

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2021-012

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ANOTHER WAY, INC., DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND RAPE CRISIS CENTER, TO COORDINATE SERVICES TO ADULT AND ADOLESCENT VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF RAPE.

WHEREAS, the City of Lake City, Florida (hereinafter “City”) by and through its Lake City Police Department (hereinafter “LCPD”), previously determined it is in its best interest and the best interest of its citizens to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Another Way, Inc., Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center (hereinafter “Another Way”) to coordinate services to adults and adolescents (age 2 and up who don’t fall under the jurisdiction of the child protection team) victims and survivors of rape who present to LCPD as described in the Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter the “MOU”); and

WHEREAS, the City finds it to be in the City’s best interests to renew the MOU with Another Way, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above recitals are adopted and hereby incorporated by reference.

Section 2. The City, by and through the LCPD, is hereby authorized to enter into the MOU with Another Way.

Section 3. The Mayor and Chief of Police are authorized to execute the MOU for and on behalf of the City.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council on the ____ day of February 2021.

CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Stephen M. Witt, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

By: _____
Audrey E. Sikes, City Clerk

By: _____
Frederick L. Koberlein, Jr.,
City Attorney

**Memorandum of Understanding
Between Another Way, Inc., Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center
And Lake City Police Department**

1. **Parties.** This memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “MOU”) is made and entered into by and between the Another Way, Inc. Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center (AW), whose address is P.O. Box 1028, Lake City, FL 32056-1028, and Lake City Police Department (LCPD), whose address is 225 NW Main Blvd. Ste. 102, Lake City, FL 32055.

2. **Purpose.** The purpose of this MOU is to establish the terms and conditions under which the agencies will work together to best coordinate services to adults and adolescent (age 2 and up who don't fall under the jurisdiction of the child protection team) victims/survivors of rape who present at the Lake City Police Department.

3. **Term of MOU.** This MOU is effective upon the day and date last signed and executed by the duly authorized representatives of the parties to this MOU and shall remain in full force and effect for not longer than 1 year. This MOU may be terminated, without cause, by either party upon written notice, which notice shall be delivered by hand or certified mail to the address listed above.

4. **Responsibilities of Another Way, Inc.** Another Way, Inc. has established a physical location in Lake City, (currently 496 SW Ring Court, Lake City, FL 32025). AW will ensure adequate staff rotation to respond on an on-call basis to requests for crisis intervention from the Lake City Police Department. AW staff will respond to locations specified by the LCPD representative including but not limited to the LCPD Office, physical location of the sexual violence or a hospital. AW staff will respond to the unit of the hospital specified by the hospital staff. AW agrees to facilitate Multi-County SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) meetings.

5. **Responsibilities of Lake City Police Department.** The LCPD has sole discretion in determining when it is appropriate and safe for an AW on-call advocate to be requested. Lake City Police Department agrees to be an active partner in the Multi-County SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) monthly meetings. Lake City Police Department agrees to notify Another Way, as a locally certified domestic violence center, of all alleged incidents of domestic violence as required by Florida law (i.e., section 741.29, Florida Statutes (2016)).

6. **Amendments.** Either party may request changes to this MOU. Any changes, modifications, revisions or amendments to this MOU which are mutually agreed upon by and between the parties to this MOU shall be incorporated by written instrument, and effective when executed and signed by all parties to this MOU.

7. **Signatures.** In witness whereof, the parties to this MOU through their duly authorized representatives have executed this MOU on the days and dates set out below, and certify that they have read, understood and agreed to the terms and conditions of this MOU as set forth herein. The effective date of this MOU is the date of the signature last affixed to this page.

Another Way, Inc.

Andrea Gottry, Executive Director

Date

Lake City Police Department

Argatha Gilmore, Chief of Police

Date

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor

Date