



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 11/15/2022

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY
AND MHMR OF TARRANT COUNTY FOR MENTAL HEALTH
SERVICES FOR INMATES IN THE TARRANT COUNTY JAIL
SYSTEM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve a contract renewal between Tarrant County and MHMR of Tarrant County (MHMRTC) for FY 2023 delivery of behavioral health/intellectual disability services to inmates in the Tarrant County jail system in an amount not to exceed \$7,066,447.00.

BACKGROUND

This contract provides behavioral health/intellectual disability services to inmates in the Tarrant County jail system through the auspices of MHMRTC. The program began in April 1990 in order to identify mentally ill inmates in the Tarrant County jail system. After identification, the program staff works to divert the individual from the criminal justice system into an alternative program more suited to the individual's needs. The services performed include screening and evaluation, recommendations for psychiatric treatment needs, psychiatric evaluation, counseling and therapeutic support, court liaison, competency hearings, case management for pre-trial release plans, and referral to community support services for housing or financial assistance.

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

FISCAL IMPACT

This contract is between Tarrant County, the Tarrant County Sheriff and MHMRTC and provides up to \$7,066,447.00 (566021/10000-2023/2120910000) to MHMRTC for providing the services. There is \$1,375,289.37 of additional funds for FY 2023, which reflects anticipated increased demands for the FY 2023 contract. The Tarrant County Hospital District provides funds to the County under a separate agreement for this purpose. This contract does not include the cost for the Sheriff to provide services and resources to support the program.

SUBMITTED BY:	Administrator's Office	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Maegan P. South
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