



**Puerto Rico Mentoring Partnership**  
**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)**

Between

**“SUAGM, Inc. dba Universidad del Turabo”**

and

**“Oficina de Comunidades Especiales de Puerto Rico”**

WHEREAS, “Sistema Universitario Ana G. Méndez, Inc. (SUAGM), Inc. dba Universidad del Turabo”, hereinafter **UT** and “*Oficina de Comunidades Especiales de Puerto Rico*” hereinafter **CE PR** have come together to collaborate in the *¡Cuidate!* An HIV/AIDS Educational Health Prevention and Promotion Project at UT sponsored by award PAWOS000018-01.

WHEREAS, the partners listed below have agreed to enter into a collaborative agreement in which **UT** will be the lead agency and named applicant and **CE PR** will be partner in this application.

**I. DESCRIPTION OF PARTNERS**

***Universidad del Turabo (UT)***

Universidad del Turabo (UT) is a member of the Ana G. Mendez University System, a private, non-profit, Hispanic-serving institution of higher education established in 1972. It is located on a 136-acre campus in Gurabo, in the eastern-central region of Puerto Rico. UT is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Universities, and licensed by the Puerto Rico Council on Education.

New tendencies in education have caused UT to revitalize its mission in order to become an even more dynamic institution. The university offers 32 baccalaureate programs including such areas as science, arts, and engineering, 27 master's degree programs, and five (5) doctoral programs in psychology (counseling), environmental science, education (specialties in Curriculum & Learning and Educational Leadership & Teaching), business administration (specialties in Management and Management Information Systems), and naturopathic medicine. It is the islands largest private post-secondary institution with an enrollment of almost 17,287 students in the first semester of the 2013-14 academic year. The University's student population is classified as 100% Hispanic.

***Oficina de Comunidades Especiales de Puerto Rico (CE PR)***

The Office of the General Coordinator for the Socioeconomic Financing and Self-Management (Office of Special Communities) was created under the authority of the Law No.1 of March 1, 2001, Law for the Comprehensive Development of the Special Communities of Puerto Rico, as amended. This law enacts the public policy regarding the comprehensive development of the special communities in Puerto Rico; established guidance for the definition and identification of the special communities.

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The *Oficina para el Financiamiento Socioeconómico y la Autogestión* - OFSA (Office for the Socioeconomic Financing and Self-Management), also known as the Office of Special Communities is a government entity responsible for implementing the public policy of the Commonwealth concerning the integral development of special communities. The duty of this office is to promote the creation of conditions that allow solve the problem of marginality in special communities, encouraging the active involvement of residents in solving their problems and improving the quality of life.

**II. PURPOSE & SCOPE**

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The purpose of this MOU is to clearly identify the roles and responsibilities of each party as they relate to the implementation of the ¡*Cuídate!* An HIV/AIDS Educational Health Prevention and

## VI. COMMITMENT TO PARTNERSHIP

- The collaboration service areas include **Caguas and San Juan, Puerto Rico**, as well as **Special Communities** throughout Puerto Rico.
- The partners agree to collaborate, provide and implement evidence-based prevention strategies to address HIV infection among racial/ethnic minority young adults on campus, and in the surrounding communities that show high rates of high risk conduct and HIV/AIDS pursuant to the program narrative of the grant application attached to this agreement.
- Compensation for CE PR partners' contribution to this project will be provided as outlined in the proposal submitted to US DHHS on March 3, 2014, which will become an integral part of this MOU.
- We, the undersigned, have read and agree with this MOU. Further, we have reviewed the proposed project and approve it.

## VII. AWARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The recipient of this agreement must comply with all terms and conditions outlined in the grant award, including grant policy terms and conditions contained in applicable Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Grant Policy Statements, and requirements imposed by program statutes and regulations, Executive Orders, and HHS grant administration regulations, as applicable; as well as any requirements or limitation in any applicable appropriations acts. The HHS Grants Policy Statement is available at <http://www.hhs.gov/asfr/ogapa/aboutog/hhsgps107.pdf>. Uniform Administrative requirements are available at 45 CFR Part 74 and Part 92, as applicable.

**VIII. TERMINATION, SUSPENSION OR NON-RENEWAL**

This agreement may be terminated at any time by giving at least thirty (30) days' notice in writing to the Sponsor.

**VII. EFFECTIVE DATE AND SIGNATURE**

This MOU shall be effective upon the signature of UT and CE PR authorized officials. It shall be in force from October 16, 2014 to August 31, 2017. Universidad del Turabo and *Oficina de Comunidades Especiales de Puerto Rico* indicate agreement with this MOU by their signatures on December 4 2014.

**Signatures and Dates**

SUAGM, Inc. dba Universidad del Turabo

Dr. Dennis Alicea

Chancellor

SUAGM, Inc. dba Universidad del Turabo

Oficina de Comunidades Especiales de PR

Dra. María Lourdes Rivera Grajales

General Coordinator

Oficina de Comunidades Especiales de PR