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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

THIS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ("MOA") is made this 12th day of July, 2023, in the Territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands, by and between the Government of the Virgin Islands, Department of Property and Procurement, on behalf of the Department of Human Services (hereinafter referred to as "Government") and the University of the Virgin Islands (UVI) (hereinafter referred to as Contractor).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018 (PL 115-123) was signed into law February 9, 2018. As stated in PL 115-123, with the purpose of providing enhanced support to children and families and preventing foster care placements through the provision of mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment services, in-home parent skill-based programs, and kinship navigator services; and

WHEREAS, the Virgin Islands Department of Human Services is in need of the services of a contractor to assist in implementing the Family First Prevention Services, whose duties and responsibilities are more particularly described in Addendum I (Scope of Services) attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Caribbean Exploratory Research Center (CERC) at the University of the Virgin Islands' is a leader in health disparities research in the U.S. Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, CERC's mission is to provide strategic, purposeful, responsible, and responsive research focused on the social determinants of health; and

WHEREAS, UVI was selected in accordance with 31 V.I.C. § 239(a)(8); and

WHEREAS, UVI represents that it is willing and capable of providing such services.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, and intending to be legally bound by this written instrument, the parties hereto do covenant and agree as follows:

1. SERVICES

UVI will provide the services described in Addendum I (Scope of Services) attached hereto and made a part of this contract.

2. TERM AND EFFECTIVE DATE

This MOA shall be effective upon the date of execution of this MOA by the Commissioner of the



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Department of Property and Procurement and shall terminate eighteen (18) months thereafter.

3. COMPENSATION

Government in consideration of the satisfactory performance of the services described in Addendum I (Scope of Services), agrees to pay UVI a sum not to exceed Five Hundred Thirty Thousand Six Hundred Eighty and 00/100 Dollars (\$530,680.00), in accordance with the provisions set forth in Addendum II (Compensation) attached hereto and made a part of this MOA.

4. TRAVEL EXPENSES

Inclusive of the compensation for services as specified in Paragraph 3 (Compensation) above, the Government agrees to pay documented transportation, subsistence, lodging and other travel expenses, while in travel status, for trips which have been authorized in writing, in advance, by the Government. These costs shall be advanced or reimbursed on the same basis as is applicable to non-contract employees of the Government, or as agreed to by an addendum to this Contract, however, said costs and expenses shall not exceed N/A (\$ N/A).

5. RECORDS

UVI when applicable, will present documented precise records of time and/or money expended under this Contract.

6. PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

UVI agrees to maintain the professional standards applicable to its profession and to consultants doing business in the United States Virgin Islands.

7. DOCUMENTS, PRINTOUTS, ETC.

All documents, books, records, instructional materials, programs, printouts and memoranda of every description derived therefrom and pertaining to this MOA shall become the joint property of the Government and UVI and shall be turned over to the Government and UVI at the termination of this MOA. The above-described materials shall not be used by any other person or entity except upon the written permission of the Government and UVI.

8. LIABILITY OF OTHERS

Nothing in this MOA shall be construed to impose any liability upon the Government to persons, firms, associations, or corporations engaged by UVI as servants, agents, or independent contractors, or in any other capacity whatsoever, or make Government liable to any such persons, firms associations, or corporations for the acts, omissions, liabilities, obligations and taxes of



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Contractor of whatsoever nature, including but not limited to unemployment insurance and social security taxes for UVI, its servants, agents or independent contractors.

9. ASSIGNMENT

UVI shall not subcontract or assign any part of the services under this MOA without the prior written consent of the Government.

10. INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent permitted by law, UVI agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Government from and against any and all loss, damage, liability, claims, demands, detriments, cost, charges and expense (including attorney's fees) and causes of action of whatsoever character which Government may incur, sustain or be subjected to, arising out of or in any way connected to the services to be performed by UVI under this MOA and arising from any cause, except the sole negligence of Government.

11. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

UVI shall perform this MOA as an independent contractor and nothing herein contained shall be construed to be inconsistent with this relationship or status.

12. GOVERNING LAW

This MOA shall be governed by the laws of the United States Virgin Islands and jurisdiction shall remain in the United States Virgin Islands.

13. WAIVERS AND AMENDMENTS

No waiver, modification or amendment of any term condition or provision of this MOA shall be valid or of any force or effect unless made in writing, signed by the parties hereto or their duly authorized representatives, and specifying with particularity the nature and extent of such waiver, modification, or amendment. Any such waiver, modification or amendment in any instance or instances shall in no event be construed to be a general waiver, modification, or amendment of any of the terms, conditions, or provisions of this MOA, but the same shall be strictly limited and restricted to the extent and occasion specified in such signed writing or writings.

14. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This MOA constitutes the entire agreement of the parties relating to the subject matter addressed in this agreement. This agreement supersedes all prior communications, contracts, or agreements between the parties with respect to the subject matter addressed in this Agreement, whether written or oral.



