

**Memorandum of Understanding
between Healthy Futures of Texas and Eagle Pass Independent School District**

Application Title: Rigorous Evaluation of New or Innovative Approaches to Prevent Teen Pregnancy (Tier 2B; AH-TP2-15-002). **Investigator:** Janet Realini, MD, MPH

Term: March 17, 2015 through June 30, 2020. Either party may terminate this agreement with or without cause upon 30 days written notice to the other party.

The parties named below agree to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to study *Big Decisions* with 9th grade students.

Roles and Responsibilities: As the lead agency, Healthy Futures of Texas (HFTX) will oversee all project activities and have overall responsibility for achievement of project goals and objectives. Specifically, HFTX will provide training and technical assistance for teachers and staff; and conduct teacher observations.

The school district understands that their responsibility and commitment will involve:

- Collaborating with Healthy Futures of Texas during the planning phase to ensure school, parent and community support;
- Identifying appropriate school district level staff and school site educators to coordinate and deliver the programs in high schools;
- Allocating appropriate resources and time to ensure staff training and program implementation for school site educators;
- Agreeing to have appropriate school site educators from high schools receive formal training from Healthy Futures of Texas;
- Implementing the assigned *Big Decisions* programs in the high schools with strict observance of the program's principles;
- Receiving technical assistance from Healthy Futures of Texas;
- Assisting with obtaining of informed consent from parents of all students who will participate in the *Big Decisions* programs;
- Refraining from offering *Big Decisions* programs or other sexual health education programs in the study high schools until all follow up data have been collected;
- Understanding that random assignment of schools or classes to receive the various program forms of *Big Decisions* will occur after informed consent is obtained from parents;
- Allowing an independent evaluator to conduct an evaluation of the program activities to assess student knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors.

Should any differences occur between the parties, these differences will be reviewed by a multi-site advisory group, composed of representatives from all participating sites until a mutually agreeable resolution is reached. This agreement shall be construed under and governed by the laws of the State of Texas. The venue of any dispute arising pursuant to this agreement or related thereto shall be exclusive in the State District Courts of Maverick County, Texas.

Signature

School District

Printed Name

Title

Date

Phone Number

Email Address

Janet Realini, MD, MPH, Principal Investigator

Date