**COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON** 

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# CONTRACT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST BETWEEN WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS AND FAMILY ELDERCARE (FY 2024)

(Probate Court Operations- County Court at Law #4)

**THIS CONTRACT** is entered into by and between WILLIAMSON COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as ("WILLIAMSON COUNTY"), and FAMILY ELDERCARE, hereinafter referred to as ("FAMILY ELDERCARE").

#### WITNESS ETH

WHEREAS, WILLIAMSON COUNTY has an interest in supporting guardianships for individuals who are unable to care for themselves and have no family or friends to serve as guardian;

WHEREAS, FAMILY ELDERCARE has an interest in supporting the provision of community and county-wide eldercare support services;

WHEREAS, WILLIAMSON COUNTY believes that it is in the public interest to enter into this CONTRACT with FAMILY ELDERCARE;

### NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES agree as follows:

1. <u>Public Purpose and Public Benefit.</u> FAMILY ELDERCARE will operate as an independent contractor in Williamson County, Texas. FAMILY ELDERCARE shall use the funding paid hereunder to perform the services and achieve the broad goals outlined in this CONTRACT, which must be based on referrals from Williamson County

through the Presiding Judge of the County Court at Law #4. The services include, but are not limited to the following items in order to complete the project:

- Guaranteed availability of Guardianship of the Person ("GP") services for up to 36 residents as described in the Proposal from Family Eldercare, set forth in the attached Exhibit "A" and dated September 11, 2023, which is incorporated herein as if copied in full; and
- Guaranteed availability of guardianship services for residents that require both Guardianship of the Person and Estate ("GPE") services and for residents who only require Guardianship of the Estate ("GE") services, up to a combined total of 5 GPE or GE residents. These GPE and GE services are specifically excluded from the 36 GP resident slots referenced above and described in attached Exhibit "A."
- **2.** Reports/Payment. FAMILY ELDERCARE shall provide to WILLIAMSON COUNTY quarterly and annual financial reports in a form agreed upon by WILLIAMSON COUNTY, and FAMILY ELDERCARE shall cooperate with annual inspections and audits that WILLIAMSON COUNTY or the auditor on behalf of WILLIAMSON COUNTY may make to ensure service standards and fiscal responsibility.

In return, WILLIAMSON COUNTY agrees to pay from funding provided by WILLIAMSON COUNTY to FAMILY ELDERCARE the full yearly amount of \$120,000.00 payable in monthly installments of \$10,000.00 after October 1, 2023 and prior to the end of FY 2024 or September 30, 2024.

- 3. Reimbursement of Funds. Despite the agreed upon method of payment set forth above, FAMILY ELDERCARE agrees to return to WILLIAMSON COUNTY all funds distributed to FAMILY ELDERCARE if (a.) FAMILY ELDERCARE's use of the funds for intended purposes is insufficient; (b.) this CONTRACT is terminated for any reason; (c.) FAMILY ELDERCARE fails in any other respect under this CONTRACT; (d.) FAMILY ELDERCARE changes its operations in such a way that, in WILLIAMSON COUNTY's opinion, the FAMILY ELDERCARE no longer serves a public purpose; or (e) FAMILY ELDERCARE conveys, leases or otherwise transfers its interest in the its operations to another entity without the prior written consent of WILLIAMSON COUNTY, which such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld provided the successor entity continues to use a public purpose consistent with the spirit of this CONTRACT. The reimbursement of funds shall be prorated based on those portions that were reasonably used for intended purposes.
- **4.** <u>Records.</u> FAMILY ELDERCARE shall keep sufficient records of all of its expenditures in connection with services rendered pursuant to this CONTRACT.

