



STAFF REPORT
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Council Meeting Date: June 4, 2024

Agenda Item Wording: Appointment to the Hays County Mental Health Coordinating Committee
Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds

Agenda Item Requestor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.

Summary/Background:

County Commissioner Walt Smith has asked that we recommend a representative to serve on the newly created Hays County Mental Health Coordinating Committee (MHCC). Please see the below narrative from Chief Standridge and Judge Brown explaining the MHCC and the City's participation. The first meeting of the MHCC to be held at noon on June 12, at the Hays County Public Safety Bldg in San Marcos. There will be a virtual option:

At the recommendation of county and city officials, as well as mental health experts in Hays County, we are moving forward with the creation of a Mental Health Coordinating Committee (MHCC). The MHCC will consist of members from countywide governing bodies and service providers who are committed to function as a point of advisory, accountability, planning, and resource coordination for all countywide behavioral health services.. We respectfully ask that your council / commissioner's court convene and consider the appointment of a member for service on the MHCC. Ideally this person would be a member of the governing council. Each member on the MHCC would be responsible for ensuring their governing bodies or service providers are fully informed of all goals, while also leveraging funding, technology and resources across the county to ensure the goals are operationalized.

Some of the goals of the MHCC and supporting subcommittees include, but are not limited to:

1. Expand crisis options through the development of a diversion center;
2. Develop strategies to address high needs utilizers and pilot a new Assertive

- Community Treatment (ACT) program;
3. Explore the development of a Behavioral Health Office to coordinate county services, while also focusing on local restoration services for those who are incarcerated;
 4. Increase information and data sharing across the Sequential Intercept Model;
 5. Enhance 911 and law enforcement response to behavioral health crisis.

**Commission
Recommendations:**

N/A

**Recommended
Council Actions:**

Appoint a member to represent the City of Dripping Springs on the MHCC.