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15. RIGHT TO WITHHOLD

If work under this MOA is not performed in accordance with the terms hereof, Government will have the right to withhold out of any payment due to UVI, such sums as Government may deem ample to protect it against loss or to assure payment of claims arising therefrom, and, at its option, Government may apply such sums in such manner as Government may deem proper to secure itself or to satisfy such claims. Government will immediately notify UVI in writing in the event that it elects to exercise its right to withhold.

No such withholding or application shall be made by Government if and while UVI gives satisfactory assurance to Government that such claims will be paid by Contractor or its insurance carrier, if applicable in the event that such contest is not successful.

16. CONDITION PRECEDENT

This MOA shall be subject to the availability and appropriation of funds and to the approval of the Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement.

17. TERMINATION

Either party will have the right to terminate this Contract with or without cause on thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party specifying the date of termination.

18. PARTIAL TERMINATION

The performance of work under this MOA may be terminated by the Government, in part, whenever the Government shall deem such termination advisable by providing thirty (30) days' written notice to UVI. This partial termination shall be effected by delivering to UVI a Notice of Partial Termination specifying the extent to which the term and/or duties under this MOA are terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. The UVI shall be entitled to receive payment for services provided to the date of termination, including payment for the period of the thirty (30).

19. NON-DISCRIMINATION

No person shall be excluded from participating in, be denied the proceeds of or be subject to discrimination in the performance of this MOA on account of race, creed, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

20. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

UVI covenants that it has no interest and will not acquire any interest direct or indirect, which



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would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required to be performed under this MOA.

21. NOTICE

Any notice required to be given by the Terms of this MOA shall be deemed to have been given when the same is sent by certified mail, postage prepaid or personally delivered, addressed to the parties as follows:

GOVERNMENT

Lisa M. Alejandro
Commissioner Nominee
Department of Property and Procurement
8201 Subbase, Suite 4
St. Thomas U.S. Virgin Islands 00802

Kimberley Causey-Gomez
Commissioner
Department of Human Services
1303 Hospital Ground, Suite 1
St. Thomas, USVI 00802

UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Mindy Solivan
Director of Sponsored Programs
University of the Virgin Islands
2 John Brewers Bay
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00802-6004

22. LICENSURE

UVI covenants that it has:

- (a) obtained all of the applicable licenses or permits, permanent, temporary, or otherwise as required by Title 27 of the Virgin Islands Code; and
- (b) familiarized itself with the applicable provisions of Title 27 of the Virgin Islands Code pertaining to professions and occupations.

23. OTHER PROVISIONS

Addenda I and II attached hereto are a part of this MOA and are incorporated herein by



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reference.

24. DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION

By execution of this MOA, the UVI certifies that it is eligible to receive awards using federally appropriated funds and that it has not been suspended or debarred from entering into agreements with any federal agency. UVI shall include this provision in each of its subcontracts hereunder and shall furnish its subcontractors with the current "LIST OF PARTIES EXCLUDED FROM FEDERAL PROCUREMENT OR NON-PROCUREMENT". In the event UVI or any subcontractor misrepresents its eligibility to receive contract awards using federal funds, the UVI or subcontractor agrees that it shall not be entitled to payment for any work performed under this MOA or any subcontract and that the UVI or subcontractor shall promptly reimburse the Government of the Virgin Islands for any progress payments heretofore made.

25. FALSE CLAIMS

UVI warrants that it shall not, with respect to this MOA, make or present any claim upon or against the Government of the Virgin Islands, or any officer department, board, commission, or other agency thereof, knowing such claims to be false, fictitious, or fraudulent. UVI acknowledges that making such a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim is an offence under Virgin Islands law.

26. NOTICE OF FEDERAL FUNDING

UVI acknowledges that this MOA is funded, in whole or in part, by federal funds (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 93.556, Award Number 2003VIFFTA). UVI warrants that it shall not, with respect to this MOA, make or present any claim knowing such claim to be false, fictitious, or fraudulent. UVI acknowledges that making such a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim is a federal offence.

27. FACSIMILE, ELECTRONIC & DIGITAL SIGNATURES

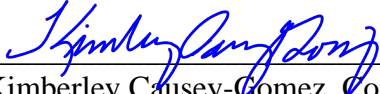
A facsimile, electronic or digital signature on this Contract shall be deemed an original and binding upon the Parties hereto.



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The parties have hereunto set their hands on the day and year first above written.

GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS



Kimberley Causey-Gomez, Commissioner
Department of Human Services

Date: 06/08/2023



Lisa M. Alejandro, Commissioner Nominee
Department of Property and Procurement

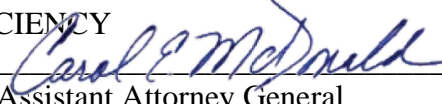
Date: 7/12/2023

UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS



Mindy Solivan, Director
University of the Virgin Islands

Date: 4/10/2023

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BY:  Date 7/12/2023
Assistant Attorney General

PURCHASE ORDER NO. _____