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Veronica A. Sanchez, M.A., LPC-S, Executive Director

August 22, 2024

VIA U.S. FIRST-CLASS MAIL

The Honorable Weldon Cude
Atascosa County Judge
#1 Courthouse Circle Drive, Suite 206
Jourdanton, TX 78026
RE: Camino Real Community Services – FY 2025 Local Match

Dear Judge and Commissioners:

Enclosed is the annual request from Camino Real Community Services for the match contribution from your county. As you are aware, Camino Real Community Services receives General Revenue from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)—Behavioral Health Services Division, and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)—Intellectual Developmental Disabilities Division, to plan, develop, and implement services for persons with mental health and intellectual/developmental disabilities in your county. These state agencies require that the Center's sponsoring counties provide a match contribution for this General Revenue. The match contribution may be met through an "in-kind" or cash donation.

In addition, I am enclosing the following documents that support this annual request:

- a. Health & Safety Code Chapter 615.001- County Responsibility
- b. Inter-local Agreement between the Camino Real Sponsoring Counties
- c. Texas Laws Relating to Mental Health- 22nd Edition

The FY 2025 Commitment sheet for Match Contribution to Camino Real Community Services is enclosed for your review, approval, and signature. I thank you for placing this request on your Commissioners' Court Agenda for approval as necessary. Once approved, please forward the signed **2025 Contribution Commitment** document to my office.

The consumers, staff, and Board of Trustees of Camino Real Community Services sincerely appreciate your commitment and dedicated support to assuring that the residents of Atascosa County have needed services available in their local community.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Veronica A. Sanchez
Executive Director
(210) 357-0320

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Enclosures (as stated)

cc: Laura Calvert, Camino Real Board Trustee (representing Atascosa County)
Atascosa County Commissioners Court (4)
Atascosa County Auditor—Tracy Barrera (Suite 105)



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Lump Sum Quarterly

 N/A

APPROVED:

Honorable Weldon Cude
Atascosa County Judge

Date: _____

Signed copy
for Judge



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Date:

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HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

TITLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 1.001. PURPOSE OF CODE. (a) This code is enacted as a part of the state's continuing statutory revision program, begun by the Texas Legislative Council in 1963 as directed by the legislature in the law codified as Chapter 323, Government Code. The program contemplates a topic-by-topic revision of the state's general and permanent statute law without substantive change.

(b) Consistent with the objectives of the statutory revision program, the purpose of this code is to make the law encompassed by this code more accessible and understandable, by:

- (1) rearranging the statutes into a more logical order;
- (2) employing a format and numbering system designed to facilitate citation of the law and to accommodate future expansion of the law;
- (3) eliminating repealed, duplicative, unconstitutional, expired, executed, and other ineffective provisions; and
- (4) restating the law in modern American English to the greatest extent possible.

Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 678, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1989.

Sec. 1.002. CONSTRUCTION OF CODE. Chapter 311, Government Code (Code Construction Act), applies to the construction of each provision in this code except as otherwise expressly provided by this code.

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Sec. 1.003. INTERNAL REFERENCES. In this code:

- (1) a reference to a title, chapter, or section without further identification is a reference to a title, chapter, or section of this code; and
- (2) a reference to a subtitle, subchapter, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, or other numbered or lettered unit without further identification is a reference to a unit of the next larger unit of this code in which the reference appears.

assistance in completing documents required for application to federal entitlement programs;

(2) obtaining mental health treatment and related support services through the public mental health system for as long as the wrongfully imprisoned person requires assistance; and

(3) obtaining appropriate support services, as identified by the wrongfully imprisoned person and the assigned case manager, to assist the person in making the transition from incarceration into the community.

(c) The office shall submit an annual report to the legislature on the provision of services under this section to wrongfully imprisoned persons.

Added by Acts 2009, 81st Leg., R.S., Ch. 180 (H.B. 1736), Sec. 11, eff. September 1, 2009.

