Planned Permanent Living Arrangement Agreement

Gateway Group Home, 2792 Springdale Lane, Hopewood, Mock State:

We, the undersigned representatives of Gateway Group Home, believe that it is in the best interest of Javier Diaz, dob 3-1-99, to remain at Gateway Group Home until at least the age or 18. Upon reaching 18, Javier can choose to remain at Gateway as a resident of the independent living apartments, or he may make other plans for his living arrangement at that time.

- We will provide Javier with safe and nurturing care on a daily basis, as well as ongoing developmental opportunities.
- We will not ask for Javier to be removed from Gateway except under serious or unusual circumstances and when removal is the only alternative. We are committed to providing Javier's day-to-day care until at least age 18.
- We will communicate to the caseworker Javier's with the Department of Child and Family Services (the Department) general and specific progress in meeting goals, including progress toward obtaining necessary independent living skills.
- We will promptly inform Javier's caseworker of any significant changes in his needs or circumstances. We will actively participate with the Department in the youth's case planning, including transitional planning.
- We will support Javier's visitation with his guardians, sister, and other relatives, if such visitation is approved by the Department.
- We will support Javier in the maintenance of connections with significant others, as approved by the Department.
- We will maintain our current group home license and will comply with all licensing requirements.

Department of Child and Family Services:

The Department of Child and Family Services (the Department), 729 Linda Lane, Hopewood, Mock State, agrees to maintain and support the permanent placement of Javier Diaz, until age 18, with Gateway Group Home.

- The Department will not remove Javier from Gateway Group Home except under serious or unusual circumstances and after every appropriate effort has been made to preserve his placement.
- The Department will provide foster care maintenance payments, Medicaid, clothing, and other support services for Javier while he is in permanent placement with Gateway Group Home.
- The Department caseworker will visit Javier on at least a monthly basis and will continue to assess his needs and monitor his placement for appropriateness and risk/safety. A caseworker or supervisor will be available at all times to answer questions and address concerns and will arrange case conferences as needed.

- The Department will provide support to Gateway Group Home staff as they address Javier's ongoing needs and behaviors.
- The Department will prepare court reports, attend all court hearings, and otherwise communicate and liaison with the court in the court's oversight of Javier's case.

Javier Diaz, Youth

I agree that Gateway Group Home is an appropriate placement for me, and I would like to remain here until at least age 18.

- I will convey my needs, on an ongoing basis, to Gateway staff or my Department caseworker in order to assure that relevant issues are attended to.
- If I feel that an issue is jeopardizing the stability of my placement at Gateway Group Home, I will immediately speak about my concern(s) to Gateway staff, my Department caseworker, or other persons with whom I feel safe.
- If I have any concerns about my safety at Gateway Group Home, at school, or in any other setting, I will immediately convey my concerns to Gateway or Department staff or other persons in whom I feel comfortable confiding.
- I understand that the Department and Gateway group home will continue to promote visitation and contact between myself and my former guardians, my sister, and other relatives.
- I understand that I will continue to be actively involved in my case and transitional planning with Gateway and Department staff and others that I name to be involved.

By signing this agreement, each of the three parties is agreeing that every reasonable effort to maintain Javier's placement at Gateway Group Home will be made. Each party further agrees to notify the other parties in a timely manner of any circumstances which might alter the stability of the placement.

The parties understand that finalization of a Planned Permanent Living Arrangement Agreement does not terminate the court's jurisdiction or the need for regular reviews of the case by the court.

Javier Diaz March 10, 2015 Javier Diaz, Youth

Vanessa Thomas March 10, 2015

Vanessa Thomas, Foster Care Worker Department of Child and Family Services <u>Stephen Shaw</u> March 10, 2015 Stephen Shaw, Case Manager Gateway Group Home

Derrick Banks March 10, 2015

Derrick Banks, Director Gateway Group Home

Subscribed and sworn before me, this 10th day of March, 2015

<u>Janice Rodman</u>

Notary Public for Mock State

Printed Name: _<u>Janice Rodman</u>

Residing at Hopewood, Mock State

My commission expires July 31, 2019