Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: January 28, 2014
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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head:
Greg Hamilton, Sheriff
Sherri Fleming, County Executive Health & Human Services

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Sam Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE:
Consider and approve authorization for execution of Memorandum of Understanding between SafePlace and Travis County Sheriff's Office and Health & Human Services, Office of Children's Services, related to participation in the Manor Collaborative to Promote Safe and Healthy Relationships.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:
The Travis County Sheriff's Office requests authorization for Sheriff Hamilton to execute documents related to TCSO's participation in the Manor Collaborative to Promote Safe and Healthy Relationships. Additionally, Health & Human Services Office of Children's Services requests authorization for Sherri Fleming to execute the document related to HHS OCS participation in the Manor Collaborative to Promote Safe and Healthy Relationships.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING: None

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:
Sam Biscoe, County Judge
Greg Hamilton, Sheriff
Sherri Fleming, County Executive Health & Human Services

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials should be submitted as a pdf to the County Judge's office, agenda@co.travis.tx.us **by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m.** for the next week's meeting.

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MEMORANDUM

To: The Travis County Commissioners Court

From: Karen Maxwell, Senior Planner

Subject: Manor Collaborative to Promote Safe and Healthy Relationships - MOU

An opportunity for community collaboration and partnership has recently arisen. In December 2013, a grant solicitation was issued by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women (OVWA), for consolidated programs to address children and youth experiencing domestic and sexual assault and engage men and boys as allies. SafePlace has reviewed this solicitation, considered identified needs within the community and engaged partners to plan and participate in this project.

If funded, this project will establish a collaborative to prevent, intervene, treat and respond to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating abuse and stalking affecting youth ages 3-18 in Manor, Texas. A current evaluation of the Expect Respect Support Groups, that includes counseling services in Manor ISD for students exposed to violence or abuse, reflects a high rate of children who are exposed to violence and abuse within that district. Existing funding for the evaluation ends in May 2014, and SafePlace has been seeking funding opportunities to continue this work in light of the identified needs; this solicitation offers such an opportunity.

SafePlace, as the lead applicant and fiscal agent, has recruited strong community partners: Manor Independent School District, Austin Children's Shelter, Con MI MADRE, Travis County Sheriff's Office and Travis County Health and Human Services/Veteran Services Office of Children Services, Austin/Travis County Family Violence Task Force, and the African American Youth Harvest Foundation. Eligibility guidelines for this solicitation require that these partnerships be documented in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that must be submitted with the application, which is due by February 4, 2014.

The Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) and Travis County Health and Human Services Office of Children Services (OCS) have been engaged in planning discussions for this project and seek the Court's support to execute a memorandum of understanding formalizing each department's participation with this project.

TCSO participation in this project includes collaboration with Manor ISD and project partners to implement prevention education sessions for students, community campaigns, and bystander intervention training, and a representative of the office will serve on the leadership

team for the project. TCSO provides SRO services for Manor ISD under a separate interlocal contract and has been a partner in education for a number of years. No additional FTEs or funding is requested from this grant or Commissioners Court in support of this participation.

OCS will support this project by identifying and supporting training for social and behavioral health service providers that is provided by SafePlace and other community partners, giving expertise and direction to assist in developing systems for interagency collaboration. Additionally, OCS will support the coordination of referrals and services that will occur through the school system and through the Travis County Community Center in Manor which provides access to services outside of the school system. A representative from OCS will be identified to serve on the project leadership team. No additional FTEs or funding is requested from this grant or Commissioners Court in support of this participation.

The attached memorandum of understanding has been reviewed and approved by the Travis County Attorney, and we ask for the Court's review and approval to execute the attached document. This project will establish strong collaborations to protect and support the children and youth of Travis County, and we appreciate your endorsement of these efforts.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 854-7508 or via email at karen.maxwell@co.travis.tx.us.

xc: Laura Peveto, HHS Office of Children Services
Jim Connolly, County Attorney
Travis Gatlin, PBO
Kelly Page, TCSO Community Outreach

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Clearly identify the partners and provide a brief history of the collaborative relationship among those partners, including when and under what circumstances the relationship began and when each partner entered into the relationship.

