

Memorandum of Understanding  
Between  
Santa Maria Hostel, Inc.  
and  
Fort Bend County Behavioral Health Services (FBCBHS)

This agreement is entered into for the purpose of providing intervention services to complete a more comprehensive and coordinated continuum of care for participants and shall be in effect for a one-year period from the date of signature.

The Caring for Two Program shall serve families having a member who is pregnant or postpartum with a child up to 18 months of age (or the same population referred by DFPS/court with a child under the age of six (6) years), and who has a history of substance use, domestic/interpersonal violence, trauma history or abuse, mental health issues, lack of/late prenatal care, teen pregnancy and/or financial distress. The goal of Caring for Two is to provide outreach and intervention services to 1) decrease risk factors for substance use disorders and promote family health and wellness; 2) increase knowledge and adoption of healthy behaviors, including those related to maternal substance use; 3) increase effective parenting skills that promote caregiver-child attachment and infant brain development; and, 4) improve maternal and birth outcomes, including reduction in drug and alcohol-exposed births and maternal mortality/morbidity.

Santa Maria Hostel, Inc., through the Caring for Two Program, agrees to:

1. With written consent, screen pregnant and postpartum women and women of child-bearing age with appropriate screening instruments, inclusive of the Pregnant Postpartum Intervention Screening, to assess risk factors and Caring for Two Program eligibility of those referred by FBCBHS;
2. Enroll eligible patients into the Caring for Two Program for voluntary comprehensive continuum of care services and/or refer identified issues to FBCBHS for follow-up;
3. Provide: brief counseling; recovery support services; parenting education and coaching; parent support groups and related activities; linkage to SUD treatment, MAT, prenatal care and other services as needed; and coordination of care to address specific individualized needs for eligible women/families;
4. Provide parenting and other education sessions in a group format as mutually determined by SMH and FBCBHS;
5. Provide training to partner staff as needed on various topics related to perinatal substance use, NAS, community referrals and best practices for care;
4. Collaborate with FBCBHS, with the appropriate release of information and confidentiality documentation, regarding case staffing, service planning, and evaluation of Caring for Two Program and other services intended to assure the quality of services;
5. Support and improve access to Caring for Two Program services for enrolled families on-site at FBCBHS and at other locations, if needed; and

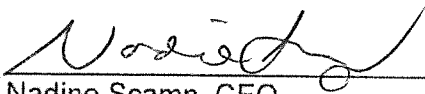
Fort Bend County Behavioral Health Services agrees to:

1. Provide appropriate referrals to Caring for Two Program, upon appropriate consent of the client referred, for cases involving pregnant and postpartum females with a child up to 18 months of age (or the same population referred by DFPS/court with a child under the age of six (6) years) who have risk factors that indicate potential eligibility for the program;
2. Collaborate with Caring for Two Program staff with the appropriate release of information and confidentiality documentation, regarding case staffing, service planning, and evaluation of Caring for Two Program and other services intended to assure the comprehensive provision of quality services;
3. As applicable, provide staff to assist in facilitation of Mommies curriculum special topics;  
and
4. Provide appropriate workspace for Caring for Two Program staff to conduct screening, assessment, case management, education and other intervention services, including individual and group modalities as appropriate.

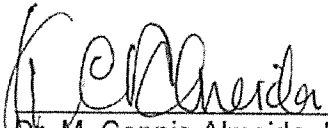
It shall be the responsibility of both parties to comply with their set internal policies, including all HIPAA regulations, and standard procedures for all testing, counseling, and referrals.

Either party may request changes to the MOU. Any changes, modifications, revisions or amendments to this MOU which are mutually agreed upon by and between the parties to this MOU shall be incorporated by written instrument, and effective when executed and signed by all parties to this MOU. This agreement may be canceled at any time by either organization given a 30-day advance written notice.

Both parties to this agreement agree to coordinate so that there is no duplication of service.

  
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Nadine Scamp, CEO  
Santa Maria Hostel, Inc.

Date: 7/18/2023

  
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M. Connie Almeida, BHS Director  
Fort Bend County Behavioral Health Services

Date: 7/13/2023