



SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: May 18, 2026

Agenda Section: Consent Agenda

Agenda Item Title: Memorandum Providence Place

From/Presenters: Dr. Gutierrez, Deputy Superintendent

Additional Presenters, if applicable: Rebecca Herrera, Program Administrator

Description: The annual Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between South San Antonio ISD and Providence Place provides essential support services to the district community. By leveraging Providence Place's expertise, the partnership offers trauma recovery, early childhood resources (ages 3-5), and mental health services to enhance student and family well-being.

Historical Data: Building on the partnership established in March 2025, South San Antonio ISD and Providence Place are entering their second year of collaboration. This annual MOU continues to provide the community with vital mental health services.

Recommendation: Approve the Memo of Understanding between South San Antonio ISD and Providence Place for the 2026-2027 school year.

Purchasing Director and Approval Date: N/A

Goal #4 SSAISD will collaborate with parents and the community to ensure all students receive a high-quality education.

Funding Budget Code and Amount: N/A No funds will be utilized



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# Memorandum of Understanding

Providence Place and South San Antonio ISD

This AGREEMENT of PARTNERSHIP is made as of July 1, 2026, by and between the undersigned partners.

### **I. FORMATION**

Providence Place is a non-profit and for purpose organization fostering opportunities. We empower survivors of trauma, families with children under the age of three in the community, and pregnant women/expecting parents. Providence Place also works to support those in the community who work in the non-profit sector by providing mental health services.

Providence Place is currently working on extending this mission to include at-risk pregnant and/or parenting families in the community. In an effort to work towards this goal, Providence Place is looking to provide its services directly to these families in their community. This planned initiative is to support families to include expectant moms, expectant dads, and moms/dads with babies less than 36 months.

This understanding of mutual benefit to Providence Place and South San Antonio ISD is intended to maximize resources, to prevent duplication of services, and to promote an integrated delivery system.

### **II. TERM**

The Partnership shall begin on July 1, 2026 and shall be reviewed for renewal on an annual basis and thereafter from year to year unless earlier terminated.

### **III. PURPOSE**

1. To increase resources and services to at risk pregnant and/or parenting families in the community.
2. To build partnerships with surrounding community agencies who are also serving pregnant and/or parenting families.
3. To serve pregnant and/or parenting families in their local communities.
4. To provide South San Antonio ISD parents with counseling/coaching, parenting support, and material assistance services free of charge to qualified participants.



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#### **IV. TERMS OF AGREEMENT**

Providence Place Agrees to:

- Provide management and oversight of the entire program and to designate a main point of contact for this purpose. Provide information/training to South San Antonio ISD staff to refer participants that may meet Providence Place eligibility.
- Screen clients referred by South San Antonio ISD staff to determine eligibility for Providence Place.
- Provide counseling/coaching and parenting education free of charge to qualified participants referred by South San Antonio ISD.
- Provide resource referrals free of charge to qualified participants referred by South San Antonio ISD.
- Provide material assistance to qualified participants, if they are available. Materials will be labeled with the participant name.
- Deliver material assistance to participants on a weekly basis if 5 or more participants attend classes that week. If less than 5 families participate, deliveries will be at the end of each month.

South San Antonio ISD Agrees to:

- Refer a minimum of 20 clients to Providence Place who may meet Providence Place program eligibility requirements.
- Share information regarding class time and Zoom links to participants regularly.
- Provide time and space for Providence Place to deliver material assistance to the facility.
- Distribute the material assistance to the participants.

#### **V. MEETINGS**

Periodic meetings shall be held regularly as determined by the Partnership to evaluate service delivery and partnership effectiveness.

#### **VI. MANAGEMENT**

Except as otherwise determined, all decisions shall be made by the Partners undersigned in this agreement and direct points of contact shall be established by Providence Place and South San Antonio ISD.

#### **VII. NOTICES**

Notices or any changes to this agreement will be made in writing and delivered either by mail, email, or fax within 30 days of proposed changes.



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### **VIII. TERMINATION OF PARTNERSHIP**

The Partnership may be terminated by either of the parties when conditions indicate inefficient or ineffective service delivery, lack of funding to provide continued services, or any other reasons that would prevent service delivery from moving forward. The party initiating termination shall provide a written notice 30 days prior to the proposed termination date.

### **IX. INDEMNITY**

Each party to this Understanding hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other party (ies) (including the respective officers, directors, agents and employees of the indemnified party) and the Property from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, liabilities, actions, liens, lawsuits and other proceedings, judgments and awards, and from costs and expenses, (including without limitation negligence, willful misconduct or performance of services or work beyond the scope of the Agreement of the indemnifying party or any of its partners, officers, directors, agents or employees). The provisions of this Section shall survive termination of this agreement and any transfer or conveyance of the Property or of any interest in the Property.

### **X. AGREEMENT OF PARTNERSHIP**

This Agreement of Partnership shall be binding upon the respective heirs, executors, administrators, and personal representatives of the Partners.

The Partners approve the proposed project as outlined in this Memorandum of Understanding and have caused this Agreement of Partnership to be executed on the dates indicated below, effective as of the date indicated above.

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Dr. Saul Hinojosa

Superintendent of Schools SSAISD

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Date

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Dr. Judith Bell

Providence Place CEO

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Date