

**Memorandum of Understanding
between
The City of Manor
and
The University of Texas at Austin**

I. Parties

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by The University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin) on behalf of its Steve Hicks School of Social Work, an educational institution in Texas with offices at 3925 West Braker Lane, Bldg 156, Ste 3.340, MC: A9000, Austin, TX 78759-5316, and The City of Manor, P.O. Box 387, Manor, Texas 78653.

II. Background and Purpose

The University of Texas at Austin, the flagship campus of the University of Texas System, is a world-leading institution in exploration, discovery and innovation in the arts, humanities and sciences and across disciplinary boundaries. UT Austin, through its School of Social Work, has helped launch Black Mamas ATX, whose work centers around the health and wellbeing of Black women who are pregnant and through the first year postpartum. Black Mamas ATX maintains a 100% Black women board and staff.

UT Austin has received a grant from IMPACT Austin (through the UT Foundation) to fund the project Racial Equity & Access for Collaborative Healthcare ("REACH") for the community in Manor, Texas (the "Project"). The Project is an innovative collaboration, between the parties to this MOU, which seeks to concentrate evidence-based culturally congruent maternal healthcare in a way that has a far-reaching and lasting impact on Black women and girls. The Project's goal is to improve access to reproductive health services to Black women over the childbearing period in Manor, Texas over a 12-month period, starting December 2020.

Manor ISD currently serves pregnant teens living in Manor, Texas through a collaborative partnership with People's Community Clinic (PCC), called the Manor Mustang Clinic. The clinic has been providing services to families since 2016. Manor ISD and PCC have a proven history of serving women and girls and underserved populations including low-income and uninsured/underinsured families in Central Texas, as well as centering the needs of people of color through community engagement and access to family planning service and health education through the hiring of community health workers. Additionally, Manor ISD provides support to pregnant and parenting students to increase graduation rates and reduce future unplanned pregnancies.

This MOU is being entered into by the parties to formalize their intended collaboration towards the success of the REACH Project. Specific areas of responsibility are further outlined in Section IV, Scope of Collaboration.

III. Costs and Resources

Each party shall bear all costs and expenses incurred by it in performing or in connection with this MOU. There is no exchange of consideration. Each party shall provide its own

equipment and facilities as necessary to implement the efforts described herein. Resources, including property, cannot be loaned or exchanged under this agreement.

This MOU does not constitute a binding or exclusive obligation on any party. Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as consent by any party to enter into a contract, subcontract or other business relationship.

IV. Scope of Collaboration

On an as-available, as-funded, best efforts basis, without warranties, and without consideration, the Parties intend to work collaboratively to:

City of Manor:

- Collaborate with Black Mamas ATX to recruit and refer pregnant individuals to BMATX's programs and services
- Assist with identifying and providing space for BMATX programs and services as needed
- Collaborate on data collection for project outcomes

UT Austin:

- Monthly community-based Sister Circle within the Manor Community
- Doula services for pregnant and postpartum women
- Two monthly clinics held by a Black midwife
- Remote/online case management and psychotherapy services from a licensed social worker for one year
- Social support groups to prevent social isolation and address stress and anxiety in Black pregnant and postpartum women
- Childcare for doctor's appointments, perinatal relief, and for hospitalization for childbirth or readmittance due to postpartum complications;

V. General Provisions

Each Party acts on its own behalf in all relations with a third party. The Parties will not be responsible for any outside commitments of any other Party. The Parties shall remain independent of one another and nothing herein shall be construed or interpreted, by implication or otherwise, to form a partnership, agency, joint venture or other formal business association.

Both Parties agree that they enter into this MOU in good faith. Understanding the content and legal scope of this MOU, the Parties declare that the execution of this MOU will be construed as a statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial cooperation toward the stated objectives. Any disputes or conflicts regarding its interpretation, formalization and execution shall be resolved by mutual agreement of the Parties in good faith.

Matters not provided for in this MOU shall be determined through mutual consultation and agreement. This MOU may be amended by the written consent of the Parties.

VI. Period of Performance / Termination

This MOU shall continue from the latest date signed as indicated on the signature page through 12/31/2021, unless sooner terminated in writing by either party. This MOU may be extended by a written agreement executed by both parties. This MOU may be terminated by either party with written notice at any time. Each party will, as a courtesy, endeavor to provide 10 days prior written notice to the other party.

VII. Points of Contact

Correspondence concerning this MOU shall be directed to the following representatives:

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VIII. Signatories

The University of Texas at Austin

The City of Manor

By	_____	By	_____
Name	<u>Mark Featherston</u>	Name	<u>Hon. Larry Wallace, Jr.</u>
Title	<u>Assistant Director</u>	Title	<u>Mayor</u>
	<u>Office of Sponsored Projects</u>		_____
Date	_____	Date	_____

Commented [EM1]: Please confirm signatory names and titles. Do not sign at this time.