Creating a Community Living Agreement
Questions to Consider

Community Meetings
1. How often will we meet? Where will these meetings be held?

Social Activities & Celebrations
1. Who will initiate social activities on our floor?
2. How often do we want to try and get together?
3. Will we celebrate birthdays or other special occasions?
4. Are there hall celebrations/themes/programs that we want to create or continue?

Community Improvement/Decorating
1. How will we assist the RA in keeping bulletin boards and door tags current and attractive? How will we deter vandalism in our community?

Respect for Physical Spaces and Property – Personal and University
1. If we see each other, guests or other students acting destructively in our community, we will remedy the situation by...
2. If our community property is damaged and we don’t know who is responsible, we will react by...
3. We will prevent damage of community property, bulletin boards and the aesthetics of our living area by...
4. How will we handle it if residents are leaving trash in the bathroom or study lounges instead of taking it to the trash room?

Bathroom Matters
1. How will we handle items left in sinks and showers?
2. How will we manage shower use during busy times?
   Examples: ten minute shower limits before 9 AM, if a person is waiting then they can tell whoever is showering that they are waiting and the showering person will be considerate and quickly finish up, etc.

Confrontation
1. When there is a problem in our community, i.e. noise, personal conflicts, bathroom cleanliness, how will we approach each other?
2. If we cannot negotiate a solution, how will we approach our RA?
3. When our RA is approached, what do we expect from him/her?
4. If our RA discovers a problem, how do we prefer he/she communicate that problem to us?

Noise and Quiet Hours
1. Although DHFS sets standard quiet hours that cannot be shortened, your community might decide, as a whole, that they increase quiet hours.
2. In this area, you would also discuss what your residents feel constitutes "quiet" and what constitutes "courtesy".
3. During courtesy hours, acceptable noise levels are… Discuss how far down the hall noise may acceptably be heard, what types of noise are OK/not OK, etc.…
4. If noise violations become a consistent problem, the community will…
5. Are there community spaces that will be kept quiet at all times? If so, where are they?
6. Is it acceptable for phone conversations to take place in the hallway? If yes, are there any time considerations?
7. As a member of the community, I agree to help enforce quiet hours by…

Roommate Conflicts
1. If there are problems between roommates, the first step will be …
   Examples: to talk to each other, for both roommates to talk with the RA, for only one roommate to talk with the RA
2. How should the RA and the Hall Coordinator help to determine who is moving when there is a non-reconcilable difference?

Guests
1. If a guest of a resident is unescorted, damaging property or otherwise violating policy, we, as community members will respond by…
2. If there is a known violation of the overnight guest policy, we will respond by…

Security
1. When we see unescorted persons, we will…
   Examples: escort them out, ask who they belong with, tell an RA, etc.
2. When a community member leaves a door unlocked, we will…

Respect for Individual Differences
1. If a member of our community makes offensive jokes or slurs, is stereo-typing, or engaging in any other type of behavior that is disrespectful and/or hurtful to another person, we will respond by…
2. If someone from outside our community, i.e. a guest, makes offensive jokes or slurs, is stereo-typing, or engaging in any other type of behavior that is disrespectful and/or hurtful to another person, while in our community, we will respond by…

RHA Representatives and RHA Involvement
1. Who will be our RHA rep? Where will we post the minutes from RHA meetings?

Laundry
1. How will we negotiate 40+ people using the laundry machines?
2. Is it acceptable to remove someone else’s laundry from a washer or dryer?

New Community members
1. How will we know when new members move to our floor?
2. How will we greet them?
3. How will we make them aware of our CLA?

CLA Revisions
1. How will revisions be made to the CLA? How many community members have to agree to the revisions?