

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF VENTURA  
AND THE FILLMORE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR  
ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAM PREVENTION SERVICES**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into between the Fillmore Unified School District (hereinafter referred to as FUSD) and the County of Ventura through its Behavioral Health Department Alcohol and Drug Programs (hereinafter referred to as VCBH-ADP), collectively referred to as the "parties".

Whereas, FUSD desires to engage VCBH-ADP prevention services for training and technical assistance in the development of a sustainable Student Assistance Program (SAP) to prevent problematic use of alcohol and other drugs among students, and

Whereas, VCBH-ADP has the necessary qualifications by reason of training, experience, preparation and organization, and is agreeable to performing and providing such services, upon and subject to the terms and conditions as set forth below in this MOU.

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

**PURPOSE.** The purpose of this MOU is to create an effective working relationship between the designated parties to:

- A) Build a sustainable district-level K – 12 SAP to prevent abuse of alcohol and other drugs, utilizing the SAP model known as the Brief Risk Reduction Interview and Intervention Model (BRRIM), which has been used successfully in other districts to intervene early in the risk of substance use and academic and emotional/behavioral challenges of K – 12 students; and
- B) Develop a sustainable prevention program to inspire, monitor, and guide FUSD students to identify their strengths and interests, promote relevant career awareness, and build a plan to achieve their best social-emotional, academic, and career outcomes. The focus will be on youth development, substance use prevention, student post high school career interest, awareness and skills. The initial target population is the middle school, beginning with the 6th grade.

**TIME OF PERFORMANCE.** The term of this MOU shall commence on July 1, 2016, and terminate on June 30, 2017. However, this MOU may be extended by mutual written consent for up to two additional fiscal years, from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, with all other terms of the MOU remaining the same.

**TERMINATION OR AMENDMENT.** This MOU may be terminated or amended in writing at any time by mutual written consent of the parties, and may be terminated by either party for any reason by giving the other party 30 days advance written notice.

## **DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES.**

FUSD will:

- Utilize to the fullest extent feasible the knowledge and expertise of VCBH-ADP training and technical assistance contractor Red Leaf Resources, in order to plan and develop sustainable student prevention service systems.
- Participate in training and technical assistance events and workshops, as feasible, to build professional capacity for the delivery of prevention services by staff.
- Familiarize key professional and lay staff, as well as the management team, with BRRIM screening and student support services.
- Support and advocate for appropriate early intervention services for FUSD students and their families, as a viable alternative or adjunct to certain disciplinary actions (e.g., suspension) for incidents involving possession or use of alcohol/other drugs.
- Implement board policy and administrative regulations that will build a systematic referral process to the SAP.
- Recruit or retain qualified support personnel to coordinate the implementation and ongoing operation of the student support services consistent with BRRIM.
- Utilize to the fullest extent feasible the knowledge and expertise of VCBH-ADP training and technical assistance contractors JAMS Productions and Redleaf Resources, in order to plan and develop a sustainable middle school career/youth development program that begins with FUSD 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Select a middle school counselor to coordinate middle school site-based classroom career/youth development activities with JAMS Productions staff.

VCBH-ADP will:

- Provide qualified professional consultation technical assistance and training services (Redleaf Resources), for use by FUSD in planning and developing in district capacity for a K – 12 SAP.
- With the consent of FUSD, contract with a professional evaluation firm to conduct formative and summative evaluation services.

**INDEMNIFICATION.** FUSD agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless VCBH-ADP, its officers, agents, employees, or volunteers from any and all third-party claims, demands, losses, damages and expenses, including legal fees and costs, or other obligations or claims arising out of any liability or damage to person or property, or any other loss, sustained or claimed to have been sustained arising out of activities of the FUSD or its officers, agents, employees, or volunteers, whether or not such omission is authorized by this MOU. FUSD assumes no responsibility whatsoever for any property placed on FUSD premises by VCBH-ADP, its agents, employees or volunteers. The provisions of this Section do not apply to any damage or losses caused solely by the negligence of VCBH-ADP or its officers, agents, employees, or volunteers.

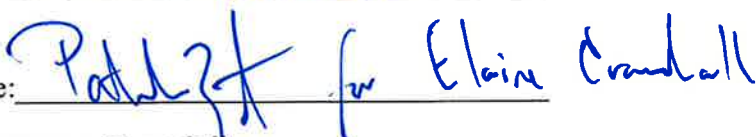
VCBH-ADP agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless FUSD, its officers, directors, agents, and/or employees from any and all claims, demands, losses, damages and expenses, including legal fees and costs, or other obligations or claims arising out of any liability or damage to persons or property, or any other loss, sustained or claimed to have been sustained arising out of activities of VCBH-ADP or its officers, agents, employees, or volunteers whether or not such act or omission

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this MOU as of the date first written above.

COUNTY OF VENTURA – VCBH-ADP

Name: Elaine Crandall

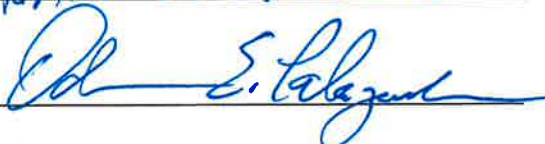
Signature:  for Elaine Crandall

Title: Elaine Crandall  
Behavioral Health Director

Date: 10/10/16

FILLMORE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Name: Adrian E. Palazuelos

Signature: 

Title: Superintendent

Date: 9/7/16