MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

RENSSELAER AT HARTFORD – GROTON SITE

AND

SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS CENTER OF EASTERN CONNECTICUT, INC.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into between the Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Eastern Connecticut, Inc. (SACCEC) and Rensselaer at Hartford – Groton Site for the period of two years beginning on the date upon which the last authorized signature is affixed hereto. This MOU applies only to the provision of sexual assault victim intervention for victims of sexual assault who request or are in need of such counseling or services.

1. Purpose: The purpose of this MOU is to document the understanding between the above-mentioned parties regarding the implementation of advocacy, crisis intervention and counseling services for Rensselaer at Hartford – Groton Site students, employees and faculty.

2. Background: With respect to and for the purpose of being in compliance with the requirements of Connecticut Public Act No. 14-11, AN ACT CONCERNING SEXUAL ASSAULT, STALKING AND INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE ON CAMPUS and The Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act, or Campus SaVE Act, (amendment to the federal Jeanne Clery Act, it is recognized that victims of sexual assault need assistance which requires specialized training and skills and which is available through a community-based organization. Thus, to fill RENSSELAER AT HARTFORD – GROTON SITE's commitment to its students and personnel and avoid duplication of services, RENSSELAER AT HARTFORD – GROTON SITE and SACCEC agree to work in partnership to assist victims of sexual assault.

3. Scope: The program is intended to provide assistance, advocacy, emotional support and information to victims of sexual assault during medical, investigative and legal procedures, and to insure that victims understand and can anticipate these procedures. In addition, the program is intended to inform victims of the availability of appropriate follow-up care. This MOU does not create additional jurisdiction or limit or modify existing jurisdiction vested in the parties. This MOU is not to be construed, in any way, as requiring RENSSELAER AT HARTFORD – GROTON SITE to expend funds or incur expenses.

4. Responsibilities:

a. It will be the responsibility of RENSSELAER AT HARTFORD – GROTON SITE to disseminate the information contained in this MOU to appropriate RENSSELAER AT HARTFORD – GROTON SITE personnel, to train appropriate personnel to contact SACCEC in cases of sexual assault and to designate a point of contact to coordinate with SACCEC. RENSSELAER AT HARTFORD – GROTON SITE will provide SACCEC with current information concerning RENSSELAER AT HARTFORD – GROTON SITE's policies regarding sexual assault reporting and sexual violence survivor support.

b. In compliance with CT Public Act No. 14-11, section 3(a) it will be the responsibility of RENSSELAER AT HARTFORD – GROTON SITE to establish and maintain a campus resource team. Due to limited Groton staffing Hartford staff will provide staff to meet the obligation.

c. It will be the responsibility of SACCEC to respond to incidents of sexual violence which occur on RENSSELAER AT HARTFORD – GROTON SITE property or involve RENSSELAER AT HARTFORD – GROTON SITE students or faculty within a reasonable time frame of a request, to help the victims understand the administrative, medical, investigative and legal processes so that they are prepared to cope with these complex systems and be able to make informed decisions; to provide medical and legal accompaniment and support; and to advise victims how to access professional counseling.

d. It will be the responsibility of SACCEC to serve as a member of the campus resource team, in compliance with CT Public Act No. 14-11, section 3(b).

5. Additional Requirements: The privacy of victims shall be protected. The victim's identity shall not be disclosed to the general public without the consent of the victim or as required by law. SACCEC is not required to provide information to RENSSELAER AT HARTFORD – GROTON SITE regarding the victim's identity.

6. Points of Contact:

a. **RENSSELAER AT HARTFORD – GROTON SITE:**

Natalie Sutera, (860) 548-2412
Rensselaer at Hartford
Mystic Executive Park, 115 Poheganut Drive, Groton, CT 06340-3238
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b. **SACCEC:**

Georgette J. Katin, Executive Director, (860) 456-3595
SACCEC, P.O. Box 24, Willimantic, CT 06226
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7. Modification and termination: This MOU shall be reviewed every two (2) years by both parties prior to the bi-yearly anniversary of the date upon which the last signature is affixed to this MOU. Unless modified or terminated pursuant to the terms of this provision, this MOU shall continue for additional and subsequent years thereafter.

This MOU may be modified or supplemented as needed and may be terminated at any time by mutual written consent of both parties. A 60-day written notice of modification or termination shall be delivered prior to such action.

8. Effective date: This agreement is effective on the date the last signature is affixed and shall remain in effect until modified or terminated.

David Rainey, Action Dean
Rensselaer at Hartford – Groton Site

December 31, 2014
Date

Georgette J. Katin
Georgette J. Katin, Executive Director
Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Eastern CT, Inc.

December 31, 2014
Date