

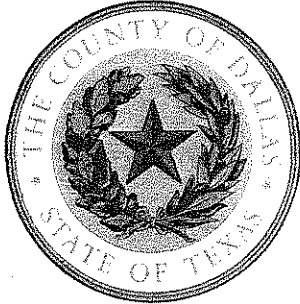
# Resolution

ORDER NO. 2015-0491

DATE: April 14, 2015

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §




BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District #1 and seconded by John Wiley Price, Commissioner of District #3 the following Resolution was adopted:

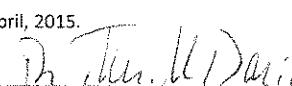
- WHEREAS,** The Dallas County Commissioners Court strives to recognize individuals who have made a significant contribution to the health and wellbeing of the community; and
- WHEREAS,** **Sandy Potter**, CEO of ValueOptions of Texas, is a tireless, yet humble, advocate. As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and a Licensed Sex Offender Treatment Provider in Texas, she is personally and professionally passionate about access to care and continues to advance systems of care to meet the needs of individuals, families and the community with behavioral health needs. The right services at the right time is her motto; and
- WHEREAS,** A resident of the NorthSTAR area since 1980 with 30 years of experience in the local system of care, **Sandy Potter's** career has spanned from paraprofessional to director in the local mental health centers. She honed her passion for access to behavioral health care while initially working as a Dallas County probation officer; and
- WHEREAS,** **Sandy Potter** facilitated the development and implementation of the Dallas County Mental Health Diversion program and the Dallas County Outpatient Competency program. She worked on the State's crisis services redesign committee which enhanced funding for crisis services in the NorthSTAR program and improved access to emergency psychiatric care across the State; and
- WHEREAS,** **Sandy Potter** has spent 14 years at ValueOptions of Texas. She began as the NorthSTAR Clinical Director and continued to evolve service delivery, working with providers to create safety net services and a system of care that would not require waiting lists. This resulted in NorthSTAR becoming the largest single provider of Assertive Community Treatment in the State; and
- WHEREAS,** **Sandy Potter** has received many accolades and industry recognitions from across the country; those closest to home are the most revered. Ms. Potter was recognized by the State of Texas for her work with community providers and advocates to open the on-site shelter-based behavioral health clinic during Hurricane Katrina; and
- WHEREAS,** **Sandy Potter** and her team won the State's *Helen Farabee Award* for Redesign by developing a program to include crisis residential services as a component of the mobile crisis services while at Dallas Metrocare. In 2014, **Sandy Potter** was recognized by the National Alliance on Mental Illness, NAMI Dallas, as the "Professional of the Year"; and
- WHEREAS,** **Sandy Potter** has served with distinction on the Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team, the Dallas County Behavioral Health Housing Work Group and the North Texas Behavioral Health Authority. Her ability to collaborate with all stakeholders, respond quickly, and identify needs that are unforeseen, has hastened our progress in the treatment, delivery and funding of behavioral health services in Dallas County and the NorthSTAR region.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dallas County Commissioners Court and the citizens of Dallas County recognize **Sandy Potter** for her significant contributions to the behavioral health industry and her many years of leading with passion. Her willingness to step up looking for solutions to service complexities is second to none.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Dallas County Commissioners Court extends a heartfelt and bittersweet *Congratulation* to **Sandy Potter** as she accepts an executive leadership position in New Mexico and continues to enrich the lives of others.


**DONE IN OPEN COURT**, on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

  
Clay Lewis Jenkins, County Judge

  
Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, District 1

  
Mike Cantrell, District 2

  
John Wiley Price, District 3

  
Dr. Elba Garcia, District 4