



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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DATE: 03/14/2023

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF A JOINT PROVIDERSHIP AGREEMENT
BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY, D/B/A TARRANT COUNTY
MEDICAL EXAMINER OFFICE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF
NORTH TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER FOR THE
PROVISION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve a Joint Providership Agreement between the Tarrant County, d/b/a Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office (TCME) and the University of North Texas Health Science Center (HSC) for the provision of continuing education for TCME staff.

BACKGROUND

HSC is an accredited provider of continuing education for healthcare professionals and enters into agreements with non-accredited organizations. TCME Pathologists are required to obtain annual Continuing Medical Education (CME) to maintain their medical licenses in the state of Texas.

With approval of this agreement, TCME and HSC will develop, produce and jointly provide continuing education activities to TCME Pathologists. TCME and HSC have agreed to provide the following daily Regularly Scheduled Series (RSS): Morning Mortality Meeting Series 2023 and Case Conference Series.

The RSS consists of discussing the proper autopsy protocol to be used in each assigned case, identifying issues that may arise during the examination and how to address them, and summarizing key learning points presented in case findings. TCME will be responsible for providing HSC with the content for the RSS and HSC will be responsible for ensuring that the RSS is compliant with adopted standards for continuing education for healthcare professionals. In addition, HSC will maintain a compliant program file for TCME for up to six (6) years. Once the RSS is complete, the TCME Pathologists will receive an American Medical Association (AMA) Physician's Recognition Award (PRA) Category 1 Credit which satisfies a portion of the CME requirement.

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

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost for eleven (11) staff members to participate in the RSS is \$7,340.00. Funding is available in account 572224/10000-2023/2310100000.

SUBMITTED BY:	Administrator's Office	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Kelly L. Clark Dr. Kendall V. Crowns
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