



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 6, 2013
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Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO REAPPOINT MATTHEW SNAPP, M.D., AND VINCENT TORRES TO THE AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY INTEGRAL CARE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR TERMS TO EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2015.

SUMMARY AND IGR COORDINATOR RECOMMENDATION: The terms of two of the three Travis County appointees to the Austin Travis County Integral Care Board of Trustees expire on September 30, 2013. The two appointees are eligible for reappointment under the Court's appointments process. IGR recommends that the Court reappoint them for terms to expire on September 30, 2015.

SUGGESTED MOTION: That the Court reappoint Dr. Matthew Snapp, M.D., and Mr. Vincent Torres to the Board of Trustees of Austin Travis County Integral Care for terms to expire on September 30, 2015.

BACKGROUND: Founded in 1967, Austin Travis County Integral Care provides community-based behavioral health and developmental disabilities services in Travis County, administering an annual budget of \$57 million of local, state and federal funding. In fiscal year 2013, Integral Care is projected to serve more than 30,000 individuals and families through the numerous services and programs it offers year-round.

Integral Care was known as the Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center until September 2009, when its name was changed to reflect evolving attitudes and terminology and to honor the dignity of people who seek its services.

The Travis County Commissioners Court makes three appointments to the nine-member ATCIC Board. Terms are for two years, and there is no limitation on the number of terms a member can serve. The terms of two of them, Matthew Snapp and Vincent Torres, expire at the end of September.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES: Integral Care is one of six boards and commissions subject to the Court's Uniform Appointment Process.¹ Both Dr. Snapp and Mr. Torres have served on the Board for less than six years, which means their reappointment is governed by Subsection (B) of that section:

Before expiration of a term, or upon a vacancy arising for an organization subject to this UAP, the County Judge shall ... in the case of an existing organization member, that by the end of their term will not have served six years, instruct the Coordinator for Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) to determine if the member desires to continue for an additional term, and contact the organization to determine if the member has a good attendance of meetings and is a good contributor to the organization. Should the Coordinator for IGR submit an acceptable report to the County Judge, the County Judge shall schedule for Commissioners Court the consideration of the re-appointment.

Pursuant to that section, IGR contacted Dr. Snapp and Mr. Torres, who confirmed their interest in continuing to serve on the ATCIC Board. Both of them submitted letters to Judge Biscoe to that effect. IGR also received a memorandum from ATCIC regarding the attendance records and participation levels of both appointees. Those documents are attached.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS: None.

NAMES, PHONE NUMBERS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES OF PERSONS WHO MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY OR BE INVOLVED WITH THIS REQUEST:

¹ Section 1.017, Travis County Code.

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ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Letter from Matt Snapp, M.D., re interest in reappointment to the Austin Travis County Integral Care Board of Trustees, July 19, 2013.
- 2) Letter from Vincent Torres re interest in reappointment to the Austin Travis County Integral Care Board of Trustees, July 19, 2013.
- 3) ATCIC, Memo on board attendance and participation of Travis County appointees Dr. Matt Snapp and Vincent Torres, July 2, 2013.



July 19, 2013

The Honorable Sam Biscoe
Travis County Judge
700 Lavaca, Suite 2.700
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Judge Biscoe:

AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY INTEGRAL CARE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REAPPOINTMENT

Thank you and the Court for the opportunity to represent you on the Austin Travis County Integral Care (ATCIC) Board of Trustees. In addition to your trust and confidence in my ability to provide leadership on the board, the board itself has entrusted me to serve as its chairman. There are several challenges ATCIC must successfully work through in the coming years to maximize the services and benefits for the citizens of Travis County. This includes massive delivery system changes through the Accountable Care Act (ACA) and 1115 Medicaid Waiver—which requires collaboration across a variety of community partners and stakeholders.

As the board chairman, I believe I have the qualifications, interest and motivation to effectively serve our community on the Board of Trustees of ATCIC as it continues to try to meet the needs in Austin and Travis County for all those persons requiring assistance in the areas of behavioral health, intellectual and developmental disabilities and substance use; and I would like to continue my services as a board member to help identify viable solutions to these challenges.

Serving on this board has been a very rewarding experience for me; and with your endorsement and the approval of the Commissioners Court, I would like to continue to serve on the Board. I look forward to providing continued updates on the progress ATCIC has made on these important initiatives.

Sincerely,

Matt Snapp, PhD.
Board Chairman
ATCIC Board of Trustees

xc David Evans, Chief Executive Officer



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Austin, TX 78701

Dear Judge Biscoe:

AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY INTEGRAL CARE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REAPPOINTMENT

It has been my pleasure to serve as your appointee on the Austin Travis County Integral Care Board of Trustees for the two-year term of office that ends on September 30, 2013. There are several challenges ATCIC must successfully work through in the coming years to maximize the services and benefits for the citizens of Travis County.

This includes massive delivery system changes resulting from the Accountable Care Act (ACA) and 1115 Medicaid Waiver—which requires collaboration across a variety of community partners and stakeholders. As the current President for the Austin Independent School District, I bring a unique perspective that represents the interests of children and youth from Travis County and I would like to continue my services as an ATCIC board member to help identify viable solutions for these challenges.

Serving on this board has been a very rewarding experience for me; and with your endorsement and the approval of the Commissioners Court, I would like to continue to serve on the Board. I look forward to reporting to you on ATCIC's ongoing progress.

Sincerely,

Vincent M. Torres
Trustee
ATCIC Board of Trustees

xc Matt Snapp, Chairman
David Evans, Chief Executive Officer

Commissioners Court appointments to Austin Travis County Integral Care

Matthew Snapp

Dr. Snapp has served on Integral Care's Board of Trustees since 2008. As chair, Dr. Snapp serves on the Executive Committee and is also active in the Strategic Planning and 1115 Waiver Task Forces. He is on the New Milestones Foundation Committee and serves as Integral Care's representative at the Texas Council of Community Centers as well as the Community Action Network. **In the past two years, Dr. Snapp has been absent from a board meeting only once, and this was excused. He has also regularly attended public forums and the meetings of various committees as well as quarterly board sessions and work sessions.** He recently hosted an appreciation dinner for Integral Care's executive management team.

Dr. Snapp is a former president of the New Milestones Foundation. He has been in private practice since 1980 specializing in individual, couples and group therapy for adolescents and adults. He was Director of Counseling and Guidance and Director of Student Development for Austin Independent School District and an Adjunct Associate Professor of Educational Psychology at The University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Snapp is a co-founder of Organization Management Systems Global, a management-consulting firm, and has served as an advisor to the United States Treasury's International Affairs Office.

Vincent Torres

Mr. Torres has served on Integral Care's Board of Trustees since 2011. He is the chair of the Children's Services Task Force and a member of the Finance Committee and has regularly attended meetings for each. He has also served on the Human Resources and Communications Committees. **He regularly attends board meetings, with just one excused absence in the past two years. He has also attended quarterly board sessions and work sessions on a regular basis.** Mr. Torres's input is invaluable because he represents the needs of local youth through his Austin Independent School District appointment. His is a unique contribution which greatly benefits both Integral Care and the community as a whole.

Mr. Torres has been employed by The University of Texas at Austin since 1986, where he is the Associate Director of the Center for Energy & Environmental Resources. He has long been active in the Austin community, serving on over ten committees and receiving countless volunteer awards. He has worked tirelessly on securing state legislation for victims of violent crime and has been a Board Member of the Austin Independent School District since 2006. In 2003, the Texas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers named Torres its Public Citizen of the Year. He attended the United States Naval Academy and graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a Master of Science in engineering.