



## COUNTY JUDGE

Fort Bend County, Texas

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**Re: Tuberculosis Funding Letter of Intent**  
**LHD:** Fort Bend County Clinical Health Services  
**Address:** 4520 Reading Rd. – Ste. A200  
Rosenberg, Texas 77471

By completion of this Letter of Intent, the above-named LHD acknowledges its interest in providing tuberculosis (TB) prevention and control services within its service area and further agrees to meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. Provide a **20 percent cash match** of the DSHS award amount, which will be determined by the formula.
2. Provide all of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) "Essential Components of a Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Program".  
<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/00038823.htm> as described below:

The above-named LHD TB prevention and control program will administer activities that include the following core components. Most components should be administered directly by the LHD, but a few (e.g., X-rays and interpretation, clinical physician services, DOT) may be administered by contract.

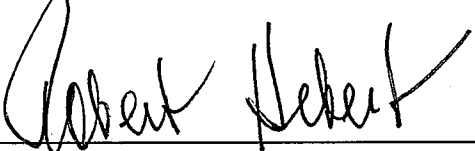
- A. Conducting overall planning and development of policy.
- B. Identifying persons who have clinically active TB.
  1. Clinic capacity (to include physician and nurse capacity)
  2. Contact investigation capacity
  3. X-ray services availability and interpretation
  4. Referral system for other medical problems
- C. Managing persons who have or who are suspected of having TB.
  1. Ability to evaluate, treat and monitor confirmed and suspected TB patients.

- D. Identifying and managing persons infected with Mycobacterium tuberculosis.
    - 1. Directly observed therapy (DOT) capacity
    - 2. Delivery of twelve (12) dose regimen of Isoniazid-Rifapentine (medications to be provided by DSHS)
  - E. Providing laboratory and diagnostic services in collaboration with:
    - 1. DSHS Laboratory(Austin), or
    - 2. DSHS Laboratory (South Texas), or
    - 3. Commercial laboratory.
  - F. Collecting and analyzing data.
    - 1. TB surveillance (to include registry activities and LTBI tracking)
  - G. Providing training and education.
    - 1. At minimum linked to the Heartland National TB Center in San Antonio
3. Additionally, the above-named LHD understands it must provide to DSHS data on the number of person with LTBI who have completed treatment (see detail below) in its jurisdiction to be included in the funding formula. The above named LHD will collaborate with the DSHS Health Service Region (HSR) TB program in its area to review the LHD's LTBI data for calendar year 2010. Once the LHD and HSR agree on verification of the data, the HSR will submit the data to the DSHS central office TB program.

New LTBI variable definition: number of persons with LTBI who have completed LTBI therapy with a DSHS TB Services Branch approved treatment regimen<sup>1</sup> who were identified as:

- o contacts to a counted case in Texas, or
- o member of a special population, or
- o client of a DSHS-funded refugee resettlement program.

By electronic signature below, I am acknowledging that the above-named LHD meets the requirements stated herein to be considered for funding for the provision of TB prevention and control services in the State of Texas.

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Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Robert Hebert \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Signatory: \_\_\_\_\_ County Judge \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ May 16, 2013 \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup>A medication regimen that is in line with DSHS Standards of Performance for the Prevention and Control of Tuberculosis, Section 5, Management of Patients on Treatment for Latent TB Infection  
(<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/disease/tb/policies/>)