



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 06/06/2023

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AN EDUCATIONAL AFFILIATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY AND TEXAS CHRISTIAN
UNIVERSITY REGARDING SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS
PARTICIPATING IN THE COURT VISITOR PROGRAM IN
PROBATE COURT NO. 2**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve an Educational Affiliation Agreement for student internships and clinical experiences between Texas Christian University (TCU) and Tarrant County to provide social work students who will perform court visits on wards under guardianship pursuant to Texas Estates Code §1054.103.

BACKGROUND

The Texas Estates Code §1054.102 requires that each statutory probate court operate a court visitor program to assess the conditions of its wards. The court visitor program in Probate Court No. 2 relies on trained volunteers, Master's and Bachelor's degree level social work students to conduct these home visits. The requested agreement will continue to provide Master's and Bachelor's degree level social work students to conduct these court visits as required by their degree program. This will provide a ready, on-going source of visitors to help meet the growth in this important program and replace volunteers lost through attrition.

The students also assist the Court Investigators and Probate Court No. 2 staff in determining appropriate community services to address risk factors of the wards and assist in the performance of statutory duties per the Texas Estates Code, as well as such other duties assigned by the Judge of Probate Court No. 2.

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

FISCAL IMPACT

The students are reimbursed at the approved rate for mileage expended in conducting the court visits. These expenditures are included in the Probate Court No. 2 Court Visitor Program budget. The approval of these agreements will not have any additional impact on the budget.

SUBMITTED BY:	Administrator's Office	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Steven D. Fields Derelle Walker
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