

Resolution

ORDER NO: 2017-1136

DATE: September 19, 2017

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §



BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 19th day of September, 2017, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner of District 4, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, During the 85th Texas Legislative session, Senate Bill 292 established a program to provide matching grants to county-based community collaboratives to reduce the recidivism of people with mental illness and to decrease wait times for forensic commitment to state psychiatric hospitals; and

WHEREAS, The intent of Senate Bill 292 is to fund programs that will keep people with mental illness from cycling through county jails and the state psychiatric hospital system. Because hundreds of individuals currently languish in county jails while they wait for state hospital beds, lawmakers have provided \$12.5 million in FY 2018 (September 1, 2017- August 31, 2018) and \$25 million in FY 2019 (September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2019) for this grant program; and

WHEREAS, Dallas County agrees to partner in this collaborative with the local mental health authority, North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA) and the hospital district, Parkland Health and Hospital System (PHHS). Dallas County will engage in this collaboration through the partnership of key stakeholders, including the Dallas County Judiciary, the Dallas County District Attorney's office, the Dallas County Public Defender's office, the Dallas County Criminal Justice Department, the Dallas County Sheriff's Department, and the Meadow's Mental Health Policy Institute; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 292 requires matching grants from community collaborators, Dallas County will utilize grant funds received from the Caruth Foundation. These grant funds are designated to address the needs of individuals with identified mental illness in the Dallas County jail, and upon release from jail, address their needs as they engage in continued treatment in the community. This will allow Dallas County to provide \$3 million as a matching initiative toward the county-based community collaborative project proposal; and

WHEREAS, Dallas County, Parkland, and NTBHA will submit a collaborative plan to the Texas State Legislature by September 30, 2017 that will focus on establishing a competency treatment spectrum in order to greater impact those individuals in jail waiting for forensic state psychiatric hospital commitment. This proposal will focus on efforts such as jail-based competency restoration, expansion of resources to benefit the Dallas County outpatient competency restoration program, and competency respite beds that can be utilized to assist individuals as they transition from inpatient competency restoration to outpatient competency restoration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court recognizes the need for collaborative agreements to tackle the complex issues of recidivism and mental illness and agrees to be a key collaborative partner in the Texas State Senate Bill 292 proposal submission.

DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 19th day of September, 2017.



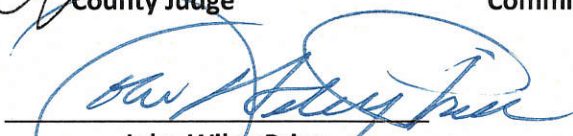
Clay Lewis Jenkins
County Judge



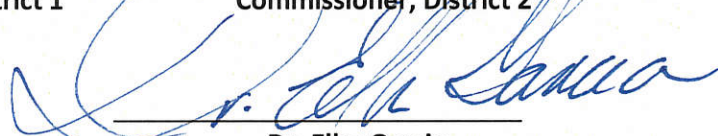
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