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REVIEW FORM

On August 19, 2026, the County Attorney's Office reviewed the following:

26-SocSvc-101130 - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING Fort Bend County Social Services and United Way of Greater Houston

COMMENTS: This Memorandum of Understanding is Approved as to legal form for the attached document.

Please be advised that this document was reviewed for legal form only. Please keep in mind that the special conditions included in this agreement may create specific obligations for the department in administering this program. It is incumbent upon the department to read through all terms and conditions associated with the agreement to ensure full compliance with all federal, state and local requirements.

The aforementioned document has been acknowledged, reviewed and approved as to legal form only.

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Fort Bend County Social Services
and
United Way of Greater Houston

The following Memorandum of Understanding ("Agreement") sets forth the terms of agreement between Fort Bend County Social Services ("FBCHSS") and United Way of Greater Houston ("UWGH") with regards to collaborative community resource coordination, referral partnerships, and housing stabilization efforts.

I. Purpose of Agreement

It is the purpose of this Agreement to establish a cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship between Fort Bend County Social Services and United Way of Greater Houston and to set forth the relative responsibilities of the parties as they relate to coordinated referrals, navigation services, training, and community resource connections for Fort Bend County residents.

II. Duration of Agreement

The Agreement shall commence on _____ and shall remain in full force and effect until _____ or until the Agreement is canceled by either party in accordance with the terms set forth herein.

III. Services Provided

United Way of Greater Houston is committed to building stronger communities by creating opportunities for people to prosper. For 100 years, United Way of Greater Houston has brought together diverse partners and approaches to get to the root of complex challenges holding people back. The impact areas United Way focuses on are health, education, and economic mobility. This is done by leading, serving, influencing, and convening the nonprofit social services sector to deliver quality services with exceptional outcomes.

Fort Bend County Social Services is committed to serving the community through programs and services that promote stability, health, prevention, intervention, and access to essential resources for Fort Bend County residents.

IV. Referral Process

The parties agree to collaborate to improve access to rental assistance, utility assistance, navigation services, and community resources through coordinated referrals and partnership efforts.

United Way of Greater Houston may assist residents with intake support, referrals, and

resource navigation related to Fort Bend County assistance programs.

Fort Bend County Social Services may refer residents to United Way of Greater Houston's Integrated Client Journey platform for navigation support, self-service access, and additional community-based resources.

V. General Provisions

It is understood by the parties that each should be able to fulfill its responsibilities under this Agreement in accordance with the provisions of law and regulations that govern their activities. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to negate or otherwise render ineffective any such provisions or operating procedures.

VI. Responsibilities of the Parties Under Agreement

A. United Way of Greater Houston shall:

- Provide training and education to FBCSS staff regarding United Way of Greater Houston programs and services.
- Assist individuals and families seeking assistance by conducting intake support and screening for Fort Bend County rental and utility assistance programs.
- Refer potentially eligible residents to Fort Bend County Social Services for rental and utility assistance consideration.
- Provide resource navigation and referrals to additional community-based services.
- Collaborate with FBCSS regarding best practices for coordinated referrals and service delivery.

B. Fort Bend County Social Services shall:

- Provide UWGH with current information regarding rental assistance, utility assistance, eligibility requirements, and application processes.
- Accept and review referrals from UWGH subject to eligibility requirements and funding availability.
- Refer individuals and families to UWGH's Integrated Client Journey platform for navigation services, self-service resource access, and additional community referrals.
- Collaborate with UWGH on partnership efforts, referral coordination, and community outreach activities.
- Participate in meetings, training opportunities, and communication efforts that strengthen coordinated service delivery.

VII. Allocation of Costs

Fort Bend County Social Services and United Way of Greater Houston will assume full responsibility for their respective costs associated with performance of the terms of this Agreement.

Nothing in this Agreement shall obligate either party to provide funding to the other party unless otherwise agreed to in writing.

VIII. Unenforceable Provisions

In the event that any provision of this Agreement is unenforceable or held to be unenforceable, the parties agree that all other provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and shall not be affected.

IX. Equal Opportunity, Non-Discrimination, and Disabilities Provision

The parties to this Agreement shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any employee, applicant, or participant on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, or any other classification protected under applicable federal or state law.

X. Confidentiality of Records

To the extent permitted by law, both parties shall secure the confidentiality of records and agree and acknowledge that all information shared between the parties may contain confidential information protected by law. Both parties also ensure that adequate security measures are in place to avoid unwarranted breach of such confidentiality.

XI. Amendment or Cancellation

This Agreement may be amended at any time in writing and by mutual consent of both parties.

Either party may cancel its participation in this Agreement, in whole or in part, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party. The Agreement will be reviewed and negotiated on an annual basis.

XII. Signatures

Fort Bend County Social Services

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Name

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Title

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Signature

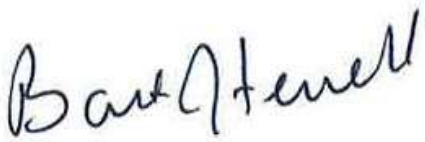
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Date

United Way of Greater Houston

Name ___Bart Ferrell_____

Title __Chief Strategy and Finance Officer__



Signature_____

Date___7/7/2026___