

1. Appointment of Dr. Catherine Colquitt and Dr. Kenton Murthy as Health Authority Designees and Adoption of Procedures for Designees Pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 121.0331



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 07/16/2024

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF DR. CATHERINE COLQUITT AND DR. KENTON MURTHY AS HEALTH AUTHORITY DESIGNEES AND ADOPTION OF PROCEDURES FOR DESIGNEES PURSUANT TO HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 121.0331

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioner Court approve the appointment of Dr. Catherine A Colquitt and Dr. Kenton K. Murthy as Tarrant County Health Authority Designees (HAD) in accordance with Section 121.0331 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. Dr. Catherine A. Colquitt will act as primary HAD and Dr. Kenton K. Murthy as secondary HAD. In addition, it is requested the Commissioners Court approve the adoption of procedures for the service of the HADs.

BACKGROUND

On June 4, 2024, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order # 143217, appointed Dr. Brian Byrd as the Tarrant County Health Authority effective July 1, 2024. Texas Health & Safety Code section 121.0331 permits a Health Authority to delegate powers or duties imposed on a Health Authority to a properly qualified physician employed by the county's local health department. Both Drs. Colquitt and Murthy meet the qualifications to serve as HAD as they are employed by the Tarrant County Public Health Department, are competent physicians with reputable professional standings who are legally qualified to practice medicine in Texas and are residents of Texas. Per Health & Safety Code section 121.0331(b)(2), a HAD designee must be appointed in the same manner as a Health Authority. The Commissioners Court appointment of Drs. Colquitt and Murthy are therefore necessary for service as HADs.

As part of the delegation process, Health & Safety Code section 121.0331(e) requires the Commissioners Court to "adopt procedures for the service of the designee as health authority" to "prevent duplication of authority between the health authority and the designee and provide notice to the department when authority is transferred."

These appointments shall be effective July 16, 2024 and will continue through June 31, 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

SUBMITTED BY:	Public Health	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	W. Brian Byrd, MD
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Certificate of Appointment

for a

Health Authority

The Health Authority has been appointed and approved by the:

(Put an "X" by the appropriate designation below)

Commissioners Court for _____ Tarrant _____ County

_____ Governing Body for the Municipality of _____

_____ Director, _____ Health Department

_____ Director, _____ Public Health District

I, Tim O'Hare, acting in my capacity

as: *(Put an "X" by the appropriate designation below)*

County Judge or Designee

_____ Mayor or Designee

_____ Non-physician and the Local Health Department Director

_____ Non-physician and the Public Health District Director

do hereby certify the physician, Catherine A. Colquitt, who is licensed by the Texas Board of Medical Examiners, was duly appointed as the (check as applicable),

_____ Health Authority

Health Authority Designee

for the jurisdiction of _____ Tarrant County _____, Texas.

Date term of office begins July 16, 2024

Date term of office ends June 31, 2026, unless removed by law.

I certify to the above information on this the 16th day of July, 2024.

Signature of Appointing Official



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do hereby certify the physician, Kenton K. Murthy, who is licensed by the Texas Board of Medical Examiners, was duly appointed as the (check as applicable),

Health Authority

Health Authority Designee

for the jurisdiction of Tarrant County, Texas.

Date term of office begins July 16, 2024

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Signature of Appointing Official