FAMILY ELDERCARE agrees that WILLIAMSON COUNTY'S auditors shall have the right to audit such FAMILY ELDERCARE records on an annual basis along with their regular review of records in a manner and form to be agreed upon by WILLIAMSON COUNTY and FAMILY ELDERCARE. FAMILY ELDERCARE further agrees that WILLIAMSON COUNTY or its duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of three (3) years after final payment under this Agreement, have access to and the right to examine and photocopy any and all books, documents, papers and records of FAMILY ELDERCARE which are directly pertinent to the services to be performed under this Agreement for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. FAMILY ELDERCARE expressly agrees that WILLIAMSON COUNTY shall have access during normal working hours to all necessary FAMILY ELDERCARE facilities and shall be provided adequate and appropriate workspace in order to conduct audits in compliance with the provisions of this section. Additionally, WILLIAMSON COUNTY shall give FAMILY ELDERCARE reasonable advance notice of intended audits.

5. Independent Contractor/Indemnity. It is understood and agreed that FAMILY ELDERCARE is not and shall not in any sense be considered an employee, partner or joint venturer with WILLIAMSON COUNTY, additionally neither shall FAMILY ELDERCARE be considered or in any manner hold itself out as an agent or official representative of WILLIAMSON COUNTY. FAMILY ELDERCARE shall be considered an independent contractor for purposes of this CONTRACT and shall in no manner incur any expenses or liability on behalf of WILLIAMSON COUNTY.

FAMILY ELDERCARE FURTHER AGREES TO HOLD WILLIAMSON COUNTY HARMLESS FOR ANY AND ALL CLAIMS BY THIRD PARTIES FOR ANY INJURIES, DAMAGES, OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND ARISING UNDER THIS CONTRACT OR OCCASIONED BY FAMILY ELDERCARE.

- 6. <u>Compliance With All Laws.</u> FAMILY ELDERCARE and WILLIAMSON COUNTY each agree, in connection with the services or any related items to the subject matter of this CONTRACT, to comply with any and all local, state or federal requirements.
- 7. <u>Notice.</u> Any notice required to be given under the terms of this CONTRACT shall be effective if and when given in writing and mailed by certified mail to the addresses listed below or subsequently provided in writing:

WILLIAMSON COUNTY:
WILLIAMSON COUNTY JUDGE
710 MAIN STREET, SUITE 101
GEORGETOWN, TEXAS 78626

FAMILY ELDERCARE: FAMILY ELDERCARE ATTN: Aaron Alarcon 1700 RUTHERFORD LANE AUSTIN, TEXAS 78754

#### **GENERAL COUNSEL:**

GENERAL COUNSEL
OFFICE OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY JUDGE
710 MAIN STREET, SUITE 200
GEORGETOWN, TEXAS 78626

- 8. No Assignment. This CONTRACT may not be assigned.
- 9. <u>Termination</u>. Notwithstanding the agreed upon term, this CONTRACT may be terminated upon the occurrence of any of the following:
  - a the termination of the corporate or business existence of FAMILY ELDERCARE;
  - b. the insolvency of FAMILY ELDERCARE, the filing of a petition in bankruptcy either by or against FAMILY ELDERCARE, or an assignment by FAMILY ELDERCARE for the benefit of creditors;
  - c. the breach by FAMILY ELDERCARE of any of the terms of this CONTRACT and the continuation of such breach for a period of ten (10) days after written notice is given by WILLIAMSON COUNTY to FAMILY ELDERCARE of such breach.
  - d. upon WILLIAMSON COUNTY's sole discretion with or without cause by providing thirty (30) days written notice.
- 10. <u>Term.</u> The stated term of this CONTRACT shall be from October 1, 2023 until September 30, 2024, but with on-going contractual obligations relating to audits and record keeping by FAMILY ELDERCARE extending beyond the termination date (and the payment of funds by WILLIAMSON COUNTY).
- 11. <u>Employees.</u> The parties covenant and agree that each party will pay its own salaries, and all Social Security taxes, Federal and State Unemployment Insurance, Worker's Compensation Insurance and any similar taxes or expenses related to its own employees, including, but not limited to, license fees, insurance premiums and outfitting expenses. The Parties shall be responsible for complying with all Federal, State and Local laws, ordinances and regulations regarding its own employees.
- 12. <u>Venue & Applicable Law.</u> Venue of this CONTRACT shall be WILLIAMSON COUNTY, Texas, and the laws of the State of Texas shall govern all terms and conditions.
- 13. <u>Severability.</u> In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this CONTRACT shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision

in this CONTRACT and this CONTRACT shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained in it

