

**INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT
MULTI-COUNTY ADULT SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM**

As provided for by Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, this Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between City of Cuero, DeWitt, Victoria, Calhoun, Lavaca, Goliad, and Jackson Counties, and shall be effective on the date that the signature of the last party is affixed. The Counties have reviewed the Agreement, and each make the following findings:

WHEREAS, Subchapter J, Local Government Code Chapter 351 requires the establishment of a County Adult Sexual Assault Response Team (“response teams”).

WHEREAS, response teams are established to strengthen the collaborative response to and enhance health and judicial outcomes for sexual assault survivors who are adults.

WHEREAS, the commissioners court of each county shall establish a response team with the following minimum members: 1) the chief administrator of a sexual assault program that provides services within the county, or the chief administrator’s designee; 2) a prosecutor with jurisdiction over adult sexual assault cases in the county; 3) the sheriff of the county, or the sheriff’s designee; 4) the chief of the largest municipal law enforcement agency, if one exists, or the chief’s designee; 5) either (A) a sexual assault nurse examiner or forensic examiner that conducts sexual assault forensic exams within the county, or (B) 6) a representative from the largest healthcare provider in the county if there is not a professional described by Paragraph (A); a behavioral health provider within the county, or if one does not exist, a representative from the public health department; and 7) other persons or professionals the counties consider necessary for the operation of the response team.

WHEREAS, Subchapter J, Local Government Code Section 351.252 allows two or more counties, each with a population of 250,000 or less, within a contiguous area to partner to form a multi-county response team.

WHEREAS, a multi-county sexual assault response team will most effectively and efficiently fulfill the needs of the citizens of the participating counties to this agreement;

WHEREAS, participants in the multi-county response team agree to commit to the multi-county response team and assist the response team efforts in accordance with Subchapter J, Local Government Code, Sections 351.253-351.258.

WHEREAS, with 45-days written notice of intent, any county may withdraw from this interlocal agreement and the multi-county response team. Upon such withdrawal, the remaining counties will revise the by-laws to form a response team in compliance with statute.

NOW, THEREFORE, the counties participating in the multi-county adult sexual assault response team agree to work together to meet the objectives set forth in the Local Government Code. To implement this interlocal agreement, each participating county shall appoint a representative to an organizational committee to designate sufficient members of the Multi-county Sexual Assault Response Team to meet the statutory requirements and prepare by-laws for the Multi-county Sexual Assault Response Team.

By: City of Cuero, DeWitt County, Texas

Sara Post Meyer, Mayor 2/14/2022