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November 19, 2014

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair
Representative Four Price, Vice Chair
Sunset Advisory Commission
Austin, Texas

Dear Senator Nelson and Representative Price:

Thank you for allowing Collin County Commissioner Cheryl Williams to provide input last week on the Sunset staff report and recommendations regarding HHSC and System Issues. We appreciate your leadership on Texas health issues, particularly for people with serious mental illness and intellectual disabilities.

During the public hearing, we heard several Commission members mention intent to modify the recommendations for Issue #9. As you know from our testimony, Collin County supports the recommendations as written; however, we recognize there are changes the Sunset Commission may make to modify Issue #9 recommendations as part of this process. If the Commission decides to reject or modify the staff recommendations we ask the Commission to ensure local areas like Collin County have the ability to be removed from the NorthSTAR pilot should we make that decision and still receive its fair share of state funding.

We expressed our desire to move forward with integrated care in a different model in the attached Commissioners Court order and appreciate consideration from the Commission that supports local decision-making.

Thanks again for your ongoing support of local government and the needs of our residents.

Sincerely,

Keith Self, County Judge
Collin County

attachment

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF COLLIN

Subject: Support, Sunset Advisory Commission Staff Report, HHSC – Commissioner Precinct 2

On October 20, 2014, the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, met in regular session with the following members present and participating, to wit:

Keith Self
Mark Reid
Cheryl Williams
Chris Hill
Duncan Webb

County Judge, Presiding
Commissioner, Precinct 1
Commissioner, Precinct 2
Commissioner, Precinct 3
Commissioner, Precinct 4

During such session the court considered a request for approval to support the Sunset Advisory Commission Staff Report on HHSC.

Thereupon, a motion was made, seconded and carried with a majority vote of the court to unanimously support the recommendations on Issue 9 (NorthSTAR's Outdated Approach Stifles More Innovative Delivery of Behavioral Health Services in the Dallas Region) made in the Sunset Advisory Commission Staff Report on Health and Human Services Commission and System Issues released in October 2014. Same is hereby approved in accordance with the attached documentation.



Keith Self, County Judge

Mark Reid, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Chris Hill, Commissioner, Pct. 3

Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct. 4

ATTEST:

Stacey Kemp, Ex-Officio Clerk
Commissioners Court
Collin County, TEXAS