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Eastern Domestic Violence Service Inc

and

insert name of other agency

Developed by:

Insert name/title of key contact person from EDVOS and other agency

Purpose and Scope

This strategic partnership is entered in to by both Eastern Domestic Violence Service Inc (EDVOS) and *insert agency*.

Whilst the two services have unique values and ways of working, both fully respect and appreciate the talents, expertise and commitment of each other.

This agreement is entered in to freely and with a strong sense of collaboration, trust and respect.

EDVOS - Who we are

EDVOS is the specialist family violence service in the EMR and covers the municipalities of Boroondara, Manningham, Whitehorse, Knox, Monash, Maroondah and Yarra Ranges. The population is more than 1 million and is home to diverse communities.

EDVOS provides an integrated range of support and services to empower women and children who are responding to family violence and we focus on the safety of women and children, and the accountability of perpetrators. We provide support, information, case management, safety planning, community education, programs for pet safety and a strong network of referral pathways to other services. EDVOS is a child-focussed, child safe organisation.

As a well-connected regional family violence service, EDVOS is highly committed to partnerships and recognises that service quality is enhanced through developing collaboration, trust, mutual respect and goodwill.

The family violence sector has lead the way to greater recognition and understanding of the impact, widespread nature and dynamics of family violence.

Our partnerships with police and the legal system has seen an unprecedented rise in reporting of family violence. This experience isn't unique and mirrors the state-wide service system overload; as cited in the Royal Commission into Family Violence Summary and Recommendations March 2016.

EDVOS Vision, Mission and Values

Vision

A community free from family violence, where everyone feels safe.

Values

Equity: 'Prioritising the use of resources to address inequities in our society';

Accountability: 'Responsible for delivering high quality, evidence based services AND; working to ensure perpetrators of violence are held to account for their actions';

Collaboration: 'Striving to be a valued partner by working collaboratively with others';

Respect: 'Concern for human rights as well as the experiences and aspirations of others';

Innovation: 'Displaying resourcefulness and innovation, focusing on positive and sustainable outcomes';

Advocacy: 'Actively speaking and behaving in a way that advances human rights'

Mission

To work in a collaborative and evidence-based way, to support those experiencing family violence whilst also working hard to prevent family violence before it occurs.

Other agency - Who we are

Blurb

Other agency - Vision, Mission and Values

EDVOS and Other Agency: Project/Agreement title

The purpose of this partnership is to:

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Principles underpinning the agreement

The decision to enter in to this partnership agreement is based on our existing partnership relationship and recognises the specialist knowledge and vital role specialist family violence services and health services have in responding to women and children experiencing family violence.

- The Partners are committed to improved outcomes for women and their children;
- Parties will demonstrate, through their action, a willingness to make this agreement succeed;
- Integrated service delivery will be client and outcome focused;
- Open and timely communication will occur;
- All parties to the agreement share a common vision, values, and understanding of the scope of their individual obligations under the agreement.

Roles under this MOU

Each organisation is an independent legal entity with its own governance and management responsibilities, culture, policies and procedures. Clarity of roles, responsibilities, delegated levels of authority and decision-making processes as they relate to each organisation and benefit this agreement underpin this MOU.

Other agency and EDVOS agree to:

- a) Act in good faith with each other;
- b) Support staff to work under their respective program guidelines, agency policies and procedures;
- c) Expect that workers will uphold the aims and practice of each other's programs;
- d) Maintain clear and timely communication;
- e) Respect programs, practice guidelines, legislation, statutory and regulatory requirements and specific protocols relevant to the delivery of the services including acknowledging each agency's information, funding agreement, confidentiality and ethical obligations;
- f) Provide a professional approach to resolving conflicts or grievances in relation to this MOU (see below);

Duration of Agreement

The term of this MOU is for **xxx** years

- a) Start date for this agreement: **xxx**
- b) End date: **xxx**
- c) Review date: **xxxxx**

The term may be extended by agreement.

This Agreement ends:

- On the end date specified above; or
- After 60 days' prior notice of intention to end the agreement has been given by either party.

MOU non-binding

The terms and conditions of this MOU have no legal effect on the other party other than as expressed in this agreement. However, neither party may end this agreement without regard to the obligations that the other party has reasonably incurred or entered into on the basis of this Agreement and the reasonably foreseeable loss that the other party will incur.

Neither party has any rights against the other under this Agreement if this agreement is ended other than under the confidentiality clause. However, a party must give the other party 60 days' notice, in writing, of their intention to end the Agreement before doing so.

Intellectual Property

The intellectual property of each party remains with each party.

Each party agrees not to disclose any trade secrets or other confidential information pertaining to this collaboration agreement.

The parties acknowledge that they each have confidentiality and ethical obligations to their clients which may prevent the sharing of information with each other, with the exception of ensuring health and safety in the workplace.

Dispute Resolution

Both parties agree that they will mediate any dispute in an amicable manner.

In the first instance parties directly involved with the dispute should seek to discuss and resolve the matter.

If this is unsuccessful then the matter should be brought to the attention of the CEO / Manager of both services. Who will determine and implement a process for dealing with the matters raised.

Either party may request the appointment of a mediator to resolve any dispute.

This clause survives the ending of the Agreement.

Amendments

This Agreement may only be modified or amended by written agreement between the parties.

Contact Persons

Name (Other agency) and Jenny Jackson (EDVOS) will be the main contacts for partnership arrangement. Should there be any change regarding the contact person, the CEOs of the respective organisations shall formally notify the other promptly.

Communications

Any media or communications regarding this partnership or agreement will be jointly branded and agreed prior to being released publicly.

Authority to Sign

The persons purporting to sign this document for a party represents and warrants to the other party that they have the authority to sign this document and bind that party.

Signatures and endorsement:

Name

Title

Agency

Date

Name

Title

EDVOS

Date