MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

FEBRUARY 12, 2016

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into between **Grand Forks County Correctional Center (GFCCC)**, and **Community Violence Intervention Center (CVIC)**, and is written to facilitate an agreement between the parties for services related to goals and implementation of federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) mandates.

1. UNDERSTANDING, AGREEMENTS, SUPPORT, AND RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS:

A. Grand Forks County Correctional Center agrees to:

- 1. Make involvement of certified rape crisis advocates a component of the standard response to a report of sexual abuse and/or a request for help from a survivor of sexual abuse or sexual harassment.
- 2. GFCCC shall offer all victims of sexual abuse access to forensic medical examinations, without financial cost, where evidentiarily or medically appropriate. Any time that an incident or allegation of sexual abuse is discovered or reported within 120 hours of the incident and such examination is determined to be appropriate, Grand Forks County Correctional Center will transport the victim of sexual abuse to Altru Health System for a forensic medical exam, and will attempt to provide a rape crisis advocate from the Community Violence Intervention Center.
- 3. If the incident occurred more than 120 hours prior to the report, Grand Forks County Correctional Center will consult with the forensic medical examiner to determine if a forensic exam is medically or evidentiarily indicated. Grand Forks County Correctional Center will ensure that the victim receives a medical evaluation and any needed treatment, and contact information for the Community Violence Intervention Center.
- 4. Facilitate follow-up, whenever possible, between the inmate and the Community Violence Intervention Center advocate by mail or telephone while the victim is detained by Grand Forks County Correctional Center.
- 5. Provide Inmates with confidential, 24-hour access to the Community Violence Intervention Center hotline, at no cost, through the Inmate telephone system.
- 6. Respect the confidential nature of communication between Community Violence Intervention Center advocates and clients detained at Grand Forks County Correctional Center.
- Ensure that Community Violence Intervention Center advocates are cleared to enter the Jail for meetings and training sessions, or to meet with clients. Provide for other logistical needs, such as a private meeting space for counseling sessions.
- 8. Facilitate the placement of informational placards with instructions on how to access the Community Violence Intervention Center hotline in areas visible to inmates.
- 9. Communicate any questions or concerns to the Community Violence Intervention Center staff.

B. Community Violence Intervention Center agrees to:

1. Respond to requests from Grand Forks County Correctional Center to provide advocacy when inmates are brought to Altru Health System for sexual assault forensic exams.

- 2. Respond to calls from Grand Forks County Correctional Center inmates received on the Community Violence Intervention Center hotline.
- 3. Provide follow-up services and crisis intervention contacts to victims of sexual assault at Grand Forks County Correctional Center, as resources allow.
- 4. Work with designated Grand Forks County Correctional Center officials to obtain security clearance and follow all facility guidelines for safety and security, as necessary.
- 5. Maintain confidentiality of communications with clients detained at Grand Forks County Correctional Center.
- 6. Communicate any questions or concerns about this MOU to Grand Forks County Correctional Center.

II. TERM OF MOU:

This MOU shall begin March 1, 2016 and continue until it is terminated by either party.

III. MOU TERMINATION AND MODIFICATION:

This MOU may be terminated, without cause, by either of the parties with no less than 30 calendar days' written notice. This MOU may be terminated by either party, with cause, with two days written notice.

Any modification must be agreed to and signed by both parties and attached to this MOU as a modification.

GFCCC Representative

Date

CVIC Representative

Date

2/26/2016