Project Title: Manor Collaborative to Promote Safe and Healthy Relationships.

Purpose: U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), FY 2014 Consolidated Grant Program to Address Children and Youth Experiencing Domestic and Sexual Assault and Engage Men and Boys as Allies (Consolidated Grant), Comprehensive Project.

Lead applicant: Travis County Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Survival Center d/b/a SafePlace.

Primary partners: Manor Independent School District, Austin Children's Shelter, Con MI MADRE, Travis County Sheriff's Office and Travis County Health and Human Services/Veteran Services Office of Children Services, Austin/Travis County Family Violence Task Force, and the African American Youth Harvest Foundation.

Manor, located in Travis County, Texas is one of the nation's fastest growing communities and home to a diverse, underserved population. Manor's 12 public schools play a central role in the lives of 8,000 children and their families. Manor Independent School District (MISD) has a history of nurturing close relationships with community organizations to support children and struggling families. SafePlace, has partnered with MISD for more than 15 years, and is a nationally-recognized leader in providing school-based counseling for youth exposed to violence, parent education and school-wide strategies for teen dating abuse prevention and related issues through its Expect Respect Program. SafePlace as the lead applicant and the primary partners including MISD, Austin Children's Shelter (ACS), Con MI MADRE, Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO), Travis County Health and Human Services/Veteran Services

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Office of Children Services (OCS), the Austin/Travis County Family Violence Task Force (FVTF) and the African American Youth Harvest Foundation propose to establish a collaborative to prevent, intervene, treat and respond to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating abuse and stalking affecting youth ages 3-18 in Manor, Texas.

All primary partners listed above were involved in developing this grant application, approve the proposed project budget, and agree to serve on the project leadership team to coordinate all aspects of project planning and delivery. Additional partners, including Manor youth and adult residents, community leaders and other organizations serving Manor families will be invited and engaged in the assessment of community strengths and needs, development of a strategic plan, implementation of programs and services, and evaluation. The proposed project will bring school, county, law enforcement, mental health service providers, youth and community groups together to prevent and intervene against domestic and sexual violence, teen dating violence and stalking, build capacity in the schools and community, and improve interagency collaboration to create trauma-informed schools and a survivor-centered system of care for children exposed to violence. This MOU further describes each primary partner, its relationship to other partners, key staff and their roles in the proposed project, and funds requested.

SafePlace (Lead applicant):

Expertise and Mission: SafePlace is the leading non-profit domestic violence and sexual assault services provider for Austin/Travis County. Its mission is to end sexual and domestic violence through safety, healing, prevention and social change. SafePlace offers an array of services to children, youth and adult survivors and to the greater community including a 24-hour crisis Hotline; 105-bed emergency shelter; 51 transitional housing apartments; hospital advocacy; legal

advocacy; counseling and case management, among others. SafePlace has an on-site Children's Services program and childcare center for shelter and transitional housing clients (the focus of an OVW FY 2011 Children Exposed to Violence grant), and K-12 charter school. SafePlace's Expect Respect Program provides school-based counseling and support groups in middle and high schools for youth exposed to violence, youth leadership activities, parent engagement, and school-wide prevention strategies including consultation, policy development and staff training. Agency staff collaborate with other organizations to engage community members including Latino, African American, Asian, LGBTQ, Deaf, Faith community, College students, and other populations in services and prevention activities. SafePlace is a founding member of the Austin/Travis County Family Violence Task Force, Sexual Assault Response and Resources Team, and participates in many other multi-agency planning groups addressing local youth and adult needs.

