

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION
and SAFE HORIZON, INC.**

WHEREAS, the core mission of the New York City Department of Correction ("DOC") is to provide care, custody, and control of individuals in DOC custody – and to ensure the safety of the public, individuals in custody, and staff; and

WHEREAS, Safe Horizon, Inc. ("Safe Horizon") is a leading victim assistance organization, which operates 24-hour Rape and Sexual Assault Hotline ("Hotline"), accessible at 212.227.3000; and

WHEREAS, New York Law states that incarcerated individuals are not capable of consent to sexual contact of any kind, and NYC DOC Policy stipulates that there is to be no sexual contact between individuals in DOC custody, or between staff and individuals in DOC custody; and

WHEREAS, DOC is fully committed to eliminating sexual assault within its jail facilities and to providing individuals in DOC custody with services related to emotional and physical trauma as a result of sexual abuse prior to or during incarceration; and

WHEREAS, Safe Horizon's Hotline can provide individuals in DOC custody with an additional avenue to report allegation of sexual assault and abuse, to obtain counseling and information, and to obtain access to sexual assault and abuse related services after discharge;

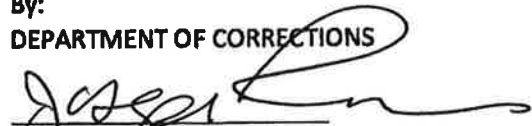
NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. Safe Horizon shall accept calls to its Hotline from individuals in DOC custody, relating to claims of sexual abuse and sexual assault experienced prior to and during incarceration.
2. The DOC shall advertise Safe Horizon's Hotline in its jail facilities to inform individuals and staff of its availability. The DOC shall allow individuals in custody to telephone the Hotline and the DOC will neither charge individuals and staff for the cost of the call to the Hotline, nor record the call. The DOC telephone system allows free calls to last for up to six minutes.
3. Safe Horizon shall provide individuals in DOC custody who call the Hotline with counseling and support services, first through a Hotline Advocate, and thereafter by a Rape and Sexual Assault Specialist in a Safe Horizon Community Program.
4. The DOC acknowledges that Safe Horizon shall maintain the confidentiality of individuals who call the Hotline and that Safe Horizon shall not report allegations of sexual assault or abuse unless Safe Horizon receives express oral permission to do so from the assault victim, unless the victim is under the age of 18, at which point Safe Horizon must follow NYS Mandatory Reporting Laws. If an individual calls the Hotline to discuss a case of sexual assault or abuse that has not yet been reported to the DOC, but that relates to an individual in DOC custody, Safe Horizon shall inform the victim of their rights, including medical attention, counseling, and of the process by which to report the crime if they so choose .

10. Nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding shall limit the right of either Safe Horizon or the DOC to affiliate or contract with other agencies. Both Safe Horizon and the DOC agree periodically to evaluate the arrangement here memorialized.

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Date: 8/26/15

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