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For The People Outreach (FTPO)

Dear Keith Sutton,

On behalf of the Department of Juvenile Services and the Residential Services Program Team, I am pleased to outline our shared understanding regarding a volunteer partnership between For the People Outreach (FTPO) and Cheltenham Youth Detention Center (CYDC). We are interested in continuing to collaborate with you to provide meaningful programming opportunities for young people residing in our facilities, while connecting them to community members who are invested in their future. We recognize and value your commitment to nurturing personal growth, resilience, and long-term success among the young people entrusted to our care.

The purpose of this volunteer partnership is to engage young people in therapeutic-based, arts and media programming, including podcast development, guided dialogue, music production, songwriting, and engineering. These programs are designed to promote emotional regulation, accountability, positive self-expression, and personal development. Your approach provides young people with constructive outlets to process experiences, strengthen communication skills, build confidence, and develop healthier coping strategies in a safe and structured environment. Additionally, your incorporation of mentorship and workforce readiness discussions supports goal setting, personal responsibility, and successful community reintegration, reflecting a restorative and development-focused philosophy aligned with youth rehabilitation objectives.

For The People Outreach (FTPO) agrees to:

- Provide qualified volunteers to deliver programming as mutually agreed upon
- Participate in the background clearance and orientation processes
- Coordinate schedules and program plans with designated facility or headquarters staff
- Ensure volunteers adhere to all applicable facility policies, procedures, and safety protocols

The Program Team agrees to:

- Assist with providing access to appropriate space within facilities for programming
- Identify a primary point of contact for coordination and communication
- Support scheduling and logistical planning
- Ensure staff supervision in accordance with policy

We request maintaining open and ongoing communication to ensure programming is implemented effectively and remains responsive to the needs of young people and facility operations. To assist with effective

implementation, there may be times we ask For the People Outreach (FTPO) to complete survey forms or other tools to track programming.

This partnership is ongoing and will continue on a voluntary basis unless modified or discontinued. As needed, either you or I may request adjustments to the scope or schedule.

We value the role of community partners in expanding opportunities for young people and appreciate your organization's willingness to contribute time, expertise, and resources to this effort.

Sincerely,

Shauntia Lindsay

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