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**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON AND THE COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN
REGARDING
CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Section 10 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution and Section 3 and 5 of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 220/3 and 220/5) authorize the counties of Menard and Sangamon to enter into this agreement; and

WHEREAS, the County of Sangamon is a unit of local government organized and existing under the laws of the Constitution of the State of Illinois and Chapter 55 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the County of Christian is a unit of local government organized and existing under the laws of the Constitution of the State of Illinois and Chapter 55 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the County of Sangamon established a Child Advocacy Center ("CAC") in 1989 to provide a formal, comprehensive, integrated, and multidisciplinary response to the investigation and disposition of reports of child maltreatment; and

WHEREAS, the County of Sangamon and the County of Christian have a relationship of past cooperation and goodwill for the delivery of services to residents of each county with similar needs; and

WHEREAS, for many years, and without repayment sufficient to cover the cost thereof, the CAC has provided its services to address child maltreatment reports arising in the County of Christian and other counties, said services complying with agreed upon operational protocols ; and

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Sangamon County Clerk

WHEREAS, as it is unfair for the residents of the County of Sangamon to continue to bear the expense of CAC services provided to residents of other counties, the County of Sangamon now requires those counties to pay for CAC services provided to their residents.

WHEREFORE, in order to more formally set forth their agreement regarding CAC services, including the payment for CAC services, the parties agree as follows:

Section 1. Authority to Enter into Agreement

Each of the Parties consents and agrees that it has passed the necessary resolution to enter into this agreement and that it will perform all of its duties and obligation hereunder.

Section 2. Term of this Agreement

The term of this agreement begins upon its last execution and ends on November 30, 2024. Either party may terminate this agreement at any time, with or without cause, by giving the other party 30-days' notice of its decision to terminate the agreement.

Section 3. CAC Services

The CAC shall provide services for eligible County of Christian residents as set forth in the latest protocol agreed upon by the CAC, DCFS, and the County of Christian multidisciplinary team members.

Section 4. Payment for CAC Services

The County of Christian shall pay the County of Sangamon \$500 per CAC case involving an eligible County of Christian resident. Payment shall be due 45 days after the County of Christian receives an invoice for CAC services. The per case fee will be adjusted each year,

based upon the previous year's data, to reflect the actual expenses incurred by the County of Sangamon to operate the CAC divided by the number of cases for that year.

Section 5. Mutual Cooperation

The Parties intend and desire a collaborative effort to serve the needs of their residents. The Parties will seek to make available to one another and share their respective knowledge and expertise. The parties will seek to identify and jointly solicit additional sources of funding, including without limitation, corporate and governmental grants, that may from time to time become available to support the CAC, in a joint attempt to reduce the per case fee.

Section 6. Construction

The provisions of this Agreement have been negotiated, written, and reviewed by both parties in consultation with legal counsel. None of the provisions of this Agreement shall be construed against a party merely because that party was or is the principal drafter thereof.

Section 7. Assignment

This Agreement and the rights, obligations and duties of the parties hereto shall not be assignable or otherwise transferable without the prior written consent of each party hereto.

Section 8. Modification

No provisions contained herein may be modified, amended or waived except by written agreement or consent signed by both parties.

Section 12. Indemnification

The County of Christian agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County of Sangamon, its officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims, liabilities, actions, demands, judgments, losses, costs, expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees), suits, actions, or damages that may arise out of the CAC performing services pursuant to this agreement.

Section 13. Entire Agreement

This document, together with all exhibits attached hereto which are made a part hereof, constitute the entire agreement of the parties and supersede any and all other prior agreements, oral or written, with respect to the subject matter contained herein.

County of Sangamon

By: _____
County Board Chairman

Date: _____

County of Christian

By: Bryan W. Shroyer
County Board Chairman

Date: 7-18-2023