



Date: November 28, 2017

Texas Health and Human Services Commission
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Austin, Texas 78711-3247

GEORGE PATTERSON
Chief Executive Officer

Re: Mental Health Grant Program for Justice Involved Individuals – Letter of Support

As the CEO of Texana Center, we are committed to participate in the Fort Bend County Community Collaborative for Justice Involved Individuals with mental illness and co-occurring disorders. As the local mental health authority, Texana Center is committed through this grant to providing the evidenced-based services already established as part of HHSC's Texas Resiliency and Recovery model of service delivery which includes Assertive Community Treatment. This grant will allow an expansion of these ACT services and focus specifically on the individuals identified for this project. In addition, this project includes a much needed transitional housing component which will provide additional time to stabilize and support these individuals in their recovery. By working together collaboratively with Fort Bend County, A Place to Live Foundation, and Fort Bend Regional Council, we believe we will be able to achieve desired outcomes and improve the lives of those served and at the same time reduce the costs incurred by our Fort Bend County jail.

Fort Bend County has a long history of working together to address the needs of those with mental illness that become involved in the legal system. As the local mental health authority, we strive to continue to collaboratively work with the Fort Bend Community Collaborative to reduce recidivism rates and the frequency of arrests and incarcerations among person with mental illness and co-occurring disorders on Fort bend County. The requested funding will address needed gaps in our system, allow us to improve outcomes, and enhance cross system collaboration.

Please accept this letter as our commitment to this collaboration and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Shena Timberlake, Director of Behavioral Healthcare Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Patterson".

George Patterson
CEO, Texana Center

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As a member of the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI), we are committed to participate in the Fort Bend County Community Collaborative for Justice Involved Individuals with mental illness and co-occurring disorders. NAMI provides peer-to-peer support groups and educational classes within Fort Bend, and also advocates in Texas and the US for those with a mental health diagnosis. We are a 501 c (3) organization, and we charge no fees for our services.

Fort Bend County has a long history of working together to address the needs of those with mental illness that become involved in the legal system. As a member of NAMI we strive to continue to collaboratively work with the Fort Bend Community Collaborative to reduce recidivism rates and the frequency of arrests and incarcerations among person with mental illness and co-occurring disorders on Fort bend County. The requested funding will address needed gaps in our system, allow us to improve outcomes, and enhance cross system collaboration.

Please accept this letter as our commitment to this collaboration and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kenneth Sumner.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Sumner
(281) 265- 1554



Fort Bend Regional Council
On Substance Abuse, Inc.

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**Re: Mental Health Grant Program for Justice Involved Individuals –
Letter of Support**

Fort Bend Regional Council on Substance Abuse, Inc. (FBRC), is committed to participate in the Fort Bend County Community Collaborative for Justice Involved Individuals with mental illness and co-occurring disorders. FBRC will provide substance abuse disorder (SUD) screening, assessment, referral and outpatient treatment to the consumers of the referenced program. FBRC will participate in clinical staffings and other opportunities to assure seamless and coordinated care with members of the collaborative. All of these services will be provided with existing funding. Additionally, FBRC will provide recovery support services as a compensated member of the collaborative.

Fort Bend County has a long history of working together to address the needs of those with mental illness that become involved in the legal system. As the CEO of Fort Bend Regional Council, we strive to continue to collaboratively work with the Fort Bend Community Collaborative to reduce recidivism rates and the frequency of arrests and incarcerations among person with mental illness and co-occurring disorders on Fort bend County. The requested funding will address needed gaps in our system, allow us to improve outcomes, and enhance cross system collaboration.

Please accept this letter as our commitment to this collaboration and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lisa Poynor at 281-207-2400.

Sincerely,

Lisa Poynor
CEO
Fort Bend Regional Council on Substance Abuse, Inc.



United Way of Greater Houston

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As the Chairman of the Board of Fort Bend Clubhouse, we are committed to participate in the Fort Bend County Community Collaborative for Justice Involved Individuals with mental illness and co-occurring disorders. We are an international organization that provides evidence based best practice methods for assisting those with a mental illness to long-term recovery. The Clubhouse surrounds the person with a community of peers, supervised and moderated by professional staff. Our goal is to enable those who wish to re-enter the workforce to do so in graduated, controlled steps. Our operations are run as a work based day. We are a 501 c (3) organization, and we charge no fees for our services.

Fort Bend County has a long history of working together to address the needs of those with mental illness that become involved in the legal system. As the Fort Bend Clubhouse we strive to continue to collaboratively work with the Fort Bend Community Collaborative to reduce recidivism rates and the frequency of arrests and incarcerations among person with mental illness and co-occurring disorders on Fort bend County. The requested funding will address needed gaps in our system, allow us to improve outcomes, and enhance cross system collaboration.

Please accept this letter as our commitment to this collaboration and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pat Sumner.

Sincerely,

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Pat Sumner
(281) 265-1554