Amended by:

Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. 91 (S.B. 1303), Sec. 27.002(10), eff. September 1, 2011.

Acts 2015, 84th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1 (S.B. 219), Sec. 3.1499, eff. April 2, 2015.

CHAPTER 615. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Sec. 615.001. COUNTY RESPONSIBILITY. Each commissioners court shall provide for the support of a person with mental illness or an intellectual disability who is:

- (1) a resident of the county;
- (2) unable to provide self-support; and
- (3) cannot be admitted to a state mental health or intellectual disability facility.

Added by Acts 1991, 72nd Leg., ch. 76, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1991.

Amended by:

Acts 2015, 84th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1 (S.B. 219), Sec. 3.1500, eff. April 2, 2015.

Sec. 615.002. ACCESS TO RECORDS BY PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SYSTEM. (a) Notwithstanding other state law, the protection and advocacy system established in this state under the federal Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Act (42

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF ATASCOSA §

INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT

Pursuant to authority contained in the Texas Mental Health and Mental Retardation Act, Article 5547-203, Section 3.01 through Section 3.14 Vernon's Texas Civil Statute (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), the Atascosa County Commissioners' Court (hereinafter referred to as "Atascosa"); the Dimmit County Commissioners' Court (hereinafter referred to as "Dimmit"); the Frio County Commissioners' Court (hereinafter referred to as "Frio"); the Karnes County Commissioners' Court (hereinafter referred to as "Karnes"); the LaSalle County Commissioners' Court (hereinafter referred to as "LaSalle"); the Maverick County Commissioners' Court (hereinafter referred to as "Maverick"); the McMullen County Commissioners' Court (hereinafter referred to as "McMullen"); the Wilson County Commissioners' Court (hereinafter referred to as "Wilson"); and Zavala County Commissioners' Court (hereinafter referred to as "Zavala") agree as follows:

WHEREAS, Atascosa, Dimmit, Frio, Karnes, LaSalle, Maverick, McMullen, Wilson and Zavala have entered into and become partners in the establishment of a Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties agree as follow:

The purpose of this agreement is to establish a unified delivery system for mental health/mental retardation services in Atascosa, Dimmit, Frio, Karnes, LaSalle, Maverick, McMullen, Wilson, and Zavala which is to be characterized by a single governing body and administrative structure to ensure the highest quality of care within the limits of the resources available.

II.

The governing body shall be a Mental Health/Mental Retardation Board of Trustees (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") composed of nine (9) members. The decisions and actions of the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Board of Trustees shall be final, with no recourse for appeal to the appointing bodies. It is further agreed that each county judge shall appoint one (1) county resident as a trustee. Terms of appointment shall be for two (2) years; except for the initial appointment, four (4) of the trustees shall be appointed for one (1) year, so as to provide for staggered terms. The counties initially appointing for one (1) year terms shall be selected by lot.

III.

The services shall include all statutorily required core services in such quantities and on Performance Contract terms agreeable to the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and all nine (9) counties.

IV.

It is further agreed that Atascosa, Dimmit, Frio, Karnes, LaSalle, Maverick, McMullen, Wilson, and Zavala shall collectively provide the required local matching funds for state contract support. A proportionate share shall be based upon each county's respective population expressed as a percentage of the total population of the nine (9) counties. The respective population shall be those figures used by the State Department of Health. Local matching funds may include "in-kind" contributions such as fair rental value of office space provided.

VI.

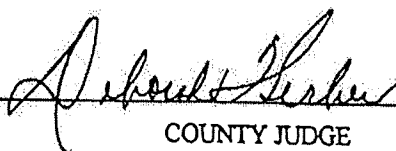
The term of this agreement is from the date of approval by the governing bodies of the counties through August 31, 2002. No party shall have a right to terminate this agreement prior to August 31, 2002, and, this agreement shall automatically continue for each state fiscal year thereafter,

unless the same is specifically terminated in writing by a party of at least sixty (60) days before August 31st of the respective state fiscal year.

