

Item 3



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: May 7, 2013

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head:

Sherri E. Fleming,
County Executive for Health and Human Services and Veterans Service

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Samuel T. Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Approve Resolution Recognizing the Month of May 2013 as "Mental Health Month" and May 9, 2013 as "Children's Mental Health Awareness Day" in Travis County.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

In keeping with the Court's commitment and support of Mental Health programs and resources for the community, Travis County recognizes it's community partners and service providers that ensure that youth and families have access to services available to them and calls attention to the fact that mental illness affects one in five of young people.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends approval of this proposed resolution.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

This resolution provides an opportunity for the Court to highlight its commitment to Mental Health in Travis County and the positive steps taken by the County and its partners in the provision of mental health services for its residents.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

This item will not increase the County Budget.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a pdf to Cheryl Aker in the County Judge's office, agenda@co.travis.tx.us by **Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m.** for the next week's meeting.

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Resolution

WHEREAS, Community Mental Health is essential to overall health and well-being for all;

WHEREAS, we live in a community where one in five of our children of all faces, races, ethnicities, and religious backgrounds is affected by mental illness;

WHEREAS, we see our community coming together to help children, youth and adults who live with mental illness lead full and productive lives positively impacting our community;

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that more must be done to help the estimated two-thirds of children and youth living with mental illness who do not yet have the support they need to succeed;

WHEREAS, we dedicated the month of May each year to bring our neighbors, friends, and family members together to learn more about what good mental health means;

WHEREAS, we recognize May 9, 2013, as Children's Mental Health Awareness Day and see it as an opportunity to raise awareness about children's mental health, reduce stigma and celebrate resiliency; and

WHEREAS, Travis County Health and Human Services and Veterans Service continues to support the development and implementation of the Travis County System of Care to ensure children, youth and families have access to the services and supports that build upon their strengths and best meet their needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MAY AS

"MENTAL HEALTH MONTH"

AND MAY 9, 2012 AS

"CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY"

IN TRAVIS COUNTY, AND CALL UPON THE CITIZENS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS, BUSINESSES AND SCHOOLS IN TRAVIS COUNTY TO RECOMMIT OUR COMMUNITY TO INCREASING AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF MENTAL HEALTH AND THE NEED FOR APPROPRIATE, ACCESSIBLE SERVICES FOR ALL PEOPLE WHO HAVE MENTAL ILLNESS.

SIGNED AND ENTERED THIS _____ DAY OF MAY 2012.

SAMUEL T. BISCOE
COUNTY JUDGE

RON DAVIS
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1

SARAH ECKHARDT
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2

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