* to assist in meeting their individualized reentry needs;
- Provide a meeting area within the correctional facility for the *Path to Recovery* program to meet with incarcerated females to provide pre-lease recovery/reentry services; linkage to clinically appropriate services for medication-assisted treatment (MAT) and coordination of support services to address specific individualized needs for eligible women;
- Participate in cross-training to provide necessary programmatic orientation for appropriate and relevant agency staff members and understanding of offender and victims' issues;
- Track and share project-related participant information (e.g., a baseline recidivism rate for the population specific to the site, re-incarceration/recidivism statistics for incarcerated females participating in *Path to Recovery*, and assistance with obtaining other specific data elements/performance measure data as required by the grant), as appropriate within privacy and confidentiality laws (State and federal), with partners and appropriate staff for evaluative and other programmatic purposes;

- Only share with the *Path to Recovery* program information on clients who sign a consent for authorization for disclosure to allow both parties to share information.

Santa Maria Hostel, Inc will:

- Offer pre- and post-release services to female offenders enrolled in *Path to Recovery*;
- Implement pre- and post-release services utilizing evidence-based strategies and guidelines;
- Meet face-to-face with female offenders, with telephone coaching as needed, to develop a mentoring relationship and provide pre-release services (screening/assessment, recovery coaching/mentoring, and transition/reentry planning);
- Offer female offenders participating in *Path to Recovery* a comprehensive menu of transitional services post-release through Santa Maria's continuum of care and community collaborations;
- Provide "reach-in" support to engage justice-involved women with opioid and stimulant-use disorders in a mutually empowering relationship to support successful "re-entry" transition from incarceration to the community;
- Participate in cross-training to provide necessary programmatic orientation for appropriate and relevant agency staff members and understanding of offender and victims' issues;
- Track and share project-related participant information to include performance measure data and outcomes as required by the grant (e.g., number of participants successfully completing program, number of participants successfully completing treatment), as appropriate within privacy and confidentiality guidelines, with partners and appropriate staff for evaluative and other programmatic purposes.

SANTA MARIA HOSTEL, INC

By: _____
 Nadine Scamp, LMSW
 CEO
 Santa Maria Hostel, Inc.
 Date signed: _____

HARRIS COUNTY

By: _____
 LINA HIDALGO
 COUNTY JUDGE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CHRISTIAN D. MENEFE
 COUNTY ATTORNEY

By: Haley New
 Haley New
 Assistant County Attorney
 C.A. File No.: 23GEN0919

ORDER OF COMMISSIONERS COURT

The Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, met in regular session at its regular term at the Harris County Administration Building in the City of Houston, Texas, on _____, with all members present except _____.

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

ORDER AUTHORIZING A LOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN HARRIS COUNTY AND SANTA MARIA HOSTEL, INC

Commissioner _____ introduced an order and moved that Commissioners Court adopt the order. Commissioner _____ seconded the motion for adoption of the order. The motion, carrying with it the adoption of the order prevailed by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain
Judge Lina Hidalgo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Rodney Ellis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Adrian Garcia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Tom S. Ramsey, P.E.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Lesley 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 adopted follows:

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Harris County Judge is authorized to execute on behalf of Harris County the attached Local Agreement between Harris County and Santa Maria Hostel, Inc for the purpose of allowing the Harris County Sheriff's Office to coordinate services for incarcerated females and provide comprehensive reentry support through *Path to Recovery* program in response to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the Second Chance Act Community-Based Reentry Program FY 2022 Competitive Grant Solicitation Number O-BJA-2022-171031 (Category 2, C-BJA-2022-00009-PROD) Santa Maria Hostel, Inc. The Memorandum of Agreement is incorporated by reference and made a part of this order for all intents and purposes as though set out in full word for word.
2. All Harris County officials and employees are authorized to do any and all things necessary or convenient to accomplish the purposes of this order.