Key Personnel: SafePlace's Expect Respect Program Director, Barri Rosenbluth LCSW, will be responsible for the proposed project including convening partners, conducting strengths and needs assessment, strategic planning and performance reporting. Ms. Rosenbluth, who has worked for SafePlace for 23 years, directs a team of 15 counselors, educators and evaluators serving three local school districts. A Project Director, Barbara Ball PhD, will assist in needs assessment, project planning and development including supporting contracted partners, developing and implementing activities to meet goals, identifying and tracking output and outcome data, and project reporting. As SafePlace employees, Ms. Rosenbluth for 23 years and Dr. Ball for 10 years, the proposed project leads have established relationships with the partners on this application, Manor Independent School District, the Travis County Sheriff's Office, Travis County Office of Children's Services, Con MI MADRE, the African American Youth

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Harvest Foundation, the Austin Children's Shelter, and the Austin/Travis County Family Violence Task Force.

Dr. Ball currently directs an evaluation of Expect Respect Support Groups funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which includes counseling services in Manor ISD for students exposed to violence or abuse. She and Ms. Lott discovered the District's high rates of children exposed to violence and abuse and began to seek funds to continue services after the evaluation ends in May, 2014. Upon the release of this funding announcement, Ms. Lott arranged meetings with Manor Assistant Superintendent Dr. Robert Peters, and Early Childhood Director Tanda Brown who were immediately receptive to collaborating and provided information for the application.

Roles and Responsibilities: Through the proposed project, two SafePlace Expect Respect counselors will provide school-based counseling, advocacy and group sessions using the Expect Respect Support Group curriculum in two middle and two high schools in MISD. Expect Respect Support Groups will serve boys and girls ages 11-18 who have been exposed to violence or abuse. Expect Respect groups are gender-specific and led by a same-sex counselor. A third SafePlace counselor will provide counseling and advocacy to students and their non-offending parents in 7 elementary schools. The SafePlace counselors will work with school personnel to increase students' immediate safety, social support and skills for healthy relationships. They will provide consultation on the needs of individual students as well as professional development for administrators, teachers, counselors, nurses, school resource officers and other school personnel. The SafePlace counselors will strengthen relationships between youth victims and their non-offending parents by providing brief sessions as needed with children and their non-offending parents, linkage to community services, and prevention activities to engage parents in supporting

healthy teen relationships. The Expect Respect Prevention Manager will work with new and existing youth leaders to provide the 6-session youth leadership training and support for youth-led projects and coordinate community-wide prevention campaigns with the Travis County Sheriff's Office.

SafePlace will serve as the administrative and fiscal agent for the project, take the lead role in coordinating project activities, drafting and submitting semi-annual performance reports to OVW and developing sub-award agreements with funded project partners. Dr. Ball will serve as Project Director and facilitate the project leadership team. Ms. Rosenbluth will provide oversight, support and assistance in all aspects of program planning and implementation. SafePlace will hire 3 counselors or social workers with experience serving children and youth exposed to violence to provide school-based services in K-12 schools in Manor ISD. Bilingual candidates will be preferred. SafePlace counselors will receive ongoing training on domestic, sexual violence and teen dating abuse, and weekly individual supervision by a licensed social worker.

Funding Requested for SafePlace positions: SafePlace will employ a .75 FTE Project Director, and .25 FTE Program Director, each for 3 years, and 3 FTE counselors for 2.5 years.

Type of Required Partner: Services to adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. Services to youth victims. History of conducting prevention education and community awareness activities.

Manor Independent School District (MISD)

Expertise and Mission: Originally established in the late 1880's as a hub for the Central Texas cotton industry, Manor has gone through a period of rapid growth and transformation in the past decade. Manor, located to the Northeast of Austin, is one of the fastest growing communities in the United States. Population growth and demographic shifts have led to a significant increase in

poverty and social stressors. In the last ten years, Manor ISD grew from 3,200 students to now over 8,000 students. In that time frame, the demographic changes brought with them an increase in students classified as economically disadvantaged from 62% in 2003-2004 to 80% in 2012-13. In 2012-13, 30% of students were English Language Learners and 57% of the students were identified as At-Risk by the Texas Education Agency.