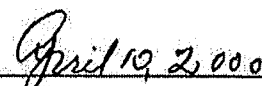
Attachments – Nine (9) Inter-Local Agreement to Establish a New MHMR Center Signature Pages

INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT SIGNATURE PAGE

The Honorable Deborah Herber
Atascosa County Judge
Circle Drive #41
Jourdanton, TX 78026
(830) 769-3093



COUNTY JUDGE



DATE

ATTACHMENT "A"
TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

CAMINO REAL COMMUNITY MHMR CENTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND MEMBERSHIP PROCEDURES

I. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be considered to qualify and to remain as a member of the Camino Real Community MHMR Center Board of Trustees, the following eligibility criteria must be met:

A. To be considered as a potential appointee, each individual must:

1. Be a qualified voter whose primary residence is in the region served by Camino Real Community MHMR Center (*pursuant to §§543.003 (b) & 534.0065 (c) Texas Health & Safety Code "THSC"*); and
2. Meet eligibility qualifications prohibiting appointment if the individual, or individual's spouse (*pursuant to §534.0065 (b) THSC*):
 - a. owns or controls, directly or indirectly, more than 10% interest in a business entity or organization receiving funds from the center; or
 - b. uses or receives a substantial amount of tangible goods or funds from the center, other than:
 - (1) compensation or reimbursement authorized by law for Board of Trustees, membership, attendance or expenses; or
 - (2) as a consumer or family member of a consumer receiving services from the center.

B. To be qualified as a Trustee, each appointee shall:

1. Attend appropriate Trustee training, prior to the assumption of office (*pursuant to §534.006 THSC*)
2. Execute an affidavit acknowledging the reading of the requirements for qualification, conflict of interest and removal (*pursuant to §534.0065(f) THSC*);
3. Subscribe to (execute) the Statement of Appointed Officer and file such for record pursuant to the requirements of the Texas Secretary of State (*per Texas Constitution Art XVI §1(d)*); and
4. Take the Oath (Affirmation) of Office after executing the Statement of Appointed Officer (*per Texas Constitution Art. XVI §1(c)*).

2. Annually execute and file with the center, not later than the anniversary date of taking office, an affidavit acknowledging the reading of the requirements for qualification, conflict of interest and removal (*per THSC §534.0065 (f)*); and
3. Disclose any conflicts of interest in accordance with Chapter 171 Local Government Code (*per THSC §534.0065 (d)*) and
4. Must attend a minimum of 5 meetings per year and have no more than 3 consecutive absences in that year.
5. NOT:
 - a. refer for services a consumer to a business entity owned or controlled by a Trustee, unless the entity is the only entity that provides the needed services within the jurisdiction of the center;
 - b. use a center facility in the conduct of a business entity owned or controlled by that Trustee;
 - c. solicit, accept, or agree to accept a benefit in exchange for the Trustee's decision, opinion, recommendation, vote or other exercise of discretion as a local public official or for a violation of a duty imposed by law;
 - d. receive any benefit for the referral of a consumer to the center or other business entity;
 - e. appoint, vote for or confirm the appointment to a paid office or position with the center if the person is related to the Trustee by affinity within the second degree or by consanguinity within the third degree; (*or violate other nepotism prohibitions concerning hiring of relatives of Trustees by the center as stated in §534.0115 THSC*); or
 - f. solicit or receive a political contribution from a supplier to or contractor with the center.

