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MEDIA ADVISORY: GRAND OPENING OF JOHN AUSTIN PEÑA PRIMARY CARE AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACILITY

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES
October 3, 2011

Members of the media and the public are invited to attend the ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony of the John Austin Peña Primary Care and Substance Abuse Treatment Facility at 2 pm on Tuesday, October 4, 2011. The facility, made possible through a unique state-local partnership, the first of its kind in Texas, will provide community-based substance abuse and mental health services for adolescents Hidalgo County.

In May 2011, Hidalgo County named the center after the late son of State Representative Aaron Peña, whose life was cut tragically short ten years ago at the age of 16. This treatment facility memorializes the life and legacy of this young man and will offer Hidalgo County youth the critical treatment services needed to prevent and overcome substance abuse and addiction.

The ceremony will include a program, ribbon cutting, and tour of the facility. Speakers include County Judge Ramón Garcia, Pct. 4 Commissioner Joseph Palacios, State Senator Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, State Representative Aaron Peña, and representatives from the Department of State Health Services, the Texas Association of Addiction Professionals, and Serving Children and Adolescents in Need (SCAN), the clinical service provider that will run the facility.

Officials will be available for interviews in a media room immediately following the program. All media and the public are invited to attend.

DETAILS

Who: County Judge Ramon Garcia
Pct. 4 Commissioner Joseph Palacios
State Senator Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa
State Representative Aaron Peña

What: John Austin Peña Primary Care and Substance Abuse Treatment Facility Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening Ceremony

When: Tuesday, October 4, 2011
2:00 pm

Where: [3341 E. Richardson Road, Edinburg, Texas](http://www.co.hidalgo.tx.us)

Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court

Ramon Garcia
County Judge

Joel Quintanilla
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Hector "Tito" Palacios
Commissioner, Precinct 2

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Commissioner, Precinct 3

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