**Informed Consent for Gruveo or other confidential electronic meeting platforms**

Gruveo provides the ability to offer support services through interactive video conferencing over the internet.[Insert name of SASC/CAC] is using Gruveo during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure access and support for survivors of sexual violence from any location. Survivors can connect confidentially to their advocate from their laptop, computer, smartphone, or tablet using the Gruveo platform.

**By reviewing and signing this form, you assert that you understand the following:**

1. Expected benefits of using Gruveo to connect with a sexual assault advocate include increased access to services during a time when the federal government has recommended social distancing. Possible risks to using Gruveo include technological difficulties such as disrupted connections, inability to connect, or poor resolution of images. In very rare circumstances security protocols could fail, causing a breach of privacy of personal information.
2. As the client, you understand that you have the right to withhold or withdraw your consent to the use of Gruveo services at any time without affecting your right to future services. In the event you determine Gruveo will not meet your needs, the advocate will work with you to find options better suited to your needs.
3. As the client, you are responsible for (1) providing the necessary telecommunications equipment and internet access for Gruveo sessions (2) the security of the information stored on your computer on your computer and (3) arranging a location with sufficient lighting and privacy that is free from intrusions.
4. As the client, you may choose the location to participate in Gruveo. If you wish, the advocate can help you think through the best place for you.
5. As the client, you are required to tell the advocate if any additional people are in the room with you. The advocate will ensure that no other people are present in the room with them while you are talking to them. If a person enters either room while you are talking to the advocate, the advocate will briefly pause the session in order to protect confidentiality. A third person present when you are talking to an advocate will remove the protection of legal privilege for the content of any information you share with the advocate.
6. You also agree to not record the session via audio or video technologies.
7. As the client, you understand that Gruveo is neither a universal substitute, nor the same as in-person support. You understand that Gruveo does not provide emergency services. You and the advocate will make an emergency response plan together. If you are experiencing an emergency situation, you understand that you can call 911 or proceed to the nearest emergency room for help. If a life-threatening medical emergency were to occur, and you were unable to authorize the release of information, information limited to the medical emergency may be disclosed.

**By signing this document, I have read and understand the above information provided regarding Gruveo. I have discussed it with the advocate and all of my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I hereby give my informed consent for the use of Gruveo services and agree to follow the steps above. My consent will be valid for 30 days from the date below.**

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**As a representative of [center], I have explained the above information to the client.**

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