

December 8, 2021

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 County Court at Law 3 in collaboration with the Collin County Community Supervision Department, establishing a specialty court designated to serve adults, in the court system, who suffer from mental illness. This exciting initiative will provide additional support for the individuals 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 Collin County Mental Health Diversion Program (CCMHDP) and all collateral stakeholders in our collective effort to ensure those 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 individuals as indicated; and
- Ensuring on-going community-based mental health service delivery for participating individuals, upon successful discharge from the criminal justice system.

We are confident our collective efforts will promote successful outcomes. We look forward to working with the Mental Health Court in serving these individuals in this collaborative partnership.

Sincerely,

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