Today MISD is a unique blend of rural and urban features with a diverse population comprised of 61% Hispanic, 24% African American, 11% White, 3% Asian and 1% Native/Pacific Island/Multi-racial. Despite significant challenges, the City of Manor and MISD are tremendously resourceful and have successfully attracted high tech industry, with Samsung and Applied Materials within its boundaries and Dell and Freescale Semiconductors in close proximity. MISD encompasses 100 square miles, and two high schools, two middle schools, seven elementary schools, and one alternative academy. MISD demonstrated innovative leadership when it opened Manor New Tech High School in 2007 based on a project-based learning model which received national recognition and recently hosted President Obama for a national press conference. MISD's mission is to provide a positive and academically challenging environment with high standards and measureable goals in partnership with parents and the community.

MISD's Department of Student and Family Support Services (SFSS) empowers students and their families by providing social services to help families become self-sufficient and to help students achieve academic and lifelong success. The SFSS staff provide a range of interventions and services for children with complex needs including children with serious emotional disturbances, homeless, in foster care, pregnant and parenting. SFSS also coordinates services by community-based providers and works closely with Travis County Office of Children's

Services and other local providers. Over the past 4 years SafePlace has partnered with SFSS and provided brief counseling for students who had been exposed to violence. These services were provided under a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-funded program evaluation that concludes in May, 2014. SFSS recently established a new partnership with Austin Travis County Integral Care (ATCIC) to provide school-based mental health services and SFSS, together with SafePlace through this initiative, will develop systems for referral and interagency collaboration to connect children exposed to violence who have mental health needs to services at their school. Increased collaboration among victim and mental health service providers will create a seamless provision of care to children in Manor schools.

MISD Department of Early Childhood Education - provides Pre-K classrooms for 3-4 year olds in each of its 7 elementary schools to provide young children the foundation for academic, social and emotional growth, thus making children "school ready." Through the proposed project, SafePlace will establish a new partnership with the MISD Department of Early Childhood Education. The Austin Children's Shelter's Strong Start program will be implemented at one high-need elementary school. Strong Start is an evidence-based child abuse prevention program designed to provide parents with the skills and resources needed to safely raise their children. Strong Start specifically engages families with risk factors including a history of abuse in the family. Through the proposed project, Strong Start will be integrated into a Pre-K setting where it will not only serve vulnerable children and their parents, but will also build capacity among school personnel for identifying and supporting children exposed to violence. In addition, the evidence-based, 12-18 session, Incredible Years parenting series will also be offered to parents in MISD.

Key Personnel:

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Ms. Rebecca Lott, Director of Student and Family Support Services, Ms. Tonda Brown, Director of Early Childhood Education, and Dr. Robert Peters, Assistant Superintendent, were instrumental in developing the proposed project and will serve on the project leadership team.

Roles and Responsibilities: MISD is committed to promoting a positive school climate and establishing a school culture that is safe for everyone and a place where children who have been hurt come forward to seek help. Toward that goal, Manor Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Robert Peters, will participate in a review and assessment of school policy and practices concerning youth exposed to violence, teen dating abuse, sexual assault and related issues and will provide access to MISD personnel for professional development on related issues.

Ms. Tonda Brown, Director of Early Childhood Education, will integrate the Strong Start program at one high-need elementary school. Ms. Brown will help identify and refer eligible children and engage parents in home-based services as well as school-based prevention education.

Ms. Rebecca Lott, Director of Student and Family Support Services, will have a key role in coordinating the identification and referral of students in grades K-12 who have been exposed to violence or abuse or are at risk for victimization in their dating relationships. Ms. Lott and her team of counselors, social workers and parent support specialists will provide logistical support for school-based counseling and group sessions provided by SafePlace and will coordinate staff and parent education sessions.

Funding Requested: None.

