STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION R R

RE: Administrative Order Pertaining to the Sharing of Juvenile Information
Among Authorized Agencies for the Protection of Juveniles Exposed to Human Trafficking
N.C.G.S §7B-2901; §7B-3100\

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This Court has determined that it is necessary for the health and safety of juveniles and to reduce trauma to juveniles that information among certain agencies and individuals with reasonable limitations be shared to facilitate multi-disciplinary response planning for juveniles deemed at risk for exploitation or who are confirmed victims of exploitation. Information sharing amongst the identified agencies is in the best interest of juveniles and will provide for a more effective management of juvenile matters and bring about a better continuum of services and resources serving these juveniles, and the sharing of information and resulting coordination of efforts is in the best interest of children for the protection of the child during the investigation and intervention of suspected or confirmed exploitation.

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of juveniles is defined as range of crimes and activities involving the sexual abuse or exploitation of a child for the financial benefit of any person or in exchange for anything of value (including monetary and non-monetary benefits) given or received by any person.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DECREED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The following agencies within Mecklenburg County are authorized under N.C.G.S §7B-2901 (C) and N.C.G.S §7B-3100 to work together and share information in their possession concerning juveniles and their families in the case of a child victim of exploitation when the information is reasonably necessary to meet the needs of the juvenile for assessment, evaluation, treatment, case planning, case management, disposition or supervision: local mental health facilities by their director or designee, local health departments, local department of social services, local law enforcement agencies, local school administrative units, the district's district attorney's office, the Juvenile Justice Section of the Division of Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety, and the Office of Guardian ad Litem Services of the Administrative Office of the Courts, and, pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 7B-3000(e1), the Section of Community Corrections of the Division of Adult Correction of the Department of Public Safety, Pat's Place Child Advocacy Center, the area mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse director or their designee, Present Age Ministries and any location where services are provided, owned, managed, or staffed by Atrium Health and Novant Health.
- 2. Agencies so designated shall share with one another, upon the request and the extent permitted by federal law and regulations, information that is in their possession that is relevant to the assessment of a report of potential exploitation or

the provision or arrangement of protective services in child abuse, neglect, or dependency case by a local department of social services pursuant to the authority granted under Chapter 7B of the General Statutes or to any case in which a petition is filed alleging that a juvenile is abused, neglected, or dependent, undisciplined, or delinquent and shall continue to do so until the protective services case is closed by the local department of social services, or if a petition is filed when the juvenile is no longer subject to the jurisdiction of juvenile court.

- 3. Information authorized to be shared among the above described agencies shall include relevant information including, but not limited to, the entire court file, juvenile court counselor records, school records, public and private mental health records, health care records, law enforcement investigative records, records maintained at any detention center, counseling records at any of the above described entities and any other information preserved by the above described parties the agencies are ordered to share to the extent permitted by state and federal law as state law allows sharing of confidential information pursuant to an administrative order.
- 4. Any information shared among agencies pursuant to this section shall remain confidential, shall be withheld from public inspection, and shall be used only for the assessment, evaluation, treatment, case planning, case management, disposition or supervision of the juvenile. Disclosure of information concerning any juvenile that would reveal the identity of that juvenile is prohibited except that publication of pictures of runaway is permitted with the permission of the parents and except as provided in G.S. 7B-3102.
- 5. This Administrative Order is effective on the date signed by the Chief District Court Judge.
- 6. Upon receipt of this Administrative Order, the clerk of Superior Court is directed to file and index this Order so that this Order remains in full force and effect unless and until it is rescinded or remanded by the undersigned, the successor to the undersigned, or by operation of law.

It is so ORDERED, this the 25th day of March, 2021.

Elizabeth T. Trosch

Chief District Court Judge