

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

### Between

### Family Service of Rhode Island (FSRI) and the Central Falls Police Department (CFPD)

**Purpose:** Family Service of Rhode Island (FSRI) and the Central Falls Police Department (CFPD) are dedicated to serving children and families exposed to violence and victimization with the goal of reducing the impact of trauma, improving community safety and providing crisis response and follow-up to victims of crime who reside in Central Falls. Recognizing the importance of early intervention and assessment to assist crime victims in recovery from exposure to violence and trauma, these partners have established the Central Falls Go-Team. The Central Falls Go-Team will provide a collaborative response to victims of crime in line with Central Fall's philosophy of community policing. FSRI is dedicating to providing trauma-informed response and intervention and to bring best practices to this collaboration.

#### **FSRI will:**

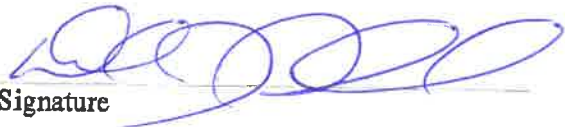
- Create and maintain a team that consists of 1 Full-Time Go-Team Clinician and a 24/7 on-call response team.
- Co-locate Go-Team Clinician at Central Falls Police Department.
- Provide 24/7 trauma-informed and culturally relevant responses to children, families, and victims of crime as requested by CFPD in situations of violence exposure, victimization, and family or community discord within 30 minutes following the request.
- Participate in trainings for CFPD as requested regarding victim services, trauma, child and family development and behavioral health.
- Attend regular command staff meetings to report on calls received and receive referrals for additional victims in need.
- Attend neighborhood/community meetings as requested to educate stakeholders and the public regarding services.
- Develop and maintain positive relationships with community providers to ensure victims are connected with needed services and resources.
- Track all encounters with victims to ensure comprehensive reports to funders.
- Complete all relevant reports to funders.

#### **CFPD will:**

- Provide space for full-time Go-Team clinician to co-locate at the Police Department.
- Contract FSRI regarding calls for domestic violence, homicides, sexual assaults, community and family disturbances, and various other crimes where victims are in need of response.
- Respond to victims in partnership with members of the Go-Team.
- Provide cross training to FSRI staff regarding community policing philosophy, School Resource Officer collaboration, gangs, and other community safety concerns.
- Collaborate with FSRI in developing relationships with stakeholders and other community providers including the school department, and various local agencies to support victims and improve community safety.
- Work collaboratively to secure funding and to disseminate results of the Go-team program to the larger community.

The undersigned hereby agree to this memorandum of agreement and thereby, authorize its execution:

**The Central Falls Police Department:**

  
Signature

Colonel Daniel J. Barzykowski  
Chief of Police

8/5/19  
Date


**Family Service of Rhode Island:**

  
Signature


Sarah Kelly-Palmer, LICSW  
Vice President

8/5/19  
Date

**Attachment for Memorandum of Understanding Between Family Service of Rhode Island (FSRI)  
and the Central Falls Police Department (CFPD)**

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City Solicitor

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Barbara Addison,  
Director of Finance

Date: 8/1/2019