

RESOLUTION 2

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 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;

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.