



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 12/06/2022

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY AND
MENTAL HEALTH CONNECTION OF TARRANT COUNTY TO
FUND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CHANGEMAKERS
PROJECT**

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve a contract between Tarrant County and Mental Health Connection of Tarrant County to fund costs associated with the Changemakers Project.

BACKGROUND

Mental Health Connection (MHC) will implement the Changemakers Project to improve the well-being of Tarrant County communities, specifically related to trauma and the effects of trauma. MHC will hire Dr. Emily Spence, Ph.D., to train twenty-five (25) community leaders and trusted community members on the impact of trauma and adversity along with resilience and tactical skills, and support to carry this information to their respective communities. Along with training, MHC will work with Dr. Spence to facilitate conversations with strategic partners; develop measurement tools and an evaluation plan; summarize and analyze collected data; and create focus groups to evaluate outcomes.

Upon approval of this contract, the County will reimburse MHC an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00 for expenses related to the Changemakers Project. The Commissioners Court of Tarrant County finds that this investment serves a direct public purpose and public good for the residents of Tarrant County.

This contract has been approved as to form by the Criminal District Attorney's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding in the amount of \$65,000.00 is available in 569011/10000-2023/5920100000.

SUBMITTED BY:	Administrator's Office	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Kristen Camareno
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