

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

This Memorandum of Agreement for Coordination of the *Connecticut Jail Diversion and Trauma Recovery Services for Veterans Grant* is entered into as of the last day executed below, between the following listed agencies and organizations:

Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS)
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, VHA Connecticut Healthcare System
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, VBA Hartford Regional Office
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) #1
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Readjustment and Counseling Service Regional Office
(Vet Centers)
Connecticut Judicial Branch, Chief Court Administrator
Connecticut Division of Criminal Justice, Office of the Chief State's Attorney
Connecticut Division of Public Defender Services
City of Groton Police Department
Town of Groton Police Department
City of New London Police Department
City of Norwich Police Department
Town of Waterford Police Department
Town of Montville Police Department
Town of Stonington Police Department
Connecticut Military Department, Adjutant General
Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)
Connecticut Department of Correction (DOC)
Connecticut Department of Public Safety (DPS), Division of State Police
Connecticut Department of Labor (DOL)
U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Veterans' Employment and Training Service
Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)
Connecticut Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA)
Brain Injury Association of Connecticut
Hospital for Special Care
Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Department of Connecticut
Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH)
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Connecticut
Connecticut Alliance to Benefit Law Enforcement, Inc. (CABLE)

WHEREAS, multiple sources including the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) have reported a prevalence of psychological problems including depression, anxiety, post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and substance use disorders among military service members and veterans who have served deployment(s) in Operations Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Enduring Freedom (OEF); and

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense has reported that over sixty per cent of all wounds sustained in theater (Wounded in Action -WIA) involve head injury and that traumatic brain injury (TBI) is now known as the *signature wound* of the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars; and

WHEREAS, together, TBI and combat-related psychological wounds have been characterized as the *hidden wounds of war*; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that trauma-related symptoms can manifest in behaviors that often lead to arrest, and that many newly returned service members and veterans exhibiting such behaviors may benefit from efforts to identify, engage, divert and assist them through treatment and recovery support activities; and

WHEREAS, the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) *Jail Diversion and Trauma Recovery Services for Veterans Grant* calls for the development of new strategies for diversion and service provision for veterans with war trauma-related problems who are now caught up in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the *Jail Diversion and Trauma Recovery Services for Veterans Initiative* in Connecticut are to divert or direct veterans at the earliest opportunity along the criminal justice continuum into a seamless system of trauma-integrated and trauma-informed treatment and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS, active and sustained participation and ownership from extensive state and federal partners and systems is essential to achieve the goals of this initiative; and

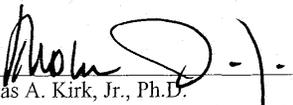
WHEREAS, it is the duty of a grateful citizenry to assure the health and well-being of service members/veterans by assisting them and their families to excellence in their lives following their experience in war;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein, the signatories to this document, within their respective mission and to the extent of their ability, agree to participate in the planning, implementation, coordination and delivery of diversion and trauma-recovery services for service members/veterans and their families.

Provided that this project is funded by SAMHSA, it shall become effective on the latter of the last date it is executed by any of the parties, and shall remain in effect until modified, amended or repealed.

Modification/Termination: The parties may, by mutual consent, agree in writing to additional terms and conditions governing the development and implementation of this initiative. An individual party may terminate its participation by providing written notice of same, including the effective date of the termination of participation, to the remaining parties.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have set their hands



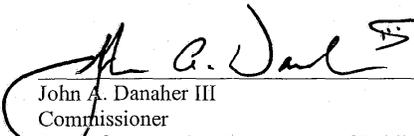
Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Ph.D.
Commissioner, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

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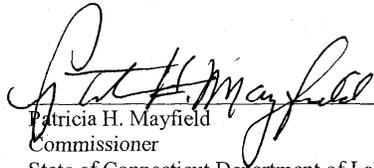
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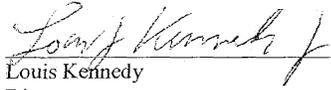
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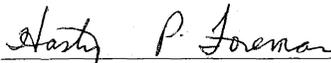
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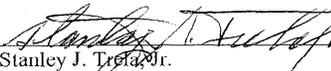
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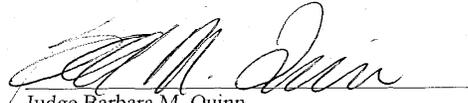
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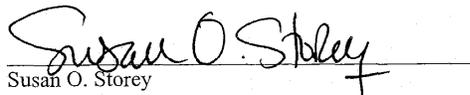
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Judge Barbara M. Quinn
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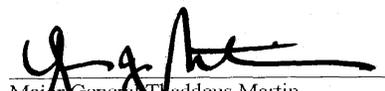
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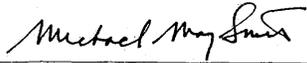
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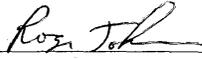
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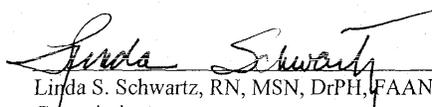
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Mr. Roger Johnson
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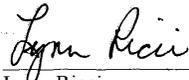
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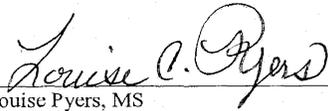
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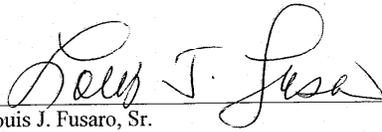
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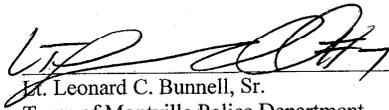
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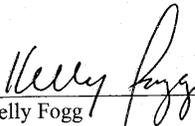
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