Type of Required Partner: School District.

Austin Children's Shelter (ACS)

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

FY 2014 OVW Consolidated Youth grant applicant: SafePlace.

Expertise and Mission: ACS protects and heals children, young adults and families in need. Its goal is to end child abuse and neglect, to create a community and a world that has no need of a shelter for abused or neglected children. Providing emergency shelter for children for over 35 years, ACS also addresses a broader continuum of services including transitional living, a teen parent and respite care program, foster family services, a child development and family support center and Strong Start, an evidence-based child abuse prevention program for children 0-5. In 2013, ACS joined SafePlace as a partner in the Lift Alliance, a partnership of victim/survivor-centered non-profit agencies responding to and preventing child, domestic, and sexual abuse. Strong Start is a therapeutic early childhood program that consists of classroom interventions coupled with educational home visits that focus on increasing positive behaviors in children, social emotional development, problem solving and communication. It is designed to provide parents with the skills and resources needed to safely raise their children. Strong Start serves families with children between the ages of 0-5 who have risk factors that make them vulnerable to abuse and neglect such as unemployment, a history of abuse in the family, mental health issues, substance abuse, or other stressors. Strong Start teaches parents effective, non-violent parenting techniques while enhancing child social emotional development and decreasing challenging child behaviors. Strong Start, previously a non-profit agency called the Relief Nursery of Central Texas, was a partner in the aforementioned FY 2011 CEV grant in which SafePlace was the lead applicant. Through that initiative, Strong Start was integrated into SafePlace's Children's Program and onsite daycare serving children and families residing in the SafePlace emergency shelter. In 2013, Strong Start merged with ACS and provides services in multiple locations.

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FY 2014 OVW Consolidated Youth grant applicant: SafePlace.

Key Personnel: Donna Wood, Senior Director for Prevention and Community Services at ACS, will serve on the project leadership team. Ms. Wood was the founding Executive Director of Strong Start prior to its merger with ACS in 2013. She was previously employed by the Department of Family and Protective Services and has over 15 years of experience working to prevent domestic violence, child abuse and sexual assault. Ms. Wood currently supervises the Strong Start program and was instrumental in developing the current grant application.

Roles and Responsibilities: Ms. Wood will integrate the Strong Start model into Pre-K classrooms in MISD. A Parent Child Relationship Specialist will provide assessment and intervention in the classroom with children and their Pre-K teachers and home-based parent coaching for participating families. The Parent Child Relationship Specialist will also teach the evidence-based, 12-18 session Incredible Years Parenting Series at school for additional parents. By anchoring this position in the elementary school, other teachers and school personnel will increase their capacity to identify and respond effectively to children exposed to violence and those at risk for child abuse and neglect.

ACS will hire a full time Parent Child Relationship Specialist, a position that requires a minimum of a bachelor's degree in child development, social work or a related field, 3 years' experience working with children 0-5 and their families, and a person who is bilingual in English and Spanish and bi-cultural. The position will be supervised by a licensed therapist employed by ACS.

Funding Requested: ACS will employ a 1 FTE Parent Child Relationship Specialist for 2 years, and a .20 FTE Program Director for 3 years.

Type of Required Partner: Victim services for children and youth.

Con MI MADRE

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

FY 2014 OVW Consolidated Youth grant applicant: SafePlace.

Expertise and Mission: Con MI MADRE is a local non-profit organization whose mission is to empower young Latinas to stay in school, graduate, and go on to pursue post-secondary education. Con MI MADRE provides education and support services for girls beginning in 6th grade and encourages their mothers to play an active role in their lives. Program activities include school-based sessions for girls and mother-daughter conferences on topics important to girls' health and overall success. Girls and their mothers enroll in the program together and are offered an array of services including: school-based groups, mother-daughter conferences, college visits, campus meetings, community service activities, counseling, and mentoring throughout the year. Most students in the program come from low-income households and are the first in their families to pursue post-secondary education. Staff and interns help students apply to college and obtain scholarships and financial aid.

