

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF COLLIN

Subject: Support Legislation, Resolution–LifePath Funding for Private Inpatient Beds – Commissioners Court

On **January 23, 2017**, the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, met in **regular session** with the following members present and participating, to wit:

**Keith Self
Susan Fletcher
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 adoption of the following resolution to support LifePath funding for private inpatient beds.

Whereas the Local Behavioral Health Authority for Collin County strives to assist and support indigent residents with severe mental illnesses to function independently in our communities through a disease management and recovery treatment approach; and

Whereas we recognize that mental illness is a chronic disease and at times individuals may need higher levels of care, including inpatient treatment; and

Whereas the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, the Texas House and the Texas Senate have recognized and acknowledged the low availability of state-funded psychiatric inpatient beds creating long delays in access to appropriate levels of care; and

Whereas, State Senior Leadership indicated stronger support for mental health resources, and

Whereas the Texas Health and Human Services Commission has committed limited Private Psychiatric Bed funding for Collin County's Local Behavioral Health Authority to serve the needs for immediate access to inpatient care in the transition to the new local authority;

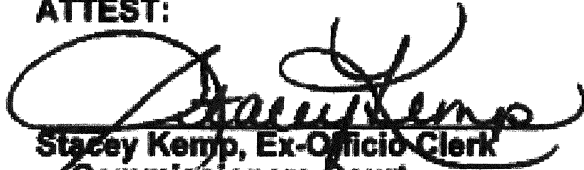
Whereas, when individuals with mental illness are in crisis and don't have access to inpatient care, they are more likely to engage with law enforcement which results in greater expense to the taxpayers and higher risks to themselves, the community and law enforcement providers;


Therefore in order to protect and improve the health and safety of all Collin County residents, the Collin County Commissioners Court requests its legislative delegation to pursue continuation and increase of those funds in the state budget for Collin County in FY2018 and beyond.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23RD day of January, 2017.



ATTEST:


Stacey Kemp, Ex-Officio Clerk
Commissioners Court
Collin County, T E X A S



Keith Self, County Judge



Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct. 1



Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2



Chris Hill, Commissioner, Pct. 3



Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct. 4