

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds the need for health services providing for education, counseling, and other services designed to aid expectant moms of Nueces County who may be chemically dependent;

WHEREAS, Commissioners Court is authorized to appropriate and spend money from the county general revenues for public health and sanitation in the county pursuant to § 122.001 of the Texas Health and Safety Code and the determinations of Texas Attorney General Opinion Nos. JM-158 (1984) and JM-103 (1983);

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration and exchange of mutual covenants and conditions contained herein to provide services to and support of children in need of protection and care and to further the public purpose of elimination and prevention of alcohol and drug abuse in Nueces County, the County and Refuge of Hope agree as follows:

I.

Refuge of Hope will provide programs to expectant or new moms in Nueces County focused on the protection and care of their newborns, specifically, but not limited to newborn care, food for growth, a safe and healthy environment, and reducing the risk of SIDS. Refuge of Hope will provide programs to expectant and new moms regarding the dangers of drug and alcohol use. Refuge of Hope will provide program access or remove barriers to accessibility under the Americans with Disabilities Act to allow individuals with disabilities the opportunity to participate and receive benefits of services, programs and activities.

II.

Refuge of Hope will submit semi-annual reports to the County indicating activities by Refuge of Hope in performance of its obligations pursuant to this agreement. Refuge of Hope

shall include in its reports a detailed accounting of expenditures of County funds and the direct and measurable results obtained with regard to programs to expectant or new moms in Nueces County focused on the protection and care of their newborns in Nueces County as well as programs for expectant and new moms regarding the dangers of drug and alcohol use. Such reports shall be presented to the County Commissioners Court at a noticed meeting.

III.

Refuge of Hope will diligently use its resources to provide the aforementioned program designed for expectant or new moms in Nueces County focusing on the protection and care of their newborns and educating and counseling regarding the dangers of drug and alcohol use.

IV.

As payment for these services to be rendered in the County's fiscal year 2017-2018, the County will provide \$2,000 subject to appropriations for the administration of Refuge of Hope program pursuant to the 2017-2018 County Budget.

V.

Refuge of Hope will cause this funding to be segregated from other funds used for activities of Refuge of Hope unrelated to the purposes of this agreement.

VI.

This agreement shall continue in full force and effect until September 30, 2018. In the event Refuge of Hope terminates its program services related to the purposes of this agreement

prior to the expiration of this agreement, the balance of any remaining funds shall be returned to the County in the same proportion that County funds bear to the total funds received or in the possession by Refuge of Hope to conduct program services related to this agreement.

WITNESS our hands on this _____ day of _____, 2018.

NUECES COUNTY

REFUGE OF HOPE

BY: _____
Samuel L. Neal, Jr.
County Judge

Ruth Alarcon
Executive Director

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Kara Sands, County Clerk

Approved as to form:

BY: _____
Laura Garza Jimenez
County Attorney