

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
COLLIN COUNTY
COMMISSIONER'S COURT**

On the _____ day of _____, 2010, the COLLIN County Commissioner's Court (the "Court") considered and adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, the North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (the "Authority") is the designated local mental health authority for the NorthSTAR Service Area; and,

Whereas, the Authority is vested by law with the authority and responsibility within the NorthSTAR Service Area for planning, policy development, coordination, and resource development and allocation and for supervising and ensuring the provision of mental health services to persons with mental illness; and,

WHEREAS, the provision of mental health services in the NorthSTAR Service Area, which includes COLLIN County, to the indigent is through the NorthSTAR program, and consequently, through a behavioral health organization (a "BHO") that contracts with the Texas Department of State Health Services (the "TDSHS"), with limited oversight by the Authority; and,

WHEREAS, based on current information the Authority and the Texas Commissioner of Health and Human Services agree that the Authority could better effect its legal authority and responsibility by directly contracting with any NorthSTAR BHOs, and that such an arrangement would better serve individuals covered by the NorthSTAR program.

NOW, THEREFORE, having considered the above information, it is

RESOLVED that it would be in the best interest of individuals covered by the NorthSTAR program in COLLIN County if the Authority contracted directly with NorthSTAR's BHOs; and, it is

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Court supports the efforts of the Authority to develop a plan, in conjunction with all federal, state and local stakeholders, to transfer contracting authority with NorthSTAR's BHOs from the TDSHS to the Authority; and, it is

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Court supports the efforts of the Authority to accept contractual responsibility over NorthSTAR's BHOs on or before September 1, 2011.