



To: Healthcare Trust  
From: Bill Bilyeu  
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Re: Contract for Medicaid 1115 Services

I recommend that Commissioners Court enter into a contract with Public Information Associates (PIA) to administer the ongoing RHP 18 anchor requirements related to the Medicaid 1115 Waiver. The Court previously bid these services in May 2012 and selected PIA based upon their proposed cost and project team. PIA performed beyond expectations and their knowledge of the RHP 18 plan, projects, and participants makes them the best qualified group to handle this work.

Collin County, as the anchor, has ongoing 1115 Waiver responsibilities including collecting and reporting the DSRIP outcomes for each project, disseminating HHSC information to RHP 18 participants, holding mandatory training and idea sharing conferences and conducting community outreach. As an example of the amount of work involved, I have received over 100 emails referencing the Medicaid 1115 Waiver in the last two months containing either directives or questions directly related to the RHP 18 plans. The County does not have the resources available internally to support the anchor duties.

HHSC has committed to reimburse a portion of the first year contract with PIA. At this point, there is not a written commitment to reimburse anchors for out of pocket administrative expenses in future years.

HHSC made an anchor payment (unrelated to the PIA contract) which netted \$723,000 for the Healthcare Trust. It is recommended that these funds be used as the funding source for the PIA contract.