SafePlace has partnered with Con MI MADRE since its inception in 2008 by providing educational sessions for participating girls on the topic of healthy dating and dating abuse prevention as well as sessions for parents in English and Spanish. Through the proposed project, this program will be expanded to girls and their mothers in two Manor middle schools. MISD welcomes these additional, culturally specific services for girls and their families.

Key Personnel: The agency's Executive Director, Dr. Teresa Granillo, MSW, PhD, recognizes that sexual, dating and domestic violence affect Latinas' social, emotional, physical and mental health, impeding their academic success and opportunities for post-secondary education. Dr. Granillo participated in planning this proposal and commits to serving on the project leadership team and to recommending youth advisors to the project.

Roles and Responsibilities: Con MI MADRE is committed to further addressing violence and abuse prevention and response in programs and services. Dr. Granillo identified training for

program staff and integrating content on relationship violence into existing curricula as priorities for the agency and will collaborate with SafePlace and other partners to achieve this goal. Through this grant Con MI MADRE will expand school-based groups, mother-daughter conferences, counseling and mentoring throughout the year for girls in two Manor middle schools. Youth participating in Con MI MADRE will receive training from SafePlace to become leaders in preventing dating abuse, stalking, sexual and domestic violence. Con MI MADRE is committed to launching the program in Manor for 6th grade girls and sustaining it each year as participating girls advance to higher grades.

Funding Requested: Con MI MADRE will employ a .5 FTE Girls' Facilitator for 2 years, and a .20 FTE Program Director for 3 years.

Type of Required Partner: Culturally-specific services.

African American Youth Harvest Foundation (AAYHF)

Expertise and Mission: The AAYHF fulfills a unique role throughout Greater Austin delivering educational, health and social services to continually strengthen the African American community. The mission of the AAYHF is to advocate, to strengthen, and to provide culturally relevant, family educational, health and human services, and economic development opportunities to African-American youth, their families, and other at-risk populations that reside in the Greater Austin area which includes Manor. The AAYHF serves low-income and high-need school-age youth between 6 and 18 and their families residing in Northeast Austin and the rural areas of Northeast Travis County with a high population of African Americans and disadvantaged youth and families. Since its inception, approximately 70% of people served are African American, 25% are Hispanic and 5% are White.

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FY 2014 OVW Consolidated Youth grant applicant: SafePlace.

The AAYHF is uniquely designed to deliver a range of educational, health and social services through its newly developed Youth Resource Center located between Manor and Austin. The AAYHF directs data-focused school and community based programs that: combat crime, juvenile delinquency and destructive social behavior, encourage academic excellence, build working partnerships between successful adults and youth through workshops and mentoring programs, and teach successful strategies for achieving economic prosperity and personal wealth through academic achievement, entrepreneurism as well as career and employment planning. SafePlace has been a partner and presenter in AAYHF conferences addressing teen relationships.

Key Personnel: Founding Director Michael Lofton was the originator of the first African-American Men and Boys Conference which held its first event in 2006. Realizing that many young men do not have father figures in their homes, Mr. Lofton helped create and inspire a high-impact monthly conference supporting education and engagement between parents, students, community stakeholders and educators. Since the initial forum, the organization has hosted over 45 conferences. These events typically engage 350 students each month who are served by a core group of 75 volunteer mentors as well as speakers and workshop facilitators. As a result of their success, the conferences have expanded to include women and girls and disadvantaged youth and adults in general. To reflect the broader scope and mission of the organization's work, the name was changed to the African American Youth harvest Foundation, Inc. in 2011.

Since 1993, Mr. Lofton has also hosted The Michael Lofton Talk Show on a local Public Access Channel. The program is dedicated to educating disadvantaged community populations on current events and school and community issues. The show emphasizes good mental health, positive values, self-esteem, and respect for fairness and equity in the community.

