

County of Nueces

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Nueces County Courthouse, Room 303
901 Leopard Street
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401-3697

CONTRACT

Nueces County and South Coastal Area Health Education Center

This agreement entered into on the date set forth below by and between Nueces County, hereinafter called "County," and South Coastal Area Health Education Center, hereinafter called AHEC, a non-profit organization that is a branch of the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas, whose mission is to improve access to quality health care in South Texas including Nueces County, through the facilitation of health profession training and education.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the community has recognized the need for endeavors designed to promote diabetes prevention and awareness that will benefit Corpus Christi and the surrounding areas within Nueces County; and,

WHEREAS, Diabetes is a chronic, incurable disease and is the fifth leading cause of death in the United States. Over 29.1 million people in the United States, or 9.3% of the population, have been diagnosed with diabetes and approximately 8.1 million people are unaware that they have the disease. Approximately 12.8% of the people in Nueces County have diabetes; and

WHEREAS, Although the cause of diabetes continues to be a mystery, both genetics and environmental factors such as obesity, eating habits, and lack of exercise, appear to play key roles as risk factors for developing the disease; and,

WHEREAS, It has been proven that early detection of people at high risk of developing Type 2 diabetes, combined with a program to support healthy eating, physical activity, and achievable weight loss, can prevent up to 58% of expected diabetes; and,

WHEREAS, In an effort to promote diabetes awareness and prevention among children and adults, Nueces County will partner with AHEC, to promote diabetes awareness and prevention in Nueces County, as well as to provide public access to information for early detection, proper treatment, exercise and nutrition options, and screenings related to the detection and prevention of diabetes; and,

WHEREAS, Section 122.001 of the Texas Health and Safety Code and the determinations of Texas Attorney General Opinion Nos. JM-158 (1984) and JM-103 (1983) allow the commissioners court of a county to appropriate and spend money from the county general revenues for public health;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, for and in consideration and exchange of mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, the County and AHEC, agree to the following:

- I. AHEC will diligently use its resources to raise awareness and educate Nueces County residents regarding the causes of diabetes and continue to provide services with respect to diabetes prevention. AHEC will provide program access or remove barriers to accessibility under the Americans with Disabilities Act to allow individuals with disabilities the opportunity to participate and receive benefits of services, programs and activities.
- II. AHEC will submit a report to the County indicating activities by AHEC in performance of its obligations pursuant to this agreement. AHEC shall include in its report a detailed accounting of expenditures of County funds. Such report should be presented to the County Commissioners' Court at a noticed meeting.
- III. AHEC, will raise awareness about diabetes, encourage a healthy lifestyle and promote educational programs that serve the needs of Nueces County children and adults, including hosting at minimum seven (7) health fairs focused on diabetes awareness, education, and prevention through preventative health care screenings, lay health term education, interactive activities and awareness to community health care resources. Each health fair will consist at minimum of physical exams provided by physicians, vendor booths providing diabetes screening, exercise classes, nutrition education, diabetic foot exams, and referrals to health care services.
- IV. As payment for these services to be rendered in the County's fiscal year 2017-2018, the County will provide \$7,000.00, subject to budget appropriations, for the continuation of AHEC activities pursuant to the 2017-2018 County budget.
- V. AHEC will cause this funding to be segregated from other funds used for activities of the Foundation unrelated to the purposes of this agreement.
- VI. This agreement shall continue in force and effect until September 30, 2018. In the event that AHEC terminates its activities prior to the expiration of this agreement, the balance of any remaining funds shall be returned to the County in the same proportion that County funds bear to the total funds received or in the possession by AHEC to conduct activities related to this agreement.

Approved, this day, the _____ day of _____, 2018.

Nueces County

South Coastal Area Health Education Center

BY: _____
Samuel L. Neal, Jr., County Judge

BY: _____
Title: _____

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Kara Sands, County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BY: _____
Laura Garza Jimenez, County Attorney