



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION**

COURT ORDER NUMBER 144929

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DATE: 4/2/2025

**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A CONTRACT WITH MENTAL HEALTH
CONNECTION OF TARRANT COUNTY FOR TARRANT CARES
WEBSITE MAINTENANCE**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider approval of a contract with Mental Health Connection of Tarrant County for Tarrant Cares maintenance.

BACKGROUND

The Tarrant Cares website is an online information service for individuals, families, caregivers, and agencies in Tarrant County, Mental Health Connection of Tarrant County receives funding from various sources to cover the annual maintenance costs for the Network of Care – Aging, Network of Care – Public Health; Network of Care – Mental Health; and hosting/maintenance fees for Children and Families, Development Disabilities, Domestic Violence, Kids, Prisoner Reentry and Veterans. The services that Tarrant County residents receive from these entities serve a public good and need.

On November 8, 2022, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #139620, approved a contract with Mental Health Connection of Tarrant County for funding in the amount not to exceed \$137,000 to support the maintenance of the Tarrant Cares website for FY 2023.

On May 21, 2024, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #143127, approved a contract with Mental Health Connection of Tarrant County for funding in the amount not to exceed \$137,000 to support the maintenance of the Tarrant Cares website for FY 2024.

If approved, Tarrant County will provide Mental Health Connection of Tarrant County funding in an amount not to exceed \$140,666.68 to support costs associated with the Tarrant County website for FY 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding in the amount of \$140,667 is available in account T0450-2025 Public Health 1115 Waiver Fund/5100011000 Public Health/569011 Professional Services.

SUBMITTED BY	Budget and Risk Management	PREPARED BY:	Claudia Del Toro Castro
		APPROVED BY:	Helen H. Giese

CONTRACTOR'S performance under this contract.

5. ASSIGNMENT

Neither party may assign, in whole nor in part, any interest in this contract without the prior written consent of the other party.

6. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY EXCLUDED

No person not a party to this contract shall be regarded as a third-party beneficiary of this contract. This contract may not be interpreted to waive governmental immunity, sovereign immunity, or any other defense or immunities otherwise available by law of any party to this contract, or the employees or representatives of such party, to the extent such party may have immunity under Texas or Federal law.

7. AUDIT OF RECORDS

COUNTY may audit CONTRACTOR during the term of this contract and as otherwise authorized by law.

8 ENTIRE CONTRACT

This contract represents the entire understanding of and between the parties and supersedes all prior representations. This contract may not be varied orally but must be amended by written document of subsequent date duly executed by these parties. The law of the State of Texas governs this contract and venue for any cause of action regarding this contract is in the district courts of Tarrant County, Texas.

9 CONFIDENTIALITY

In the event CONTRACTOR receives confidential COUNTY information CONTRACTOR will keep that information confidential during the contract term and following termination, unless CONTRACTOR is directed to disclose that information by legal proceedings. In the event CONTRACTOR becomes involved in legal proceedings regarding confidential COUNTY information, CONTRACTOR will notify the COUNTY immediately.

10. TERMINATION

This contract may be terminated by either party by providing written notice to the other party at least thirty (30) days prior to the intended date of termination. Any notice or other writing required by this contract, is deemed given when personally delivered or mailed by certified or registered United States mail, return-receipt, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

COUNTY:
County Administrator
Tarrant County
100 E. Weatherford Street, Suite 404
Fort Worth, Texas 76196

CONTRACTOR:
Executive Director
MHC of Tarrant County
3136 W 4th Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76107

In the event of early contract termination by COUNTY without cause, all fees, and expenses due CONTRACTOR during the 30-day notice period will be paid in full. In the event the CONTRACTOR terminates this contract prematurely without cause, fees for the 30-day notice period will not be paid by COUNTY; however, any prior approved expenses may be paid to CONTRACTOR by COUNTY. If the contract is terminated for cause by COUNTY, COUNTY will not pay fees or expenses incurred after the date of notice of termination.

11. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE: Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it has fully, accurately, and completely disclosed all interested parties in the attached Form 1295 and has acknowledged the completeness of this disclosure by filing the Form 1295, attached as Exhibit A, with the Texas Ethics Commission as required by law.

APPROVED on this day the 2nd day of April 2025 by Tarrant County.

**TARRANT COUNTY
STATE OF TEXAS**

**MENTAL HEALTH CONNECTION OF
TARRANT COUNTY**

Separate Electronic Signature Page
Tim O'Hare
County Judge

Christina Judge
Executive Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABLE FUNDS:

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Criminal District Attorney's Office*

Tarrant County Auditor

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