

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED FUNDING FOR TEXANA CENTER**

WHEREAS, Texas is the fastest growing state in our nation, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest population; and

WHEREAS, the success, vitality and security of every Texas community depends on the good health and productivity of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General reports that 1 in 5 people will have a mental illness in any given year that, if left untreated, can lead to lost productivity, unsuccessful relationships, significant dysfunction and continuing effect on children in their care; and

WHEREAS, studies consistently reaffirm our experience that adults and youth with serious mental illness who do not receive mental health care are twice as likely to spend time in jails and prisons and a high percentage of youth placed on probation are in need of mental health care; and

WHEREAS, Texas utilizes the foundation of locally governed Community Centers of Texas to manage and deliver services to more than 400,000 Texans across all 254 counties of our great state for one of the lowest funded disability service systems in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Texana Center is locally controlled by a Board of Trustees comprised of dedicated volunteers, appointed by the six sponsoring County Commissioners Courts and through this local governance structure has developed and managed a valued, accountable system of public services for the citizens of Fort Bend County; and

WHEREAS, the Texana Center provides oversight, manages, and delivers community-based services for more than 7,600 Texans each year; and

WHEREAS, in serving this vital function the Texana Center locally employs more than 600 professionals, direct service specialists and administrative personnel, engages a network of private providers and interacts with numerous local businesses for operational support; and

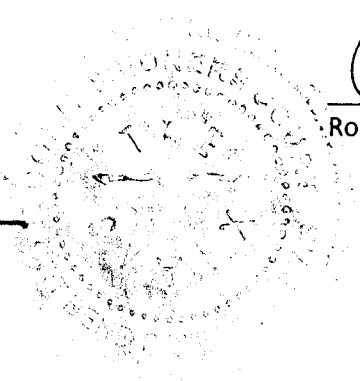
WHEREAS, Texana Center serves as a catalyst for drawing resources to our communities for the purpose of creating an integrated local service delivery system and defrays costs that would otherwise be a burden on local government by leveraging local, state and federal funds;

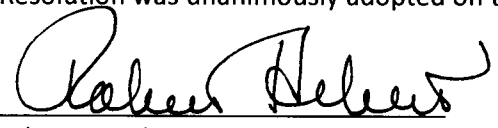
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Fort Bend County supports and recognizes the locally governed Community Center as the most effective and cost efficient means to manage and deliver services for Texans with intellectual and developmental disabilities and serious mental illness; and

FURTHERMORE, we call on our Texas leaders to maintain their investment in community-based services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and mental illness particularly in an economic environment that creates an increased demand on public systems.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, the above Resolution was unanimously adopted on this 12th day of October, 2010.

Attest:   
Dianne Wilson, County Clerk



  
Robert E. Hebert, County Judge  
October 12, 2010