



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 11/01/2022

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY
AND MHMR OF TARRANT COUNTY FOR THE LAW LIAISON
PROGRAM - FISCAL YEAR 2023 GENERAL FUND**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve a contract between Tarrant County and MHMR of Tarrant County (MHMRTC) for delivery of behavioral health/intellectual disability services through the Law Liaison Program appropriated in the FY 2023 General Fund budget.

BACKGROUND

This contract renewal will provide behavioral health/intellectual disability services through the Law Liaison Program in Tarrant County. The program provides behavioral health/intellectual disability services through the auspices of MHMRTC to administer a jail diversion program for people with mental impairments. The mental health liaison team consists of mental health/law enforcement liaison officers. The goal of the mental health liaison team is to enhance coordination between law enforcement and mental health agencies to prevent the inappropriate incarceration of persons with mental impairments and encourage participation in treatment services.

This contract is for the use of FY 2023 General Fund appropriations for eight (8) full-time positions and two (2) support staff positions. Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds are also used to support this program under separate contracts for each grant funding period.

The Criminal District Attorney's Office has reviewed this contract as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT

The contract amount is \$521,827.00 from the FY 2023 General Fund. When considering an additional \$77,434.00 of Medicaid administrative claiming funds, the program total is \$599,261.00. The funds will be used for operating expenses such as personnel, benefits, staff travel, office supplies, information systems, staff training, office lease, etc. The FY 2023 General Fund budget includes the \$521,827.00 (569016/10000-2023/1140100000).

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