



September 9, 2020

Collin County Commissioner's Court
Collin County Administration Building
2300 Bloomdale Rd., Suite 419
McKinney, TX 75071

Collin County Commissioner's Court,

This letter is provided in support of the Collin County Juvenile Probation Department, collaborating with the 417th Judicial District Court, in their joint effort to establish and operate a specialty court designated to serve juveniles and families in the community who suffer from mental illness. This exciting initiative will provide additional support for youth experiencing mental illness and is a critical need for this growing population in our community. The positive outcomes for this program will produce a ripple effect across all systems. We strongly support the Juvenile Mental Health Intervention Program (JMHIP) and all collateral stakeholders in our collective effort to ensure juveniles who suffer from mental illness are appropriately identified and have access to evidenced-based mental health services in the community.

As Collin County's established Local Behavioral Health Authority, we know and understand the specific and critical role we fulfill in this partnership. We would expect our role in the treatment court to include:

- Designating a liaison to work directly with the Mental Health Court Team to ensure mental health service appointments are scheduled and completed with youth and families as indicated; and
- Ensuring on-going community-based mental health service delivery for participating youth upon successful discharge from the criminal justice system.

We are confident our collective efforts will promote successful outcomes in minimizing youth becoming further entrenched in the criminal justice system because of mental health driven juvenile delinquency.

We look forward to working with the juvenile probation department and Juvenile Mental Health Court in serving the youth and families of Collin County in this collaborative partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tammy Mahan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tammy" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Mahan".

Tammy Mahan, CEO
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