



# COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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DATE: 11/15/2022

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR SERVICES BETWEEN  
TARRANT COUNTY AND DR. JESSICA BATTS FOR THE FIRST  
OFFENDER DRUG PROGRAM**

**\*\*\* CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\***

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve a Contract for Services between Tarrant County and Dr. Jessica Batts for the provision of professional services to participants in the First Offender Drug Program (FODP).

**BACKGROUND**

In July 2015, FODP was created to improve the overall quality and efficiency of the criminal courts by diverting low risk/low needs first-time drug offenders to a court-supervised program. The program's goal is to enhance public safety, reduce crime, hold offenders accountable, increase sobriety among drug offenders, reduce costs to the community, and ultimately reduce congestion in the criminal court dockets. Since the creation of FODP, 593 self-correcting defendants have successfully completed the program and had cases dismissed.

Through this Contract for Services, Dr. Jessica Batts will provide substance abuse education classes to create sustainable change and long-term sobriety. The total combined amount to be expended for these services shall not exceed \$10,000.00. The term of this contract is November 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

The Criminal District Attorney's Office has reviewed this contract as to form. This contract has been reviewed by the Auditor's Office and the Budget Office.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

All associated costs will be paid from funds allocated in 569011/T3400-2023/4192500000.

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