- **14.** <u>Mediation.</u> The parties agree to use mediation for dispute resolution prior to and formal legal action being taken on this CONTRACT.
- 15. <u>Proof of Non-Profit Status.</u> FAMILY ELDERCARE has provided proof of status as a 50l(c) non-profit corporate entity, which is attached and marked as "Exhibit B" and is incorporated herein as if copied in full.

EXECUTED to be effective as of the 1st day of October 2023.

FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY:	
Presiding Officer Williamson County Williamson County	Commissioners Court
Date:	2023
FOR FAMILY ELI	DERCARE:
Authorized Agent FAMILY ELDERO	ARE

, 2023

Date: September 12

## family ELDERCARE

2023 Board of Directors
Cory Macdonald
Board Chair
Kim Wilson
Past Board Chair
Charles Colley
Secretary
Sam Cockburn
Treasurer
Ali Foyt
Deborah Kerr
Anna Vander Broek
Fred Lugo

Dr. Aaron Alarcon CEO

Memorial Board Members
Jackie Lelong
Founder of Family
Eldercare
Rudy Belton
Mark Davis
Alva Finck
Susan Sharlot

President's Council Jacqueline Angel Jen Berbas Michelle Bonilla Tom Buckle Don Carnes Ellis "Pat" Craig John Crane Clyde Farrell Cheryl George Holly Gilman Cass Grange Deborah Green Diane "Dede" Hebner Grova Jones Frank Leffingwell Barbara Lipscomb Donna Loflin Ann Marett J.C. "Dusty" Mccormick Sandy Morris Gail Sulak Gaye Thompson **Brent Weber** 

September 11, 2023

The Honorable John B. McMaster Williamson County Court at Law #4 405 M.L.K. Street, Box 17 Georgetown, TX 78626

Dear Judge McMaster:

Family Eldercare would like to thank you and the citizens of Williamson County for the opportunity to provide services by our Guardianship Program. Family Eldercare has been providing guardianship services in Williamson County since 2014, serving over 50 individual residents. 100% of these clients were protected from abuse and neglect.

Family Eldercar@ is seeking a renewal of our current \$90,000 contract amount and additional contract funding of \$30,000 to continue providing our guardianship services in Williamson County.

Funds will be used to provide ongoing personal care management and/or estate management to legally incapacitated Williamson County residents refetTed by the Court. Family Eldercare will provide guardianship services for as long as they are needed. The benefits to the County of this partnership include:

- Guaranteed availability of Guardianship of the Person ("GP") services for up to 36 Williamson County residents annually (this excludes Guardianship of the Person & Estate ("GPE") residents and Guardianship of the Estate ("GE") only residents);
- Reduced costs to the County related to civil or criminal incidents and emotional/health crises experienced by person needing guardianship; Ongoing protection, care management, and an improved quality of life for vulnerable older and disabled residents who are at risk of fraud, abuse, failing health and neglect; and,
- Housing and support services, located within Williamson County or outside the County, for individuals who need specialized residential care.

I hope you will forward our request to the Williamson County Commissioners Court for their consideration.

Sincerely,

Aaron Alarcon, PhD Chief Executive Officer



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Internal Revenue Service

Dato: February 5, 2004

Family Efdercare, Inc. 2210 Hancock Or Aualin, TX 78756•2508 De1>artmont or the Treasury P. 0. Box 2608 Clnclnriati, OH 45201

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