II. PROCEDURES FOR MEMBERSHIP

Certain procedures relating to Board of Trustee membership must be prescribed by an organizational combination of local agencies that establish a community center (*per §534.004(a) THSC*). These are:

A. Appointment Procedure

1. At least sixty (60) days prior to the termination of a place's two-year term, the Executive Director of Camino Real Community MHMR Center shall assist the appropriate County Commissioners Court by notifying it of such termination. The Court may then choose to either:
 - a. reappoint the member currently serving in that place (if still meeting criteria in Section I, A of this agreement attachment) by

2. When a place on the Board of Trustees becomes vacant, through resignation, inability to serve or removal/non-reappointment, the Executive Director of Camino Real Community MHMR Center shall assist the appropriate County Commissioners by initiating a posting of the vacancy at Camino Real Community MHMR Center offices in the applicable county, at that county's courthouse and through placement for a minimum of five (5) days in a publication of daily, county-wide circulation and a minimum of two (2) days in a publication of weekly, county-wide circulation.
3. All applicants responding to the posting will be given a "Board Member Packet" for review and shall be asked to complete a Board Member Questionnaire (both to be prepared with the assistance of the Board of Trustees of Camino Real Community MHMR Center).
4. Applications will be mailed directly by the applicant to the appropriate County Commissioners Court where the Board vacancy exists. The County Commissioners Court will be responsible for screening each application for qualifications, interviewing applicants and making the final selection. This process can be facilitated by the Executive Director of Camino Real Community MHMR Center.
5. The County Commissioners Court shall review the information and appointment to fill the vacant place. Such appointment shall be in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and the requirements of Section A above. It will also notify the other County Commissioners Courts and Camino Real Community MHMR Center of such appointment.

B. Resignation Procedure

1. A member may resign by submitting his/her written resignation to the Chairperson of the Board of Camino Real Community MHMR Center and to the appropriate County Commissioners Court.
2. A resignation shall be effective as of the date of submission.

C. Removal Procedure

1. All Board of Trustees members serve at the pleasure of the appointing Commissioners Court and may be removed without cause by majority vote of that Commissioners Court.
2. Any Board member who is absent from three (3) consecutive or five (5) total, regularly scheduled Board meetings shall be reported by Camino Real Community MHMR Center's Board Chairman to the appropriate County Commissioners Court for appropriate review and possible removal.

Any Board member who is absent from three (3) consecutive or five (5) total regularly scheduled Board meetings during a fiscal year (period) shall be deemed to have resigned and shall be reported by the Camino Real Community MHMR Center's Board Chairman to the appropriate Commissioners Court for review and filling of the vacancy.

Exceptions to this removal procedure may be made for catastrophic illness or extenuating circumstances by the Board of Trustees.

Upon a vacancy declared by the Board, pursuant to section II, the number required to establish a quorum of trustees shall be more than 50% of such remaining trustees, until such positions are filled by appointment.

3. In accordance with §534.0065(g) THSC, it shall be grounds for removal if a Trustee:
 - a. did not meet eligibility criteria of Section I, A of this agreement attachment at appointment;
 - b. does not maintain during service on the Board of Trustees the eligibility criteria of Section I, A, B, or C of this agreement attachment.
4. The final decision/determination is the responsibility of the appropriate County Commissioners Court as it affects their representation on the Board of Trustees.

APPROVED:

Deborah Herber
 The Honorable Deborah Herber
 Atascosa County Judge

7-19-01
Date

Charles D. Johnson
 The Honorable Charles D. Johnson
 Dimmit County Judge

8-7-01
Date

Carlos A. Garcia
 The Honorable Carlos A. Garcia
 Frio County Judge

7-20-01
Date

Alfred Pawelek
 The Honorable Alfred Pawelek
 Karnes County Judge

7/20/01
Date

Jimmy P. Patterson
 The Honorable Jimmy Perez Patterson
 LaSalle County Judge

7/20/01
Date

Linda Lee Henry
 The Honorable Linda Lee Henry
 McMullen County Judge

8-8-01
Date

Marvin Quinney
 The Honorable Marvin Quinney
 Wilson County Judge

08-01-2001
Date

Pablo A. Avila
 The Honorable Pablo Avila
 Zavala County Judge

7/20/01
Date

Rogelio Escobedo
 The Honorable Rogelio Escobedo
 Maverick County Judge

8-7-2001
Date



TEXAS
Health and Human
Services

Dr. Courtney N. Phillips
Executive Commissioner

22nd Edition

Texas Laws Relating to Mental Health

*Reflecting changes in law passed by the
86th Legislature, Regular Session – 2019*

