COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

COURT ORDER NUMBER 144762
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DATE: 2/19/2025

SUBJECT: **CONSIDERATION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY AND SAMARITAN HOUSING, INC. TO PROVIDE COLLABORATIVE HOUSING AND SUPPORT SERVICES TO TARRANT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH PREVENTIVE MEDICINE CLINIC CLIENTS**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Samaritan Housing, Inc. d/b/a Samaritan House to provide collaborative housing and support services to Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) Preventive Medicine Clinic (PMC) clients.

BACKGROUND

The TCPH PMC is a specialty medical clinic that provides care to individuals living with HIV in Tarrant County and surrounding areas. Since 2021, this no-cost MOU has facilitated collaboration between PMC and Samaritan House to refer PMC patients who need assistance with housing and supportive services. This partnership enables PMC to address patient needs more effectively, thereby enhancing the health outcomes of PMC clients. Additionally, it clarifies the respective responsibilities of PMC and Samaritan House, supporting the continuation of care for individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

On July 6, 2021, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #135777, approved the original no-cost MOU with Samaritan House, Inc. to collaborate and provide housing and support services to individuals living with HIV/AIDs for the term of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

On October 18, 2022, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #139472, approved a renewal no-cost MOU with Samaritan House, Inc. to collaborate and provide housing and support services to individuals living with HIV/AIDs for the term of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

On September 5, 2023, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #141635, approved approved a renewal no-cost MOU with Samaritan House, Inc. to collaborate and provide housing and support services to individuals living with HIV/AIDs for the term of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

With the approval of this MOU, the PMC will continue working with Samaritan House to achieve the desired outcomes.

The term of the MOU is from February 19, 2025, through January 31, 2029, unless terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days notice.

SUBMITTED BY	Public Health	PREPARED BY:	Gary Collins
		APPROVED BY:	Gary Kesling

The Criminal District Attorney's Office has reviewed this document as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between
Tarrant County Samaritan Housing, Inc. dba Samaritan House
And Tarrant County on Behalf of Tarrant County Public Health

Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), between Tarrant County Samaritan House, Inc. dba Samaritan House and Tarrant County on behalf of the Tarrant County Public Health Department (TCPH), is entered into for the purpose of utilizing housing resources to serve persons in Tarrant and surrounding counties. This agreement will exist from February 19, 2025, to January 31, 2029.

Responsibilities of the Parties

Parties (Tarrant County Samaritan House, Inc. dba Samaritan House and the Preventive Medicine Clinic (PMC) Division of TCPH) understand that each should be able to fulfill its responsibilities under this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This agreement forms the basis of mutual understanding and respective responsibilities between PMC and Tarrant County Samaritan House, Inc. dba Samaritan House for providing needed housing services to clients.

Preventive Medicine Clinic will:

1. Refer clients for housing and supportive services
2. Accept referrals for medical care
3. Participate in discussion of client cases and care plans as needed.

Tarrant County Samaritan House, Inc. dba Samaritan House will:

1. Work to ensure that Samaritan House clients are not lost or moved in/out of primary health care by providing on-going Case Management services.
2. Refer clients to the Tarrant County Preventive Medicine Clinic for medical care.
3. Provide client name and telephone number of Tarrant County Preventive Medicine Clinic for self-referral.
4. Refer clients who are HIV positive to educational programs, workshops, seminars, and support groups sponsored by Tarrant County Preventive Medicine Clinic.
5. Abide by terms of HIPAA regulations.
6. Participate in discussion of client cases and care plans as needed.

"*Execution of Agreement*. This agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original copy of this agreement, and all of which, when taken together, shall be deemed to constitute one and the same agreement. The exchange of copies of this agreement and of signature pages by electronic transmission shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this agreement as to the parties and may be used in lieu of the original agreement for all purposes. Signatures of the parties transmitted or executed electronically shall be deemed to be their original signatures for any purpose whatsoever.."

Tarrant County Samaritan House, Inc. dba Samaritan House

By: _____

Printed name: Kim Robinson

Title: President & CEO

Date: 12/10/24

SIGNED AND EXECUTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

COUNTY OF TARRANT

STATE OF TEXAS

By: Separate Electronic Signature Page

Tim O'Hare

County Judge

SIGNED AND EXECUTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

COUNTY OF TARRANT
STATE OF TEXAS

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kimberly Colliet Wesley
Criminal District Attorney's Office*

*By law, the Criminal District Attorney's Office may only approve contracts for its clients. We reviewed this document as to form from our client's legal perspective. Other parties may not rely on this approval. Instead, those parties should seek contract review from independent counsel.