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FY 2014 OVW Consolidated Youth grant applicant: SafePlace.

Roles and Responsibilities: The AAYHF will collaborate in the proposed project by strengthening and expanding existing programs and services through its Youth Resource Center located on the boundary between Manor and Austin serving Manor youth and families. Young African-American men and women and their families will have increased access to workshops, mentoring, conferences and other educational activities to support and promote their success in school, relationships, and career. Through this partnership youth participating in AAYHF will receive training from SafePlace to become leaders in preventing dating abuse, stalking, sexual and domestic violence. Mr. Lofton will designate a program facilitator and a point person on his team to serve on the project leadership team who will participate in all planning and program delivery activities.

Funding Requested: AAYHF will employ a .5 FTE Program Facilitator for 2 years, and a .20 FTE Program Director for 3 years.

Type of Required Partner: Culturally-specific services.

Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO)

Expertise and Mission: Travis County Sheriff Greg Hamilton and his staff serve the unincorporated areas of Travis County (which includes Manor) with law enforcement, victim services, and a variety of community outreach and education programs. TCSO provides SRO services to Manor ISD. Additionally, TCSO has been a Partner in Education in MISD for a number of years and has a close relationship with the school district, where Sheriff Greg Hamilton and other members of his staff serve as mentors and role models for students.

The TCSO Victims Services Unit provides services to individuals affected by crime and crisis circumstances. They work to reduce the impact of trauma and enhance the ability of individuals

to rebuild their lives. Individuals receive services including assistance with their constitutional and/or statutory rights, establishing and/or maintaining personal safety, assistance with Crime Victim's Compensation applications, referrals to agencies, educational and emotional support throughout the criminal justice process.

The Community Outreach Unit serves the incorporated and the unincorporated areas of Travis County and is dedicated to bridging the gap between law enforcement and the community. The unit's mission is to broaden, educate, and strengthen partnerships and relationships with the citizens of Travis County and is actively engaged in dating, domestic and sexual violence prevention. TCSO and SafePlace partnered in 2007 to disseminate the Choose Respect Initiative funded and developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in collaboration with SafePlace. The partnership included training for officers on providing dating violence prevention activities in the classroom. Since then, SafePlace and TCSO have continued to collaborate to recognize National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month through events and community campaigns. Currently, TCSO engages the community through the Purple Ribbon Campaign targeting varsity football players in local school districts during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Other prevention campaigns include the Make a Movie, Make a Difference film contest highlighting local teens' films on dating abuse and related issues, and the Bystander Intervention Summit, a new initiative to promote active bystander behavior among high school athletes.

Key Personnel: Kelly Page, Director of the Community Outreach Unit at TCSO, has 30 years of experience working in the criminal justice setting. Ms. Page manages an active dating, domestic and sexual violence prevention education program and has partnered with SafePlace for over a decade. She also chairs the Public Awareness Committee of the Travis County Family Violence

Task Force. Ms. Page and Ms. Amy Durall, Director of Victim Services at TCSO, participated in planning this proposal and Ms. Page agreed to represent TCSO on the project leadership team.

Roles and Responsibilities: For the proposed project, TCSO will collaborate with MISD and project partners to implement prevention education sessions for students, community campaigns, and bystander intervention training or other relevant activities identified through the needs assessment. Ms. Page commits to serving on the project leadership team.

Funding Requested: None.

Type of Required Partner: Local law enforcement agency. History of conducting prevention education and community awareness activities.

Travis County Office of Children Services (OCS)

Mission and Expertise: The Office of Children Services is dedicated to policy development and coordination of service delivery for Travis County Health and Human Services and Veteran Services and directs services, grant funded efforts, and contracted community services for children, youth and their families residing in Travis County. The OCS implements a continuum of strategies covering prevention, intervention and treatment. Specifically, OCS encompasses home visiting programs; children's residential treatment; intensive case management; and integrated funding initiatives. The OCS mission is to strengthen capacity to address the needs of children, youth and families and to reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect as critical factors in youth delinquency prevention.

