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Consent For Release or Exchange of Confidential Information

I, (print name) _____, fully authorize and consent to the release and the exchange of confidential information, orally or in writing, in person or by telephone, by FAX or by electronic transmission, to or from Mission Granbury, Inc. or it's agents.

My consent for the release or exchange of confidential information is for the purpose of establishing, coordinating or effecting counseling, advocacy and referral services, as needed.

I understand that my records are protected under the Federal Confidentiality Regulations and cannot be disclosed without my written consent unless otherwise provided for in those regulations. I also understand that I may revoke this consent at any time and that if I do so, no further disclosure of information will be made. If I do not withdraw my consent, this consent for the release of information will **expire (3) years** from the date of my signing below.

SIGNATURE OF CLIENT

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, a Notary Public on the ____ day of _____, 201__, to certify which witness my official hand and seal of office.

Notary Public in and for the
STATE OF TEXAS

Re: No Drop Policy for Domestic or Family Violence

The Hood County Attorney's Office wants to avoid dropping charges once an arrest has been made and charges filed or a protective order application has been filed with the Court. Our policy is to prosecute domestic violence offenders and hold them legally accountable for their behavior.

Assault on a family member is no less a serious offense than any other misdemeanor that carries a jail sentence. It is our goal to protect the victims and take a positive step toward breaking the cycle of family violence. In order to encourage and support the victim to continue in the criminal justice system, domestic violence cases filed by the County Attorney may not be dismissed by the victim. While the final decision as to the disposition of the case rests with the County Attorney, we will consider your input.

We want to make available to you the latest information to consider as you evaluate your circumstances. Six (6) hours of education, guidance and counseling will be provided to you at no charge through the Alternatives to Family Violence Project at Mission Granbury, Inc. The Alternatives Project will give you an opportunity to share your experiences with other victims, learn about the services that are available in Hood County to help victims of abuse and help you to better understand the cycle of family violence. Please call Mission Granbury, Inc. at (817) 579-6866 to register for the Alternatives sessions. There will be no cost to you for this service.

While we believe the information gained from the Alternatives Project is beneficial to everyone, completion of the six hours of counseling is mandatory for any victim who wishes to discuss not prosecuting their domestic violence case or dropping their protective order application. If you wish to discuss your case after completing the six hours of education and counseling, you may call the Hood County Attorney's Office at (817) 579-3215. Failure to complete court-ordered counseling may result in your being held in contempt of court and being held responsible for all court costs in said hearing.

As we work together, we will send a clear message to abusers that we will not tolerate family violence in Hood County.

Sincerely,

R. Kelton Conner
County Attorney

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I, _____, have read the No Drop Policy and fully understand that I will be ordered to complete six (6) hours of counseling, available through Mission Granbury, at no cost to me, in the event I should decide not to pursue the original petition for a Family Violence Protective Order.

Applicant