

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FOR INCARCERATION DIVERSION PILOT PROGRAM
in FORT BEND COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Fort Bend County wants to divert persons that suffer from mental illness from our County Jail as incarceration is expensive, inadequate and an inappropriate long term solution for those that suffer from mental health issues; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bend County provides Crisis Intervention services through the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) and Texana Center beds, but transitional housing and needed treatments are limited; and

WHEREAS, By providing immediate assistance through crisis treatment intervention and subsequent medium term/transitional housing along with treatment, persons who suffer with mental health illness have a chance to gain the footing and life skills to re-enter society as a productive healthy citizen, rather than continue to cycle through the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bend County desires a four-year, pilot program in which the State and Fort Bend County collaborate and provide equal contributions, each entity initially contributing \$500,000 per year to the pilot program, with the goal of providing medium term/transitional housing thus reducing incarceration and recidivism of its citizens. The program will enable the results to be quantified to determine whether the pilot program may be extended and/or incorporated into a state wide program; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, finds that this resolution serves a public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Fort Bend County supports a law that incorporates housing for jail diversion of its citizens with mental illness in Fort Bend County for the safety and welfare of the general public and supports the passage of legislation by the State of Texas enabling the same.


Adopted by the Fort Bend County Commissioner's Court this ____ day of ____, 2016.



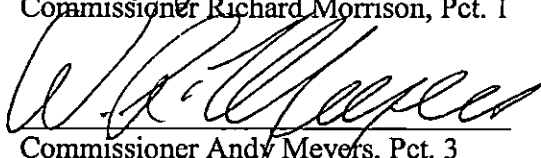
County Judge Robert Hebert



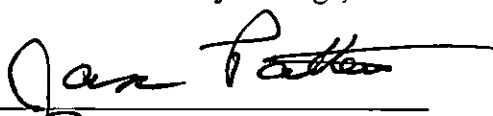
Commissioner Richard Morrison, Pct. 1



Commissioner Grady Prestage, Pct. 2

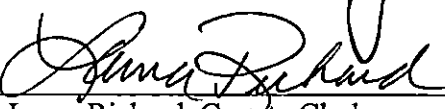


Commissioner Andy Meyers, Pct. 3



Commissioner James Patterson, Pct. 4

ATTEST:



Laura Richard, County Clerk

