



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

COURT ORDER NUMBER 144876

PAGE 1 OF 6

DATE: 3/11/2025

**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY AND PRISON TO PURPOSE FOR THE
PROVISION OF REENTRY SERVICES TO TARRANT COUNTY INMATES**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Tarrant County and Prison To Purpose (PTP) for the provision of reentry services to Tarrant County inmates.

BACKGROUND

PTP is a nonprofit organization based in Arlington, Texas, dedicated to assisting individuals transitioning from incarceration back into the community. The mission of PTP focuses on retraining the minds of individuals impacted by the justice system and equipping those individuals with the necessary tools to realize a purpose.

The organization offers a 12-week workshop covering personal development, life skills, and job readiness. In addition to workshops, PTP provides mentorship, career assistance, and access to resources that support successful reintegration.

PTP is a faith-based organization focused on guiding, teaching, and mentoring participants toward a healthier lifestyle through personal and professional enrichment courses.

With approval of the MOU, PTP will develop and implement personal and professional enrichment programs for Tarrant County Inmates through the following:

- Mentorship and counseling services;
- Resources and referrals for additional support as needed; and
- Coordination with the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office to align programming and outreach efforts.

The term of this MOU is one (1) year from the date signed unless terminated earlier by either party with a 30-day written notice. The MOU will be reviewed annually ensure its continued relevance and effectiveness.

This MOU has been approved as to form by the Criminal District Attorney's office.

FISCAL IMPACT

Administrative staff costs associated with the promotion of enrichment programs, providing logistical support, and sharing data on the program's effectiveness are budgeted in 10000-2025 General Fund/2120910000 Sheriff Confinement/510000 Personnel.

SUBMITTED BY	Sheriff	PREPARED BY:	Jessica Redding
		APPROVED BY:	Jessica Redding

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Between:

Prison to Purpose

And:

Tarrant County, d/b/a Tarrant County Sheriff's Office

1. Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes a collaborative framework between Prison to Purpose (hereinafter referred to as "PtP") and Tarrant County, d/b/a Tarrant County Sheriff's Office (hereinafter referred to as "Partner") to outline the shared goals, responsibilities, and expectations for supporting individuals transitioning from prison back into society. The mission of PtP is to serve as a support system for these individuals, guiding them towards a healthier lifestyle and a new purpose through faith-based personal and professional enrichment courses.

2. Mission Statement

Prison to Purpose's Mission: Prison to Purpose's mission is to be a support system for individuals in transition from prison back into society and into their new purpose. PtP is a faith-based organization dedicated to teaching, guiding, and mentoring participants into a healthier lifestyle by offering personal and professional enrichment courses.

3. Shared Goals

The parties involved in this MOU agree to collaborate in the following areas:

- **Transition Support:** Provide comprehensive support for individuals leaving prison, including guidance and resources to help them reintegrate into society and discover their new purpose.
- **Personal and Professional Enrichment:** Offer and facilitate access to personal and professional enrichment courses aimed at fostering personal growth, career development, and life skills.
- **Faith-Based Guidance:** Incorporate faith-based principles and support to promote holistic well-being and purpose.

4. Roles and Responsibilities

Prison to Purpose:

- Develop and implement personal and professional enrichment programs.
- Offer mentoring and counseling services to participants.
- Provide resources and referrals to additional support services as needed.
- Coordinate with Partner to align programming and outreach efforts.

Partner Organization:

- Support P2P's mission through collaboration and resource sharing.
- Assist in the promotion and facilitation of enrichment programs.
- Provide logistical support and/or in-kind contributions as agreed upon.
- Share relevant demographical data and feedback to enhance program effectiveness.

5. Commitments

Both parties commit to:

- **Effective Communication:** Maintain open and transparent communication regarding the progress of collaborative efforts and address any issues promptly.
- **Respect and Confidentiality:** Respect the confidentiality of the participants and the proprietary information of each organization.
- **Evaluation and Improvement:** Engage in periodic evaluations of the partnership's effectiveness and make necessary adjustments to improve outcomes for participants.

6. Duration and Review

Notwithstanding any other provision of this MOU, the parties agree and understand that Tarrant County Sheriff Bill Waybourn, his successors in office, or his designees, may in their sole discretion deny entry into the jail at any time to any agent of PtP. This MOU will be effective from the date of signing and will remain in effect for one year unless terminated earlier by either party with a 30-day written notice. The MOU will be reviewed annually to ensure its continued relevance and effectiveness.

7. Signatures

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.


By signing below, both parties agree to the terms outlined in this MOU and commit to working collaboratively towards the shared goals.

For Prison to Purpose:

Signature/Date

Jerars Canada, Founder

For Tarrant County:



Signature/Date

Bill Waybourn
Tarrant County Sheriff

Signature/Date

Tim O'Hare
Tarrant County Judge

SIGNED AND EXECUTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

COUNTY OF TARRANT
STATE OF TEXAS

By: Separate Electronic Signature Page
Tim O'Hare
County Judge

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

12-11-24

Sal K. Hudson
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.

Consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding Between Tarrant County and Prison to Purpose for the Provision of Reentry Services to Tarrant County Inmates

SIGNED AND EXECUTED this 4 day of March, 2025.

**COUNTY OF TARRANT
STATE OF TEXAS**

Tim O'Hare - County Judge

Tim O'Hare
County Judge

<#deefee5c-dd95-451e-039c-08dcb56d40e8-DateSigned#>