OCS works closely with Manor ISD to serve students who experience behavioral, developmental and/or emotional challenges. There are two primary programs providing intervention under the

management of OCS: The Children's Partnership which focuses on providing care coordination and wrap facilitation to children experiencing severe mental health challenges and their families; Youth and Family Assessment Center-Supportive Services which provides support to children and their families who are experiencing situational or behavioral challenges. Services and supports are provided through the social work staff at the Travis County Community Center located in Manor. OCS staff are experienced in managing and supporting large collaborations and systems of care initiatives through their prior work as federal grant recipients and partners. The proposed project will strengthen SafePlace's relationship with OCS and bring school, county, law enforcement and other service providers together to create a survivor-centered system of care for children and youth exposed to violence.

Key Personnel: OCS staff, Laura Peveto, Sonia Hartman, and Christinia Kuehn helped identify opportunities and gaps in meeting the needs of youth exposed to violence in Manor in preparation for the grant proposal. Laura Peveto, Sonia Hartman, and Christinia Kuehn agree to identify a representative among them to serve on the project leadership team.

Roles and Responsibilities: OCS identified training opportunities to help county and other service providers better identify and respond to victims and families exposed to violence as a priority goal as well as increased interagency collaboration. As a partner in this project, OCS is committed to identifying and supporting training for social and behavioral health service providers that is provided by SafePlace and other community partners. OCS will provide expertise and direction to assist in developing systems for interagency collaboration. OCS will support the coordination of referrals and services that will occur through the school system and through the Travis County Community Center in Manor which provides access to services outside of the school system.

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Funding Requested: None.

Type of Required Partner: Services to youth victims.

Austin/Travis County Family Violence Task Force (FVTF)

Expertise and Mission: FVTF is a multi-agency planning group created in 1989 to improve the criminal justice system's response to family violence by increasing communication among victims' advocates, law enforcement, and prosecutors' offices. Its sub-committees include Public Awareness, Policy, Batterer's Intervention and Prevention and most recently Youth Issues. FVTF has successfully established and coordinated county-wide systems and support for adult survivors of sexual and domestic violence. SafePlace is the founding partner and has participated in FVTF over the past 23 years including as chair of the FVTF and its committees.

Key Personnel: Gretta Gardner, Family Violence Director for the Travis County Counseling & Education Services Department, is the Chair of the FVTF. She is an attorney with over 14 years of experience in domestic violence and related fields. Ms. Gardner supports the proposed project and agrees to serve on the project leadership team. Ms. Rosenbluth currently chairs the Youth Issues committee which aims to improve community-wide systems and supports for youth survivors and to help develop programs that address the continuum from prevention to response specifically for youth.

Roles and Responsibilities: Through the Youth Issues committee the FVTF will engage victim service providers and youth serving agencies to enhance community capacity and services covering the full range of prevention to intervention, treatment and response for youth and adult survivors.

Funding Requested: None.

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FY 2014 OVW Consolidated Youth grant applicant: SafePlace.

Type of Required Partner: History of conducting prevention education or community awareness activities.

Other information

The grant period is anticipated to be October 1, 2014-September 30, 2017.

The parties can terminate or modify this agreement with 30 days' notice, given in writing to the undersigned.

We, the undersigned, acknowledge that we have read and are in agreement with the terms of this MOU.

By: _____

Name: Julia Spann _____

Title: Executive Director _____

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Name: Greg Hamilton

Title: Travis County Sheriff

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Name: Sherri Fleming

Title: County Executive

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Title: Superintendent _____

Agency: Manor Independent School District

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Name: Kelly White _____

Title: Chief Executive Officer _____

Agency: Austin Children's Shelter __

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Name: Dr. Teresa Granillo _____

Title: Executive Director _____

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Name: Michael Lofton _____

Title: Founding Director _____

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