

STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF MADISON

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**AGREEMENT**

**THIS AGREEMENT IS MADE** between **WELLSTONE, Inc.** (hereinafter “**WellStone**”) and the **CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA**, a municipal corporation (hereinafter the “**City**”).

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, it is the objective of the parties to cooperatively work toward the betterment of the community at large; and

**WHEREAS**, WellStone, formerly known as the Mental Health Center of Madison County, will provide essential services to the City of Madison that serve a public purpose and which further the stated objectives of the parties.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants and conditions hereinafter set out, the parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. This Agreement shall come into effect when the authorized representatives of each party finally execute and affix their respective signatures hereto in their duly authorized capacities. In the event the signatures are affixed on different dates, the date of the final signature shall be the date the Agreement comes into effect. This Agreement shall terminate at 11:59 p.m. on September 30, 2025.
2. During said term, it is hereby agreed that WellStone shall provide essential services to the City in accordance with Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated by reference as if fully set out herein, the City otherwise being capable of providing said services for itself.
3. The City agrees to pay to WellStone the sum of Forty Five thousand dollars and no cents (\$45,000.00) for fiscal year 2025, which began October 1, 2024, and ends September 30, 2025, for the services listed in Exhibit A. This sum shall be disbursed on a schedule of disbursement established by the Finance Director of the City of Madison.
4. WellStone pledges to act in good faith with respect to the execution of its responsibilities and duties herein undertaken. Further, WellStone agrees to and shall provide to the City, upon request, an accounting with respect to how any or all funds provided under this Agreement were expended by WellStone.

5. Under no circumstances and in no event shall the City be liable for any debt or obligations incurred by WellStone regardless of the purpose for which the debt or obligation was incurred. Additionally, the City shall not be deemed or construed to be a partner, joint venture, or agent of WellStone, nor shall WellStone at any time use the name or credit of the City in purchasing or attempting to purchase any vehicle, equipment, supplies, or other things whatsoever.
6. It is mutually understood and agreed and it is the stated intent of the parties that an independent contractor relationship be and hereby is established under the terms and conditions of this Agreement, WellStone being an independent contractor of the City and in no way deemed to be an agent of the City. It is further mutually understood and agreed that officers, employees, and any other agents of the City are not nor shall they be deemed to be officers, employees, or agents of WellStone and that officers, employees, and any other agents of WellStone are not nor shall they be deemed to be officers, employees, or agents of the City.
7. WellStone is wholly responsible for the execution of the duties conferred herein and shall not transfer or assign this Agreement or any of the rights or privileges granted therein.
8. WellStone hereby agrees to comply strictly with all ordinances of the City and laws of the State of Alabama and the United States while performing under terms of this Agreement.
9. Both parties agree that upon violation of any of the covenants or agreements herein contained on account of any act of omission or commission by either party, the City or WellStone may, as its option, terminate and cancel this Agreement with thirty (30) days written notice to the other party.
10. WellStone agrees that it will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Civil Rights Act of 1991, and all other federal laws and regulations assuring that no person will be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, color, national origin, or disability.
11. If at any time during the City of Madison's above-referenced fiscal year its revenues decrease below that amount projected by the City to sustain the operating budget of the City, this Agreement may be declared null and void and no liability shall accrue to any party hereto.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned have set their hands and seals on each day and year evidenced below.

**WellStone, Inc.**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Its:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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I, the undersigned Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_, whose name as \_\_\_\_\_ of WellStone, Inc. is signed to the foregoing instrument, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the instrument, he/she, in his/her duly appointed capacity and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said entity.

Given under my hand and official seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

**CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA**

**ATTEST:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Paul Finley, Mayor**

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**Lisa Thomas, City Clerk**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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I, the undersigned Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that Paul Finley and Lisa Thomas, whose names as Mayor and City Clerk, respectively, of the City of Madison, Alabama, are signed to the foregoing instrument, and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the instrument, they, as such officers and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of the City of Madison, Alabama, a municipal corporation.

Given under my hand and official seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Notary Public

## EXHIBIT A

**WellStone Inc.**, is a comprehensive, public non-profit, community mental health center that has served the citizens of Madison County since 1969. Employing 375 people and providing 285,000 services to 13,700 people last year, WellStone provides services to children, adolescents, and adults who experience a mental illness and/or substance use disorder. Services range from traditional outpatient counseling, to intensive outpatient, case management outreach, structured day treatment, and 24/7 residential care. All programs of WellStone are fully certified by the Alabama Department of Mental Health and independent audits of WellStone's financial and clinical performance are routinely completed by external payers. WellStone also operates the **Nova Center for Youth & Family** that provides care to children and adolescents and **New Horizons Recovery Center** that specializes in addictions treatment. WellStone provides services primarily in the community and operates multiple residential homes across the county in addition to two primary treatment campuses in Huntsville. Six of the 18-member Board of Directors at WellStone are appointed by the City of Huntsville and half are appointed by Madison County (3 current members of the Board are Madison residents).

WellStone is primarily funded by a contract with the Alabama Department of Mental Health and through Medicaid insurance billing. These state funds are primarily used as match to draw down federal Medicaid dollars as payment for many of the services provided. These state and federal funds comprise about two-thirds of the total revenues for WellStone and other funding sources include private commercial insurance companies, payments directly from clients, small grants and contracts with local entities, and appropriations from local government. WellStone provides services regardless of ability to pay and utilizes a sliding fee scale that is based on family income and family size.

### **With an appropriation of \$45,000 from the City of Madison, WellStone will:**

1. Underwrite part of the cost of treatment for Madison residents who are eligible for a sliding fee scale (they do not have third-party payer sources).
2. Work to expand clinical and educational services to the almost 1,000 Madison residents served last year.

With additional funding, WellStone can provide more services to more people and provide more discounted care to Madison residents who do not have third-party payment. The Board of Directors of WellStone appreciates the support and partnership of the City of Madison as we work together to enhance the quality of life for all citizens, including the 1 in 5 people every year who experience a mental health and/or substance use disorder.