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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

September 25, 2015
Prison Rape Elimination Act
Emotional Support Services for Victims of Sexual Abuse
(§ 115.53 –Inmate access to outside support services and legal
representation)

Between
Sexual Assault Resource Agency
and
ALBEMARLE-CHARLOTTESVILLE REGIONAL JAIL

By signing this agreement, both The *Sexual Assault Resource Agency* (herein referred to as SARA) and Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail (herein referred to as ACRJ) commit themselves to cooperative efforts as described below, to establish Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) compliant emotional support services for inmates/detainees who have been victims of sexual abuse. In meeting this objective, each party shall maintain its autonomy and inherent rights. The roles and responsibilities of the parties named in this document, will serve as further defining the objective.

The Sexual Assault Resource Agency agrees to the following:

1. Services provided are free and confidential.
2. Provide twenty-four hour telephone crisis intervention counseling via our 24 hour hotline.
3. To provide the inmates/detainees (male or female) with confidential emotional support services as it relates to the sexual abuse
4. Upon request of the victim or someone calling on behalf of the victim, have a trained advocate provide services to victims during forensic



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medical examination process, hospitals, investigatory interviews or a law enforcement agency within a reasonable period of time.

5. Provide crisis intervention counseling, advocacy, information and referrals to victims of sexual violence detained in ACRJ.
6. If possible, provide legal advocacy to victims of sexual violence who participate in protective order hearings, preliminary hearings, sentencing hearings and any other relevant legal proceedings.
7. Report all services provided to detained sexual violence victims to an assigned point of contact at the ACRJ.
8. SARA reserves the right not to serve a Inmate who has been charged with a crime of sexual abuse, even if that inmate/detainee is a victim of sexual abuse.
9. Provide allied professional training as requested by the ACRJ.
10. Provide a list of the staff and contract information who will be assigned to the jail. Credentials verifying their qualifications to provide rape crisis services shall be provided with the list.
11. ACRJ shall provide any and all releases of information to the press and media. Requests for interviews or information submitted to SARA shall be directed to the ACRJ Superintendent.

Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail agrees to the following:

1. To train ACRJ staff, volunteers, contractors and inmates on sexual violence and services available to detained victims.
2. To educate detainees on the availability of services for victims of sexual violence and inform any inmate/detainee requesting services



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From SARA that advocate may be required to share information with a designated staff person at ACRJ in as confidential a manner as possible.

3. To provide telephone access to detainees who request sexual violence hotline crisis intervention services.
4. To provide a safe and confidential meeting space for the SARA advocate and inmate/detainee.
5. To request a SARA advocate for detained victims of sexual violence who are experiencing Rape Trauma Symptoms.
6. To allow SARA staff to conduct allied professional training to ACRJ regarding sexual violence.
7. Information told to the SARA advocate will be treated as confidential unless there is a safety concern, including but not limited to: threats of escape, threats to the safety and security of the facility, and threats of harm to inmates/detainees, staff or others.
8. ACRJ will make every effort to recognize the generosity of the Sexual Assault Resource Agency in any press or media releases.

Any and all information pertaining to ACRJ, ACRJ employees, or ACRJ inmates shall remain confidential.

Nothing in this MOU is intended to conflict with current laws or regulations of the United States of America, Commonwealth of Virginia or local government. If a term of this agreement is inconsistent with such authority, then that term shall be invalid, but the remaining terms and conditions of this MOU shall remain in full force and effect.

The included General Terms and Conditions shall apply.



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This agreement becomes effective on 09/28/15 and may be modified upon the mutual written consent of the parties. In addition, it shall remain in effect unless one or both parties agree to terminate the agreement. ACRJ will work with SARA to provide services to victims of sexual violence.

The terms of this agreement, as modified with the consent of both parties, AND NOW, this 28 day of Sept., 2015, the parties hereby acknowledge the foregoing as the terms and conditions of their understanding.


Martin Kumer, Superintendent, ACRJ
Director, SARA


Executive

10/02/15
Date

09/28/15
Date