



TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

CHRIS TRAYLOR
EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

October 1, 2015

Mr. Randy Routon, CEO
LifePath Systems
1515 Heritage Drive
McKinney, Texas 75069

Dear Mr. Routon:

I have reviewed the final local plan for indigent behavioral health services submitted by Collin County and LifePath Systems. While this plan will be refined and modified as implementation progresses, we acknowledge that some pieces will only come together as planning continues and next steps are fully explored.

As written, the plan submitted fulfills the requirements outlined in the Sunset Advisory Commission's report and should be used as the foundation to begin the next phase of implementation. While planning to set up your behavioral health system, please note that transition funds were appropriated by the 84th Legislature for fiscal year 2017. We encourage you to work with county leadership to seek other sources of funding for transition activities that occur prior to September 1, 2016. Staff at the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will continue to work with you and your community as you refine and implement the multiple facets of the proposed model for indigent behavioral health care in Collin County.

In the event LifePath Systems is not fully operational by January 1, 2017, DSHS and HHSC staff are developing a contingency plan to ensure that, at a minimum, infrastructure is in place to ensure that clients continue to receive services and that providers are paid, until such time that LifePath Systems can fully assume the role of the Local Behavioral Health Authority.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. Caryl Chambliss, Daily Operations Manager for Medicaid/CHIP, serves as the lead staff on this matter and can be reached at (512) 730-7436 or by email at Caryl.Chambliss@hhsc.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Traylor".

Chris Traylor