The laws reflected in this edition include both substantive and non-substantive revisions to laws passed by the 86th Legislature. Most of the revisions in law take effect on September 1, 2019. Among the many changes are references to agencies, such as the Health and Human Services Commission, that have been updated to reflect the governance of the state hospitals and state supported living centers by the Commission. However, not all laws have been substantively changed to fully reconcile the duties, functions and powers of the Health and Human Service agencies and may still reflect an entity which is no longer performing those duties, functions or powers.

The changes in law from the 86th Leg., R.S. are reflected in the table entitled Index to Sections Affected on pages xix - xxi and contain hyperlinks to the bills on Texas Legislature Online.

Disclaimer – The information contained in this book does not constitute the provision of legal advice. While every attempt has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information contained in this book, the Health and Human Services Commission, its officers and employees disclaim any responsibility for any errors in content or formatting that may be contained herein.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Sec.534.012. (a) The board of trustees may appoint committees, including medical committees, to advise the board of trustees on matters relating to mental health and intellectual disability services.

(b) Each committee must be composed of at least three members.

(c) The appointment of a committee does not relieve the board of trustees of the final responsibility and accountability as provided by this subtitle.

COOPERATION OF DEPARTMENTS

Sec.534.013. Each appropriate department shall provide assistance, advice, and consultation to local agencies, boards of trustees, and executive directors in the planning, development, and operation of a community center.

BUDGET; REQUEST FOR FUNDS

Sec.534.014. (a) Each community center shall annually provide to each local agency that appoints members to the board of trustees a copy of the center's:

- (1) approved fiscal year operating budget;
- (2) most recent annual financial audit; and
- (3) staff salaries by position.

~~(b) The board of trustees shall annually submit to each local agency that appoints the members a request for funds or in-kind assistance to support the center.~~

PROVISION OF SERVICES

Sec.534.015. (a) The board of trustees may adopt rules to regulate the administration of mental health or intellectual disability services by a community center. The rules must be consistent with the purposes, policies, principles, and standards prescribed by this subtitle.

(b) The board of trustees may contract with a local agency or a qualified person or organization to provide a portion of the mental health or intellectual disability services.

(c) With the approval of each appropriate commissioner, the board of trustees may contract with the governing body of another county or municipality to provide mental health and intellectual disability services to residents of that county or municipality.

(d) A community center may provide services to a person who voluntarily seeks assistance or who has been committed to that center.

FOR WHOM SERVICES MAY BE PROVIDED

Sec.534.0155. (a) This subtitle does not prevent a community center from providing services to:

- (1) a person with a chemical dependency;
- (2) a person with a developmental disability; or
- (3) a person younger than four years of age who is eligible for early childhood intervention services.

(b) A community center may provide those services by contracting with a public or private agency in addition to the appropriate department.

SCREENING AND CONTINUING CARE SERVICES

Sec.534.016. (a) A community center shall provide screening services for:

- (1) a person who requests voluntary admission to a Department of State Health Services facility for persons with mental illness; and
- (2) a person for whom proceedings for involuntary commitment to a Department of State Health Services or Department of Aging and Disability Services facility for persons with mental illness or an intellectual disability have been initiated.

(b) A community center shall provide continuing mental health and physical care services for a person referred to the center by a Department of State Health Services facility and for whom the facility superintendent has recommended a continuing care plan.

(c) Services provided under this section must be consistent with the applicable rules and standards of each appropriate department.

(d) The appropriate commissioner may designate a facility other than the community center to provide the screening or continuing care services if: