



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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**SUBJECT: RECEIVE AND FILE THE PUBLIC SAFETY ASSESSMENT
VALIDATION FOR TARRANT COUNTY**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court receive and file the Public Safety Assessment (PSA) Validation for Tarrant County.

BACKGROUND

On April 21, 2020, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #132632, awarded RFP No. 2020-035, Consulting Services for Implementation and Validation of PSA for Criminal Courts Administration, to the Justice Management Institute.

The purpose of the first year of this project was to implement the PSA with criminal justice stakeholders. In April 2021, the PSA was fully implemented as Tarrant County's Pretrial Risk tool.

Tarrant County leadership worked to increase court system efficiency and improve outcomes through data-driven initiatives. These efforts included the implementation of a pretrial risk assessment, the PSA and a locally developed Release Recommendation Matrix (RRM), which provides supervision recommendations based on risk. As part of this project, Tarrant County partnered with the Crime and Justice Institute (CJI) to complete a validation study to determine the effectiveness of the newly implemented PSA and release recommendations. The study tests whether the PSA is a valid tool for predicting court appearance and new criminal activity during the pretrial period and if the recommended release levels correspond appropriately with observed risk. Additional information about the PSA, RRM, and validation study methods is included in the attached PSA report for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 16, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

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