



October 26, 2021

Collin County Commissioners Court
Collin County Administration Building
2300 Bloomdale Road, Suite 4192
McKinney, TX 75071

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I'd like to thank Bill Bilyeu and his staff for the recent tour and discussion concerning the minimum-security jail. While this facility would locate LifePath closer to county facilities, it has several significant drawbacks. It looks like a jail (internally and externally), will require significant renovations, is smaller than what we are looking for, and is located in a less visible area of the campus. To encourage individuals with mental health and substance use conditions to participate in treatment, it is important to not look or feel like a jail. Additionally, we have specific Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) physical plant and facility environment requirements for community center outpatient and crisis facility operations. We are looking for at least 65,000 SF of space and the location of this facility, tucked behind the development, is an additional barrier.

Instead, we are looking for a campus, highly visible to law enforcement and others driving towards the jail, where we could design professional office space to co-locate several of our programs. To this effect, we would like to express an interest in the potential acquisition of approximately 11.493 acres of land currently owned by the County and located on the southeast corner of Bloomdale Road and Community Avenue. We have been actively seeking additional facilities to support our significant growth and plan to immediately design and build a 65,000+ SF multilevel facility on the land with adequate parking to accommodate our needs. The facility would house the following programs at a minimum:

- Centralized Mental Health and Substance Use Crisis Services
 - We would like to centralize all of our crisis services on this location to encourage law enforcement to divert individuals from the jail and to easily move those released from the jail into our service array. This includes a relocation and expansion of our crisis center, crisis living room, and mobile crisis outreach teams to this campus.

- Jail Diversion Services (Specialized Mental Health teams, Outpatient Competency Restoration, Intensive Services for Seriously Mentally Ill)
- LifePath Administration Offices (CEO, Fiscal, Compliance, Human Resources, etc.)

LifePath Systems requires this facility space to meet the growing needs of the county and to continue to apply for, obtain, and quickly roll out new programs as state, federal, and grant funding becomes available. Our goal is to immediately contract to design and build a facility on the land with the expectation that the facility would be ready to occupy as soon as possible.

Proximity to the Collin County Detention facilities, future public health facility, Collin County Courthouse, and District Attorney's Office is a priority in our planning. Specifically, this location at Bloomdale and Community would place our diversion services at a critical location that is visible to all law enforcement prior to reaching the book-in area of the jail. This will provide LifePath with the maximum potential for cases to be diverted into mental health or substance use care.

If there is any additional information you require, please let me know. We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer
LifePath Systems