



Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: General Function
Contracts/MOU Board of Education Meeting: 08/05/2025

Item Title: Cameron County Juvenile Justice X Action
Department and Brownsville ISD Information
Memorandum of Understanding Discussion

BACKGROUND:

The Cameron County Juvenile Justice Department, CCJJD, is requesting access to provide court-ordered counseling services to middle school and high school students who are under probationary supervision. Mental Health CCJJD professionals will provide counseling services to court-ordered juveniles at BISD secondary campuses during the school day on a bi-weekly schedule or as needed.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

No cost to the District

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval to renew a Memorandum of Understanding between Brownsville ISD and the Cameron County Juvenile Justice Department to provide court-ordered counseling to BISD secondary students on BISD campuses during the school day for the 2025-2026 school year. No cost to the District.

Sara M. Garza
Submitted by: Principal/Program Director

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

Miguel Salinas
Recommended by: Asst. Supt./Exec. Dir.

Ms. Beatriz Hernandez
Reviewed by: Staff Attorney

Ms. Beatriz Hernandez
Approved by: Chief Officer

Dr. Jesus H. Chavez
Dr. Jesus H. Chavez, Superintendent

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Subject: Re: Cameron County Juvenile Justice Department & BISD MOU

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Sincerely,
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Ms. Lozano,

Please see the attached for your review and approval.

Thank you! Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (956) 698-6379.

Sincerely,

Roxy Eckstein



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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
CAMERON COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
&
BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY 2025-2026
CONTRACT # JUV2026- 400

**BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
And
CAMERON COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Brownsville Independent School District (BISD) and the Cameron County Juvenile Justice Department (CCJJD) agree to provide counseling services to high school and middle school students under probationary supervision. This MOU will be in effect for the **2025-2026** school year.

The terms and conditions set forth in the following document shall constitute the entire agreement between the CCJJD and BISD and may not be amended except by a written document signed by CCJJD and BISD.

Brownsville Independent School District will:

- Provide an office space where counseling can take place that will ensure confidentiality.
- Allow CCJJD Mental Health Professionals to provide counseling bi-weekly or as needed at the BISD campus the student is attending.
- Allow information sharing between school administrators and counselors when needed.
- Juvenile Referral history will not be shared between counselors.

Cameron County Juvenile Justice Department will:

- Provide counseling services to youths who are court ordered on a bi-weekly basis or as needed.
- Require each juvenile, assigned by the juvenile court, to successfully complete court ordered counseling services.
- Ensure that Mental Health Professionals have cleared background checks and completed training prior to providing services to youth in the community.
- Monitor each juvenile's progress in counseling.

MISCELLANEOUS TERMS


- It is understood and agreed that CCJJD is an independent contractor and that CCJJD and/or any employees or agents contracted by CCJJD shall not be deemed for any purpose to be employees or agents of the Brownsville Independent School District.

- This agreement does not create a joint venture or business partnership between the entities under law. CCJJD assumes full responsibility for the employment of personnel and volunteers while performing any services incident to this MOU and shall remain solely responsible for their supervision, daily direction and control, payment of salary including withholding of income taxes, social security, workers' compensation, disability benefits and like requirements and obligations.
- The Campus Principal or designee is the point of contact at an individual campus.
- CCJJD agrees to assume full responsibility for ensuring compliance with Texas Education Code §22.0834 by its employees or subcontractors related to criminal history record information.
- CCJJD agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the educational records of BISD students in accordance with the provisions of FERPA. CCJJD for purposes of this agreement and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, is a designated school official.
- This MOU may be amended or modified only in writing and executed by duly authorized representatives of both parties, indicating the specific intent of the parties to modify this MOU.
- This MOU will be applicable for one year and may be terminated by either party upon written notice of thirty (30) days.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be in effect from **September 1, 2025**, through **August 31, 2026**.

Dr. Jesus H. Chavez
Superintendent
Brownsville Independent School District

Date



Rose M. Gomez,
Chief Executive Officer
Cameron County Juvenile Justice Department



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Honorable Judge Janet Leal, Chair
Cameron County Juvenile Board



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When Necessary, Additional Background May Follow This.

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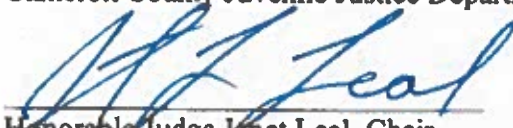
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Rose M. Gomez,
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9/4/2024
Date


Honorable Judge Janet Leal, Chair
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09/09/2024
Date