

Robert E. Hebert

County Judge

COUNTY JUDGE

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SAMHSA Review Panel

RE: Letter of Commitment for SAMHSA TI-18-010 (Youth and Family TREE)

To Whom It May Concern:

Fort Bend County Behavioral Health Services under the supervision of the Director, Dr. A. Connie Almeida, will participate in the project proposed by Dr. Gearing and colleagues from the University of Houston. This work will involve referring females and racial and ethnic minority adolescents (ages 12-18), transitional aged youth (ages 16-25), and their families/primary caregivers with substance use disorders (SUD) and/or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders that are involved in the legal system in Fort Bend County or at risk of involvement to the comprehensive evidence-based treatment services described in the proposal.

Fort Bend County Behavioral Health Services' mission is to increase awareness and services to address the complex needs of persons with behavioral health disorders involved in the legal system in Fort Bend County or at risk of involvement. Their vision is to collaboratively work with the courts, criminal justice, and other Fort Bend County departments to develop needed services to support at risk individuals with behavioral health disorders. Behavioral Health's goals are to reduce recidivism, support reintegration, recovery, and family reunification. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this proposed project.

Sincerely,

Robert Hebert County Judge